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More than a few eyebrows were raised when *Time* magazine selected not one, but three businesswomen as its 2002 "Persons of the Year." Selected for their corporate whistle-blowing, these three young women—Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins of WorldCom, Enron and the FBI, respectively—demonstrate some of the personal strengths that women bring to the corporate environment, among them a high level of integrity and ethics. These are the same high standards embraced by women's colleges and incorporated into Sweet Briar's active Honors Pledge.

There is still a lot of ground to cover before women reach parity with men in the business world, but of those women who do excel in business, a disproportionate number are graduates of women's colleges. In fact, historically, women's college graduates have been over-represented in corporate ranks by at least 6:1 compared with their counterparts from coeducational colleges, according to *Fortune* magazine's list of rising corporate stars.

More and more these days, Sweet Briar graduates move directly into jobs in the corporate sector; others enter the business world following graduate school or after working in the not-for-profit world. Of Sweet Briar's alumnae in business, a surprising number own their own businesses, in fields from the arts to personal finance. Not only does self-employment provide a measure of flexibility necessary to balance work, family, and community responsibilities, it sometimes allows us to short-circuit the laborious effort of breaking through a seemingly shatterproof glass ceiling. Obviously, self-employment requires the creativity Sweet Briar strives to nourish, and builds very directly on the leadership, communication, and analytical skills our liberal arts curriculum develops.

With so many of us moving into the business world, the time had come for Sweet Briar to focus on preparing our graduates for just such opportunities. Accordingly, our existing economics major has been revamped, and a new major and minor in business management have been created, available for the first time in the 2003-2004 academic year. Both majors will offer internships in financial capitals such as Atlanta, New York City and Washington, D.C. In addition, our longstanding certificate in Arts Management is joined by a new certification in Equine Management, to help prepare women for work in these fields while they are pursuing a traditional academic major.

These new options recognize not only the need for solid academic preparation for business careers, with a special emphasis on entrepreneurship, but perhaps more importantly the need for business to draw upon the liberal arts perspective. She who thinks analytically, asks incisive questions, communicates cogently, understands complexity, and acts ethically based on an accurate view of the world, will not only excel in business, but will infuse the business world with honor. A good example is Sweet Briar's own Sarah Porter Boehmle '65, who was the first woman to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

Apart from the advantages to society, women's colleges such as Sweet Briar have a special interest in educating young women who will lead business in the 21st century for at least two reasons. First, studies show that women business owners overall employ a gender-balanced workforce that will benefit other women coming through the pipeline—roughly 52 percent compared to 38 percent for male-owned businesses. According to a recent survey by the Simmons College Graduate School of Management, women also tend to be very active mentors of younger women—a pivotal factor in their career success. Importantly, women business owners are philanthropically active. Not only are they more likely than men to serve in leadership positions in their volunteer pursuits, but those with high net worth are more active and generous supporters of higher education and other philanthropic causes.

In the 1920s, President Calvin Coolidge observed that, "The business of America is business." That hasn't changed. What *has* changed is the players. These days, increasingly, women sit in the corporate office and at the boardroom table. And that makes the study of business—firmly grounded in a strong liberal arts perspective—very much Sweet Briar's business.

For more about the Simmons College Mentoring Survey, go to www.simmons.edu/gsm. Statistics from the Center for Women's Business Research may be found at www.nfwbo.org

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"Women start businesses that work around their own lives and the lives of their employees. The company plays a supportive role; it's supposed to be a nurturing, fun place to be."

—Pamela Ford Kelley '67

Starting this fall, Sweet Briar is offering a new undergraduate major, a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management.

The decision to replace the College's existing business management certificate was driven in large part by what the dean's office describes as "a growing trend toward women entrepreneurs and women as owners of family businesses."

Recent statistics compiled by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) reveal that America's 9.1 million women-owned businesses are employing 27.5

million people and contributing \$3.6 trillion to the economy. In addition, the SBA predicts that approximately 4.7 million women will be self-employed by 2005, up 77 percent from 1983.

Nineteen-eighty-three is the year that Pamela Ford Kelley '67 started importing hard-to-find bolts of lace from France to her home in Newport, RI. There, after a long week practicing law, she designed and sewed window treatments for area customers and also began offering the material at a discount to professional designers.

Five years later, Pam's curtain business, Rue de France, was #257 on *Inc.* magazine's list of the 500 fastest-growing, privately-held companies in America with 44 employees, a mail-order catalog, two stores, and over \$3 million in sales.

Pam continued to challenge herself, developing a Web site, and adding furniture, bedding, table linens, and home decorating accessories to her merchandise mix. Rue de France's "French country living" theme appealed to a multigenerational group of consumers, whose upscale tastes resulted in a doubling of the company's annual sales during the 1990s.

In 2000—as a testament to Rue de France's sophisticated aesthetic, attractive demographics, and solid spreadsheet—specialty-catalog giant Lillian Vernon Corporation came knocking at Pam's door, extending an offer she couldn't refuse. This was the first time Vernon



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(who began her business in 1951, four months pregnant, working out of a kitchen-office) had resolved to acquire another cataloger.

During her 20 years in business, Pam has crossed paths with an impressive number of women entrepreneurs. If these women have anything in common, she thinks it's a tendency to create "lifestyle" businesses.

"Women start businesses that work around their own lives and the lives of their employees," says Pam. "The company plays a supportive role; it's supposed to be a nurturing, fun place to be."

This issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* features a small, diverse sampling of alumnae who are embracing entrepreneurship. Their collective experience supports Pam's comments and also helps to bolster

the College's liberal arts mission—giving young women the foundation and flexibility needed to meet their personal and professional goals in a rapidly changing world.



Pamela Ford Kelley '67, founder and president of Rue de France encourages business majors to explore their appreciation of risk.

When the *Alumnae Magazine* first interviewed Pam 15 years ago, she was maintaining a dual career, practicing corporate law as a partner in the firm Kelly, Howe, Scott and Kelley, while presiding over one of the fastest growing companies in the U.S. Today, Pam is solely focused on her retail store, outlet, VWeb site, and catalog business Rue De France—which is not to imply that her life is somehow less hectic.

Since 2000, Rue de France has been operating as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lillian Vernon Corporation, but all that's about to change. This summer a private equity fund managed by Ripplewood Holdings L.L.C. acquired Lillian Vernon. Going forward, Pam will be working with executives from Ripplewood's Industrial Partner, ZelnickMedia, to enhance the value of Rue De France.

Pam describes the merger as "a different kettle of fish" and is looking forward to having a "small group of smart guys" developing a strategic plan for the future. She has never indulged in the classic, possessive, iron-fisted behaviors associated with company founders. Instead, she attributes her early success to Rue de France's advisory board and her accountant, whose advice and expertise gave her the direction and standards she needed to navigate.

"It's not enough to grow a business," says Pam, "you have to *manage* it. The bigger you get, the more money you need. It's a formula for disaster if you don't do it right."

Pam urges undergraduates considering a career in business to take accounting. "You can pay a lot for your mistakes—a lot more than the cost of an education," she laughs.

"Accounting may seem very unexciting and useless when you're in college. But, over the years, it's the only business measure you have that's consistent. To run a company, you have to know the key numbers."

She also urges would-be entrepreneurs to use their classroom and internship experiences to ensure a good fit. "The disciplines of a business degree can help students identify the type of person who is comfortable as an entrepreneur, who has the instincts, desire, and appreciation of risk that a business-owner needs to have to succeed. Not everyone is cut out for this."



Pam Kelley, founder of Rue de France, started the company after living in France for two years. When she returned to the United States, she wanted to furnish her home with the beautiful lace curtains she had seen on windows throughout France. When she couldn't find them, she started her own company to import these window treatments for herself and others who appreciate the great style of France.

The Barbour Institute & Spa at Berkeley Springs

Laura G. Braun '68, M.D. is devoted to helping women make healthy, lasting lifestyle changes.



In her ongoing quest to help women stay healthy, Dr. Laura G. Braun is resorting to what she jokingly calls "kidnapping."

This summer, she moved her women's health clinic, the Barbour Institute, from Washington, D.C. to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. There, in a historic mountain resort on the Potomac, she is making her medical practice part of an affordable, residential health-spa experience.

Dodging bullets. The move is a logical extension of the Barbour Institute's mission.

For the past nine years, Laura has been offering an extraordinary level of preventive health care to her Washington, D.C. patients, including 90-minute initial evaluations, personal profiles, private tutorials, and educational seminars.

However, she gradually determined that giving women information and support was often not enough to ensure lasting lifestyle changes. After each visit or group workshop, Laura knew that she was sending her patients directly back into their high-stress lives to "dodge bullets."

The new, fully-staffed Institute at Berkeley Springs gives her an additional, too-often-overlooked therapeutic tool: Time. "All of us can stick to something for a day or two," she explains. "But breaking old habits and establishing new ones takes weeks."

Redefining health. Talking to Laura about women's health, it's hard to believe that less than 20 years ago her

approach to medicine was considered controversial.

She became interested in aspects of preventive health care back when it was characterized (and often marginalized) as "alternative" medicine.

Laura says that entering medical school at an older-than-average age freed her to question and challenge the status quo. The fact that she was a woman also gave her a different perspective.

Describing herself as "a maverick," Laura explains that she had difficulty focusing solely on pathology. As she puts it, "There is more to good health than the absence of disease."

On her own initiative, she began investigating the research of doctors like Dean Ornish and attending conferences led by Dr. Andrew Weil, M.D. Their holistic out-

Laura G. Braun '68, M.D. is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Prior to starting her medical practice, she conducted a National Institutes of Health pilot study for ARICEPT, a widely-used drug to fight Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Braun followed her medical internship at Northwestern University with a neurology residency at George Washington University Medical Center. There, she began developing her model of integrative health. She is currently implementing that model, focusing on the maintenance of health and prevention of disease.

look and emphasis on prevention held a particular appeal for Laura, whose neurology specialty offered a frustratingly limited range of treatments.

Using multiple sclerosis as an example, she describes her dilemma saying, "I could hold my patients' hands and ameliorate their symptoms. But, beyond that, I could not help them."

Weigh the Right Amount

Federal health authorities define overweight using a gauge called body mass index, which measures weight in relation to height. A body mass index of 30 or greater is considered obese; an index of 25 or more is considered obese.

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Sources: Shape Up America; National Institutes of Health

Barbour Institute for Women's Health

A Cancer Prevention Diet

Goal: choose 1/2 c. serving from each group each day.

202-861-0618

RED Group
tomatoes, vegetable juice, pink grapefruit, watermelon

PURPLE-RED Group
grapes, grape juice, red pepper, prunes, plums, raisins, cherries, cranberries, eggplant, red beets, red apples, blackberries, blackberries, strawberries

ORANGE Group
pumpkins, carrots, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, mangoes, apricots, cantaloupes

ORANGE-YELLOW Group
oranges, orange juice, tangerines, yellow grapefruit, peaches, lemons, limes, papayas, pineapples, nectarines

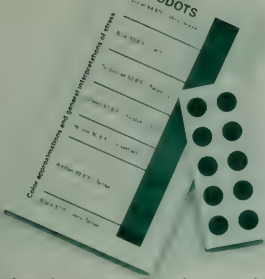
YELLOW-GREEN Group
green peas, green beans, spinach, green peppers, yellow peppers, collard greens, cucumbers, mustard greens, kale, turnip greens, avocados

GREEN Group
broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, leafy choy

WHITE-GREEN Group
garlic, onions, celery, leeks, asparagus, pears, artichokes, endive, mushrooms, chives
after What Color Is Your Diet? D. Heber, M.D., Ph.D.)

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"Nutrition is a major component of my practice," says Dr. Braun. "Weighing the right amount goes an enormous way toward giving us health and longevity, as well as protecting us from heart disease and cancer."



Biodots give Dr. Braun's patients a quick read on their stress levels.

Achieving balance. Today, Laura's practice combines conventional medicine with a host of complementary services, including nutrition, exercise, yoga, massage, and a good bit of stress-reducing pampering. The Barbour Institute's model contends that health involves all dimensions of a woman's life—physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual—which, when in balance, help to promote optimal health.

Laura, who used to make house calls throughout the D.C. metropolitan area, is now hoping that women will go the extra mile to visit her. To help ensure that they do, the Institute offers both luxury and "shoestring" accommodations. Women can start from scratch with full medical and fitness assessments, then pop in later for a tune-up.

"Patients have become more and more exasperated," says Laura. "On average, they only get to see their doctors for 6.5 minutes. They've been demanding something better. They want to know how to take care of themselves, to get into shape, and stay healthy."



MORNING SMOOTHIE

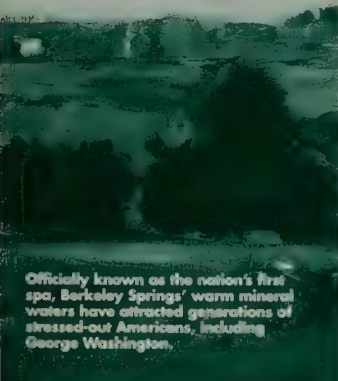
INGREDIENTS:

- 2 packets Spiru-tein protein powder
- 3 cups Silk or whole milk
- 2 scoops of raw sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Pour milk into a blender. Add dry ingredients. Blend for 15 seconds. Pour into tall glass. Serves two. If you use a vanilla flavored Spiru-tein powder, then add berries such as strawberries or blueberries to the smoothie. With vanilla protein powder, the smoothie will easily take on the flavor of the fruit you add. Bananas and strawberries work the best. You may want to add some ice cubes to extend the portion-size and give it a lighter, cooler taste.

HEALTH TIP: A smoothie is far superior to a cup of coffee and almost covers you until lunch. Have your coffee, too!



Officially known as the nation's first spa, Berkeley Springs' warm mineral waters have attracted generations of stressed-out Americans, including George Washington.



After 21 years in business, Libby Harvey FitzGerald '68, founder and president of Alpha Laboratories, is enjoying having more time to mentor her younger employees. "It's a delight," she says, "to see that spark, the desire to know more and take more responsibility."

This year she is serving as president of the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club, while continuing her hands-on association with Interact, a service club for high school students.

Presiding over a bustling lab does not rule out other forms of chemistry. Not too long ago, her friendship with John FitzGerald transformed into a romance.

Alpha Laboratories

Better Business Through Chemistry:

Elizabeth "Libby" Harvey FitzGerald '68 leads the way in the burgeoning natural products industry.

In 1982, Libby Harvey FitzGerald '68 established what was then called Alpha Chemical and Biotechnical Laboratories in Petaluma, California. Like many labs in the Bay Area, Alpha started out doing environmental testing. But Libby soon pulled away from the pack, expanding Alpha's services to meet both the stringent requirements of the pharmaceutical industry and the emerging needs of the nutritional supplement industry.

By 1994, advertisements and word-of-mouth referrals were bringing in clients from across the United States, Europe, Japan, and China. The same year, Libby made a trip to the Amazonian rain forest that changed everything.

"The boom in dietary supplements has been an exciting part of the ride," says Libby. "My trip to the rain forest was a turning point because it brought together people in the industry who were focusing on increased quality control. Pharmacists,

chemists, doctors, professors, and a key representative from the USDA were all there for a two-week workshop on medicinal herbs and medicines.

"In the old days," she explains, "the herbal medicines industry relied on taste, odor, and visual indications to gauge quality. Alpha Labs was a key player in standardization, helping to develop scientific methods to verify label claims. Our work with pharmaceuticals gave us a great advantage. We were taking good manufacturing practices—the explicit quality controls required by the pharmaceutical industry—and applying them to dietary supplements.

"The rain forest workshop—meeting with a diverse group of forward-looking professionals—inspired me to change the direction of the lab to focus almost entirely on natural products."

Talk about timing. Alpha's business doubled in size between 1996 and 1997. And, unbeknownst to Libby, her success was piquing the interest of an international network of laboratories called Eurofins Scientific, Inc.

"Eurofins told us that everywhere they went, our name came up," says Libby. "When they first approached us, I had no intention of joining with another group. But, as we talked, I realized that they were scientifically top-notch in food and beverage analysis, and we shared the

same philosophy."

Alpha Lab's expertise and technology in pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals (standardized nutritional supplements and botanicals) was exactly what the French-based Eurofins was looking to add to its mix of services. The agreement between the two companies was formalized in June 1999, with Alpha continuing to operate under Libby's direction as an independent division.

At the time she signed on with Eurofins Scientific, Alpha Lab's business was continuing to boom. Then, shortly thereafter, the dietary-supplement industry experienced a slump when two unrelated dips in the market happened to overlap.

The first crunch was widespread, reaching far beyond Libby's nutraceutical niche. Starting in 2000, she watched as many California businesses—most notably the telecommunications industry and corporations like Palo Alto-based Hewlett-Packard—began jettisoning thousands of employees. Fortunately, with support from her new parent company, she emerged from the downturn



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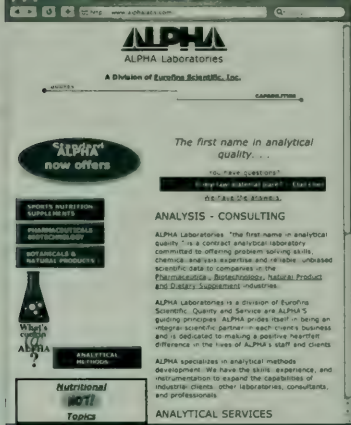
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unscathed.

The next challenge came when an up-and-coming Baltimore Orioles pitcher died from heatstroke while taking significant amounts of the dietary supplement ephedra to shed pounds. The incident put natural products back in the news and Libby welcomed the increased coverage. "There are some new regulations in front of the FDA right now—proposed good-manufacturing regulations for the entire industry," she says. "It looks like it's going to help restore consumer confidence."

"My Gold Star." Libby, a chemistry major with math and art history minors, spent the summer after her junior year on an art history tour of Europe. After graduation, she worked for the American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C., where she enrolled in a sculpture course at the Cochran Art Gallery. There was a time when she considered applying her chemistry background toward a career in art restoration. But she was careful to cover her bases, taking night courses in business management and accounting as well.

Referring to her chemistry degree as "my gold star in this business," she notes that her science background "has opened a lot of doors" in an increasingly competitive marketplace. "I'm not just a professional business administrator sitting at the top of XYZ company," says Libby. "My customers know that I know what I'm talking about and that I really understand their needs."



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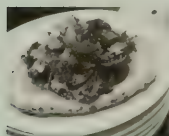
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Fitness Ranch

Catherine "Kit" Newman Detering Bet The Farm On Fun, Food, and Fitness—And Won.



Kit Newman Detering '76 was not impressed with any of the many hard-core fitness retreats

or traditional spas she had visited over the years. And, when she finally stopped to ask herself why, she discovered the answer beneath her own two feet.

This is what happened: Several years ago, Kit and her husband Carl were out taking a stroll on the family ranch, a rolling 5,250 acre Texas Hill Country estate dotted with wildflowers, pecan groves, ponds, creeks, white-tailed deer, and miles of trails. Kit was in a bit of a sour mood, having just returned from another, grueling fitness "boot-camp," where she had once again paid "a bunch of money to be confined, starved, and walked to death."

While Kit was delivering a detailed critique of her diet-spa experience, something she said made Carl freeze in his tracks. Suddenly, it was clear to both of them that Kit needed to create her own brand of retreat. And what better spot than their own backyard? The sheer beauty of the ranch—the relaxation and exercise it offered—constantly set Kit up to be disappointed when she dared to venture elsewhere. No other place could surpass what she already had.

Meet the Press. Kit and Carl believed they had something unique to offer and it wasn't long before a series of travel and food writers agreed.

Since Hart & Hind Fitness Ranch opened in January 2000, reviewers have been heaping Texas-size portions of praise on the ranch.

The June 2003 issue of *Food & Wine* lavished 11 pages on the retreat's calorie-wise cuisine—wholesome meals prepared by French-trained chef Paula Disbrowe and her fiancé David Norman, formerly the head baker at the Bouley Bakery in New York City.

Some publications have focused on fitness training—hiking down the rugged trails with the family dogs, horseback riding across the meadows, or yoga classes beside the limestone swimming hole—while others have been drawn toward the hammocks, jeep excursions, massages, cooking demonstrations, and leather porch rockers.

From Empty Nest To Full House. Hart & Hind (old English for buck and doe) takes 12 guests—singles, couples, or groups—at a time. Packing is a minimalist affair. Visitors can get by with a toothbrush, socks, sneakers, a bathing suit, and a bottle of wine if they want it. T-shirts, sweats, shorts, hats, and robes are provided.

Running an offbeat retreat is not exactly what Kit had in mind when she graduated from Sweet Briar almost 30 years ago. "Back then," she says, "I thought I'd be living in a white-pillared house in Georgia serving cocktails. I had no idea I'd be renovating an old goat barn instead. But that's where the College comes in. By the time you leave Sweet Briar, you're a well-rounded person—really ready for anything. I give the school a ton of credit."



Kit Newman Detering '76 at Hart & Hind with Texas "Tex" Rodeo

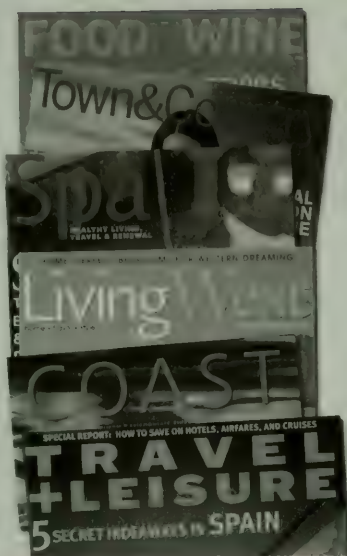


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In her early twenties, Kit traveled extensively for SBC admissions, attended cooking school in Paris, then, on a whim, headed to Houston. There, she met a man, a native Houstonian, who owned exactly two pairs of boots. "Carl's black ropers were reserved for tuxedos," she recalls, laughing. "He wore his brown boots the rest of the time. Up until then, I never looked at a man who wasn't wearing Gucci shoes. The lesson is: Never say never."

Kit spent the following years happily raising two children and millions of dollars for Houston charities. Now, while old friends struggle with empty nests, she is "breezing through," too busy to think about it.

"If I hadn't done this," she says, "I don't know what I'd be doing with myself. It's been pretty wild, but worth it."



"Good for your heart (and hind)"—*Travel + Leisure*

"If grown-ups could run away from home, we'd run to Hart & Hind Fitness Ranch."

—*Paper City*

"The most offbeat new place: ... larger than George W's spread, offers beautiful hikes, chef-prepared meals, riding, and massage." —*INCIRCLE entrée*

"...the buzz is that Laura Bush, an avid hiker, will soon visit."

—*Town & Country*

"It is jaw-dropping amazing to be on a 5,000-acre ranch in the hill country where the deer and the antelope do play" —*Spa Finder*

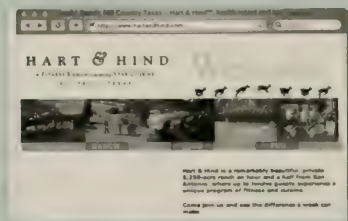
"It's the part of Texas we'd like to keep if they ever did separate from the union..."—*Gotham*

"Hart & Hind is an adventure and a self-made experience..."

—*Coast*

"When not eating, guests can hike, ride horses, take stretch classes, get massages or hang out with Gilda, the baby goat that thinks it's a dog."

—*Food & Wine*



www.HartandHind.com

Women of the Wild West

Patricia Stetson Agnew '67 finds "it all fits together" on the American fashion frontier.



Patty Stetson Agnew's *Women of the Wild West* "web catalog" encourages customers to think "crossover" as they

peruse her day, evening, and outdoor collections of museum-inspired, Montana-made western wear.

"Our fancy riding skirts," the catalog explains, "are absolutely dynamic with Italian designer jackets. From New York City to the streets of San Francisco ... There are no limits as to where our creations can be worn."

Patty has the unique ability to make century-old American styles look avant-garde. And creating such fresh renditions of bygone Big Sky fashions—reconciling contemporary and traditional elements—seems to come naturally to the designer who traded New York for Montana, traveling nearly 2000 miles from the Big Apple to Big Timber.

A passion for fashion. For many years, Patty's down-home sensibilities seemed at odds with her passion for fashion.

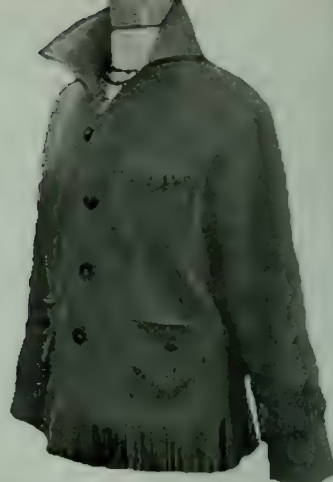
Her rural Carolina roots gave her an unshakable respect for heirloom-quality materials and traditional forms. But that same environment also seemed stifling when it came to both artistic expression and opportunities for women.

Patty grew up in the 1950s riding horses, raising chickens, and attending what used to be called "girls' schools." Eager to challenge prevailing notions of ladylike behavior, she longed for the freedom and fluidity of the New York fashion scene, where women designers and editors were calling the shots and breaking all the rules.

In the scheme of things, Sweet Briar served as a halfway step toward her goal. Patty's parents admired the College, and she got her first tantalizing taste of independence.

After she's seen Patee. During her Sweet Briar Junior Year in France, Patty finally summoned the courage to insist on transferring to art school. "I told my parents I wasn't coming back," she laughs. "And that did the trick."

She entered the Rhode Island School of Design determined to study fashion,



When a Manhattan teen returned from vacation wearing this coral-colored deerskin creation, *Women of the Wild West* received a rush of orders, custom-outfitting an entire posse of Park Avenue cowgirls.

but ended up taking a few side trips through photography, graphic design, and sculpture. After graduation, she was able to bring all of her artistic interests and talents to bear in a design career at *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar*.

At one point, during what turned out to be another half step in her personal and professional life, Patty tried raising her children, registered sheep, and thorough-

Equine Studies Certificate

The College's new Equine Studies Certificate offers Sweet Briar scholars the best of both worlds: a strong liberal arts foundation combined with preparation for possible careers in equine-related enterprises such as farm and stable management and the teaching of riding.

"Our scholar-riders continue to be keenly interested in careers in the marketing, business, and teaching sides of the growing equestrian industry," says Riding Program Director Shelby French. "This new program will definitely help our nationally ranked Riding Program to compete and retain the very best students," she added.

The new program, which is open to students beginning this academic year, has two separate concentrations:

- Management
- Teaching and Schooling

Core courses for both concentrations include accounting, fundamentals of management, introductory economics, fundamentals of marketing and basic horse care.

Additional required courses for the management concentration include environmental issues, marketing research, farm and stable management, and a special study.

Additional requirements for the teaching and schooling concentration include student teaching requirements, theory and practice of schooling horses, contemporary riding and teaching, and introductory psychology.

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bred horses in Vermont, while simultaneously maintaining her magazine work. But the state's harsh winters followed by its renowned "mud season," soon put the kibosh on her do-it-all dreams.

Home on the range. Twenty-two years ago, Patty married a Montana rancher and moved West.

Impressed with the outstanding quality of the clothing local ranch women were whipping up for their families (among dozens of other chores), she decided to take a prototype shearling coat to shops in Aspen and Vail to gauge their reactions. After receiving a solid thumbs up, she spent some time scoping the racks to see what was passing for western wear. Then she began visiting museums and private collections to study the real thing.

When Patty began introducing her coats, riding skirts, jackets, and vests at trade shows, the same stores she quizzed initially started coming to her with orders. "And once we were picked up by Gorsuch [a high-end ski and winter wear catalog]," she explains, "we really became national."

Today, Women of the Wild West is a selectively wholesale, primarily retail operation that includes a brand-new shop in Big Timber and a cyberstore at www.womenofthewildwest.com. The enterprise is providing a second income to Montana ranch families struggling to stay financially afloat during a deluge of cheap imported goods into the country.

"NAFTA," says Patty, "is taking out the ranches, the farms, and a lot of American business. When I'm out there, I'm promoting American lamb, wool, and beef. I'm promoting American quality. And I'm promoting true American style. It all fits together."



A customer e-mailed the Women of the Wild West web site wondering why they had a man on horseback featured in their banner. "That's me," says Patty. "That's what working Montana ranch women look like."

Patty's Big Timber retail store gives her a chance to meet her customers and, as happened on one recent occasion, the federal marshals who protect her customers while they shop for riding skirts.

Adornings

Lynne Gardner Detmer '68: her low-key business attracts high-profile customers.

If you watch the news, work on Wall Street, or frolic among America's leading families, chances are you've seen one of Lynne G. Detmer's elegant necklaces.

Lynne makes it her business to peek into busy women's closets, gathering all of the personal, lifestyle, and wardrobe information she needs to craft one-of-a-kind, complementary accessories. Then she retreats to her studio in Williamsburg, Virginia, where she spends months fashioning pearls and semi-precious stones into wearable works of art.

Lynne's jewelry business, Adornings, is a low-key affair. Her shop, located in an office complex close to her home, is open by appointment only. As a personal jeweler, she typically travels to meet with her customers (or a group of her customers' friends) at their convenience.

Far-flung, longtime clients can also request "care packages," knowing that

Lynne will come through with the right colors, proportions, and styles.

Mixed Media. At Sweet Briar, Lynne majored in music and voice performance. She still sings professionally—most recently as the rehearsal soprano for Poulenc's *Gloria*—and she has just completed a two-year term as president of the Williamsburg Choral Guild.

She believes that the "empathy" she learned in music carries over into her Adornings designs. As she describes it:

"The emotions involved in music, which are precisely combined with a specific language and underlying structure, go hand-in-hand with what I'm doing now.

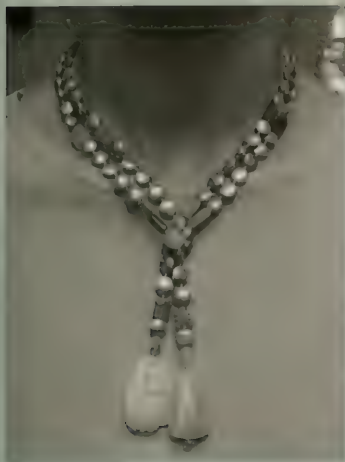
"Most of the artists I know are interested in different media and sometimes go from one to another. For example, I've taught art-glass designers the mechanics of jewelry making and then turned them loose. It's great fun to see how they think. Artists seem to have an inborn or universal sense of design that influences everything they do."

In Lynne's case, it took another artist—a close friend and fine-art painter—to spot her talent and convince her that the necklaces she made "just fooling around" were worthy of display. "Joanna Volkmar told me," she says, "that if I started wearing the necklaces I created, people would stop and ask me where I got them. Then, they'd ask me to make one for them. And



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that's exactly what happened. It's a classic cottage-industry story."

She also attributes her success to lessons she learned during her four years at Sweet Briar. "There's a lot of information I shed right after the exam," she laughs. "But the most important messages stuck. I left believing that I could achieve anything I set out to do."

Rocking On. After 17 years in business, Lynne still loves working with "rocks," and her husband Jim, a computer-systems engineer, has helped her master the practical art of inventory control.

One thing she has not tackled is selling her work in any traditional sense, continuing instead to count on word of mouth to promote Adornings.

"Fortunately," she says, "my jewelry has a way of selling itself. I can help people choose among the possibilities, selecting the designs and colors that will become them the most. But there's nothing that compares to actually trying one on. That's what really makes a difference—to see how it looks on you."





Cast-On Cottage

Elizabeth "Betsy" Blackwell Laundon '69 knits together family, community, and business around an expanded "high-powered" hobby.

Rumor has it that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan spends two hours each morning at home in the bathtub pouring over economic data—things like the price of a haircut, dry-cleaning receipts, and movie popcorn purchases—trying to gauge the national mood.

One of these days, after he towels off, he might also want to consider checking in with Betsy Blackwell Laundon '69.

Betsy is the owner of Cast-On Cottage, a full-service yarn shop in Historic Roswell, Georgia. (Casting-on is the first step or stitch involved in knitting.) An

avid knitter since high school, she bought the business in 1987, viewing the venture as little more than an "expanded hobby." It was a no-pressure proposition—a risk her family could afford to absorb if she failed.

For the first 13 years, she happily broke even. Then, beginning in the fall of 2001, everything broke loose. Suddenly, administrative tasks that Betsy used to complete during regular retail hours were spilling over into her days off. At a time when most bosses were considering handing out pink slips, she was scrambling for help.

Mashed Potatoes. For the past two years, Betsy has been watching other small businesses—galleries, gift shops, and other specialty stores—struggle and fold in what she calls a "tanking economy" entangled in corporate scandals, terrorism, and war. But, in a strange twist of fate, all of these stresses and uncertainties seem to be keeping the registers ringing at Cast-On Cottage.

One of the main reasons, Betsy believes, is that knitting has therapeutic value. "The consumption of mashed potatoes increased after 9/11 for the same reason," she says. "People wanted comfort food."

She likens her business to a rare "negative beta" stock that moves in the opposite direction from the rest of the market, rising while other stocks decline and vice versa. In the current climate, Betsy's expanded hobby is giving the Laundon family an unexpected hedge, helping them to compensate for losses in other places.

By May of this year, beginning knitting classes at Cast-on Cottage had swelled to eight sessions a week, with six to eight students per session. And, while experienced knitters tend to buy the basics, newcomers are attracted to fancier, more expensive yarns, which deliver dazzling results with minimal skill.

Both novices and advanced knitters bring in new recruits, not so much by word of mouth as by example. "People see others knitting in places like doctors' offices with Cast-On Cottage bags at their feet and something clicks," says Betsy. "They wander in ready to sign up for classes or they just want to be reminded how to cast-on so they can start knitting again."

There seems to be a celebrity factor at work in the background, too. Pop singer



and new mother Madonna is knitting. *Sex and the City*'s Sarah Jessica Parker was presumably been spotted going at it between scenes. Photographs are circulating on the Internet showing *Gladiator* and *A Beautiful Mind* actor Russell Crowe engaged in the act (or at least pretending to be). And it doesn't hurt that actress Julia Roberts recently published one of her hand-knit creations in *McCalls*.

MRS. M.B.A. After majoring in government at Sweet Briar, Betsy had no intention of pursuing an advanced degree. "I got my M.R.S.," she says, and goes on to explain how her military husband Walter, injured in Vietnam, brought them to Fort Benning. There, while he was recovering, and in between the births of their two daughters, the couple completed graduate studies through Georgia State University's extension program. Walt chose a master's in professional accounting and Betsy received her M.B.A.

But, even then, she never considered

applying her degree toward a career, much less toward starting her own business. Betsy was content as a mother and volunteer. And, in many ways, the appeal of Cast-On Cottage—a sunny, 1940s-vintage home, located just ten minutes from the Laundon residence—is that it works around her family life, while providing a meeting place for local knitting enthusiasts.

"This is about community as well as livelihood," says Betsy, whose advanced knitting circle could easily double as a board of directors. As she describes it: "A few months back, there were seven women sitting around the table in a class when I decided to take a quick poll. Five of us had graduate degrees and one had two master's. The only person without an advanced degree



www.castoncottage.com

was a senior V.P. with United Parcel Service. So there's some pretty high-powered knitting going on these days. And I really enjoy it. It's a fascinating group."

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Sherri L. Manson '79

helps to run a private investment firm,
fulfilling a family dream in the process.

In 1997, Sherri Manson put her new M.B.A. to work right away, joining forces with her brother Larry in forming a private equity investment firm.

Though technically the two siblings started the company, Sherri is quick to acknowledge that someone else—another, not-so-silent partner—helped to set the “foundation” for Foundation Equity Investors (FEI). “Mom,” she says, “was our inspiration and our catalyst for leaving the corporate world behind.”

The next generation. Sherri’s mother Delores worked for Bell of Pennsylvania (now Verizon), where her B.S. degree from Penn State helped to pave the way for a 25-year career in middle-management. After seeing her children through their early careers and graduate studies, Delores decided to advance her own education, completing a dual-degree program (B.A. and M.A.) in English literature at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her plans for her children included graduate studies, not as a means of ensuring senior-management status for the next generation, but as a first step toward leav-

ing the corporate world behind altogether.

“From my mom’s experience in the corporate world,” explains Sherri, “it was evident that the American dream was not colorblind and the struggle for recognition and advancement for African-Americans would be too long and arduous without considering other alternatives, such as a family business.”

Despite her frustration, Delores stayed the course, hoping her efforts would eventually free her children to take risks. But in college and in their careers, Larry and Sherri appeared to be following more traditional, tried-and-true paths to success—at least at first.

After completing his undergraduate studies in economics at Princeton University, Larry joined IBM for a few years before heading off to Columbia University Graduate School of Business to get his M.B.A. From there, he went to work for Prudential Securities Incorporated in its mergers and acquisitions department and later joined its \$800 million leveraged buyout fund affiliate, Prudential-Bache Interfunding, Inc. In 1992, he co-founded PENMAN, his own \$90-million leveraged buyout fund in Chicago.

After majoring in economics at Sweet Briar, Sherri headed home to Philadelphia. She joined Provident National Bank (now PNC National Bank) and began working with entrepreneurs, providing them with retail banking services.



After several years, she was able to set up her own administrative service, beginning with some of her former bank clients. Then she picked up her most strategic client, her brother’s leveraged buyout fund.

Larry eventually convinced Sherri to move to Chicago, where she completed an M.B.A. program at the Keller Graduate School of Business and worked for her brother’s principal law firm—all in anticipation of starting the family business.

Sherri encourages potential entrepreneurs to work for large, well-established companies before striking out on their own. Patience and timing are important, too.

“Spending time in the corporate world gives you the structure, background, and the visual dynamics you need to run your own company,” she explains. “Larry and I discussed, on many occasions, the possibility of starting a family business. By the time I graduated, his leveraged buyout equity fund was in full operation; the timing was finally right to start Foundation

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Foundation Equity Investors is a family affair. Sherri L. Manson '79 is the firm's vice president and chief administrative officer. Her brother, Lawrence C. Manson, Jr., serves as managing director. Their mother, Delores, is a director. Their mother's attention was drawn to coordinate all the family's talent into one focus, including the establishment of a family business.

Equity Investors. We chose to create our own opportunities and determine our own destiny."

Overcoming the "fear factor." In an industry that revolves around developing relationships and becoming a part of "the network," Sherri says "It can take a while for people to become comfortable with the fact that they will be engaging with African-Americans, and many ethnic groups never do."

She describes this "fear factor" as a "monumental obstacle to overcome and eliminate" in their business dealings, noting that "although the business community is changing to be more diverse, receptivity in the corporate world is still limited for African-Americans."

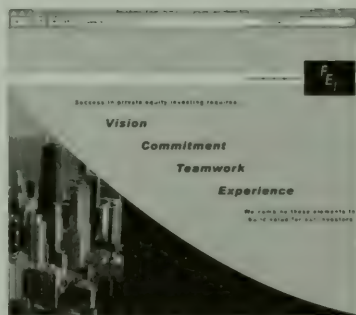
As an example, Sherri recounts their first challenge at managing a turnaround. In 1999, FEI acquired a controlling stake in a retail furniture company with revenues in excess of \$30 million.

"We were confronted with disrespect, dishonesty, and sabotage from a predominantly non-African-American workforce

of several hundred; an unfriendly vendor pool; and unsupportive financial institutions," says Sherri. "After two and a half long years, the negative odds to bring the business into the 21st century became insurmountable and the company was forced to close its doors."

Although these circumstances were devastating, Sherri and Larry have no regrets, responding instead by reenergizing their efforts. FEI is looking for other businesses to acquire. "In fact," says Sherri "we are working on a couple of deals right now, though the challenge still remains to be accepted as equals among our peers in the business arena."

"Failure is an integral part of the search for success. We are still motivated and always looking to expand our network. In essence, our family motto is: Life is far less stressful and much more rewarding when you have a hand in the outcome of your own fate."



www.feinvestors.com

Foundation Equity Investors' Web site provides a quick overview of the firm.

Foundation Equity Investors, Ltd. is a private equity investment firm that focuses on structuring and financing middle-market leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations through its affiliate Foundation Corporate Investments, LLC.

"Basically what we do," explains Sherri, "is structure deals to buy companies that have significant growth opportunities and can benefit from our strategic advice." Since its inception, FEI has employed a number of investment professionals and college interns.

Affinity **Forté**, LLC

Kimberly K. Willock '89

cultivates profitable common ground
between business and the arts.

Almost 14 years ago, Kimberly Willock talked her way into her first job after college, working as an account executive for a telecommunications company.

The whole interviewing process had been harder than she'd expected. The men she spoke with had difficulty imagining where a music major from Sweet Briar would fit into their companies—especially within their high-pressure sales and marketing divisions.

As the months passed, Kimberly honed her pitch, anticipating and overcoming the doubts and objections of potential employers. By the time she was hired, she had crafted a convincing set of analogies, illustrating how music education prepared graduates for challenges in the business world on all fronts: leadership, teamwork, communication, preparation, and performance.

The resumé Kimberly has assembled since is music to the ears of arts majors everywhere.

Within two months, she managed to put her corporate sales training to work for the Pittsburgh Symphony. Her sales and marketing successes there led straight to a management position with Livent (U.S.) Inc. Leading Broadway producer and theatre owner Garth Drabinsky personally recruited Kimberly to open Livent's New

Aforte

York office, promoting Broadway shows like *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Show Boat*, *Candide*, *Barrymore*, *Fosse*, and *Ragtime*.

Then, in 1998, looking to expand her business acumen, she once again "pitched" her way into a new position as a senior executive with Marketing Services Group, Inc. (MGSI).

At MGSI, Kimberly spearheaded the corporate integration of 12 direct marketing companies with over 2,000 employees and \$200 million in revenue. Her diverse client list included General Electric, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, The Salvation Army, World Wildlife Foundation, Coca Cola, and Shubert Organization.

Also while at MGSI, Kimberly created, and sold an original arts-and-entertainment product to MBNA America Bank, a leading issuer of "affinity" credit cards. The *Entertainment Edge*TM credit card offered arts patrons perks, including advance ticket sales, preferred seating, hotel and restaurant discounts, and premium gifts.

Developing the affinity card allowed Kimberly to draw on all her sales, direct marketing, and entertainment industry experience to date. It also gave her a good model, demonstrating how arts organizations and financial institutions could work together to the profit of both.

Today, Kimberly is bent on turning partnering possibilities into realities for business and live entertainment clients. Her company, Affinity Forté, LLC (known as aForté) is a Manhattan-based consulting firm specializing in arts and entertainment, by delivering turnkey revenue enhancement solutions, account



While a music major at SBC, Kimberly K. Willock '89 was awakened to the simple pleasure and practical skills music education brings to life. Drawing on her professional tenure of entertainment sales and marketing, she created aForté as a platform to ultimately launch a music education foundation. Coming full circle, she hopes to offer others the opportunity to experience what she calls the "life value" of music.

management, and ticket sales services.

Kimberly's decision to start aForté solidified in response to the 9/11 tragedy. On that morning, she was stranded on the runway at LaGuardia when everyone's cell phones began ringing simultaneously. She spent the night on Long Island, taken in by a family of total strangers.

"People would say to me: Are you nuts? Are you crazy?" laughs Kimberly. "They couldn't believe that I was walking out on a great job less than two months after 9/11. But the whole event hit me hard—in a good way.

"Funding for the arts and ticket sales was declining even before September 2001 and endowments have been halved since. It's time for the entirety of arts organizations to get creative and explore new revenue avenues by viewing them-



Dr. Rebecca McNutt served as Kimberly's music mentor while at SBC. Today, Kimberly continues to support the music department through support of its concert series, summer internships and corporate shadowing programs, and developing future fundraising programs for the music department.

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Colleen F. Laney '04,
Kimberly K. Willock
'89, Gwen Reyes
'06—Times Square,
New York City.
Having opened her
own company,
Affinity Forté,
Kimberly brought
Colleen on board as
an intern in Summer
'02, and then as an
employee in May '03.
Gwen participated in
Affinity Forté's shadow-
ing program for the day.



selves as businesses responsible for their profitability, which is where I come in.”

While Kimberly continues to work on ticket sales and marketing projects for clients in the financial and entertainment industries, her passion is developing cross-promotional opportunities that include arts organizations.

Kimberly thanks the College for both her devotion to the performing arts and her entrepreneurial spirit. She had no music background whatsoever when she

arrived at Sweet Briar in 1986 as a sophomore transfer. Though she loved her music appreciation course, she believed her lack of training would exclude her from majoring.

“All the majors played an instrument,” says Kimberly. “So, when it was time to declare, I told the assistant dean that music was out because I would never be able to keep up. Her advice to me was: ‘Why don’t you try?’”

About **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** at Sweet Briar

The purpose of the College’s new Business Management major is to broaden the liberal arts student’s background and provide her with the fundamental tools, skills, and understanding of the management process. It offers the foundation for a wide range of career opportunities in business and industry, as well as government and other non-profit organizations.

THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAJOR

REQUIRED:

Financial Accounting
Managerial Accounting
Fundamentals of Marketing
Commercial Law
Fundamentals of Management
Internship (.5 credit hours)
Principles of Economics—Micro
Principles of Economics—Macro
Principles of Finance

CHOOSE ONE MATH OPTION:

Option 1:

Statistical Reasoning

Option 2:

Recommended for those planning
to enter an MBA program:
Calculus I and
Applied Statistics

CHOOSE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Senior Seminar
Senior Exercise and an additional
300-level course

CHOOSE 4 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

*(Students selecting the Senior Exercise option
must choose 5 electives.)*

Federal Taxation
Principles of Advertising
Human Resource Management
Marketing Research
International Management
Development Economics
Corporate Finance

Risk/Reward

a documentary featuring
Kimberley McGraw Euston '92,
will appear on the Oxygen cable network
in November.

In one scene, foreign currency trader Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 is explaining how the words "million" and "billion" are easily confused, especially when shouted across the trading floor. "So instead of asking for a price on a *billion*," she says, "we ask for a price on a *yard*."

Fast forward to a close-up of Kimberley's cocker spaniel lapping the twins' spilled milk from the kitchen floor, while she and husband Greg consider the advantages and disadvantages of her new job offer from Bank of America.

This is Kimberley's life, captured on film by directors Xan Parker and Elizabeth Holder.

The full-length film documentary, *Risk/Reward*, follows Kimberley and three other women as they struggle with balancing the norms of social convention with the "man's world" of finance. It was filmed during a difficult year on Wall Street: a severe economic downturn, a dwindling job market, and terrorist attacks at the heart of New York's financial district.

SBC Behind the Scenes. "I ended up getting my first banking job because I was a Sweet Briar graduate," says Kimberley. "A headhunter had gotten hold of my resumé and sent it to a Chicago bank called ABN Amro. I got the interview because the head of the sales desk had a son at Washington & Lee. She wanted to meet me because he was going

to Sweet Briar a lot."

Of course, Kimberley had a lot more going for her than firsthand knowledge of the SBC-W&L road-trip tradition.

As an international relations and government major, she interned at the State Department—an opportunity which led to a job at the White House, working on former Vice President Dan Quayle's national security team. After the 1992 election, she was given the option to stay on with the Clinton administration, but chose instead to follow Quayle and her immediate boss, Karl Jackson, into the business world.

"We opened up a Washington, D.C. office for a currency overlay firm called FX Concepts," she recalls. "Some of my Sweet Briar friends laughed because I had only taken the basic macro and micro economics courses—just enough to fulfill my major requirements. These serious math-econ majors couldn't believe that I was advising central banks on monetary policy."

Kimberley was newly engaged when she interviewed with ABN Amro, the job which put her on the path to Wall Street. Along the way, in October of 2000, she and Greg upped the ante on their dual-career marriage by becoming the proud parents of twin boys.

In the midst of her daily juggling act, Kimberley received an e-mail about a documentary from classmate and fellow New York Alumnae Club member Jennifer Brodlieb Cacioppo '92. It turned out that Jennifer's twin sister was friends with one of the executive producers. "Jenny knew I worked in finance," says Kimberley, "so she mentioned my name and then sent me the contact information."

Kimberley followed up and, as usual, got the job.

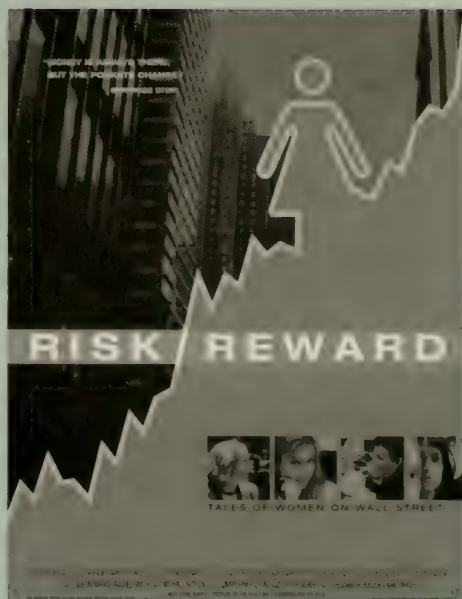
Asked what it's like to see your hectic life flicker past on the big screen, Kimberley replies: "I love my husband even more."



Kimberley McGraw Euston '92, based in New York, is manager of the U.S. Investor Sales team for Global Foreign Exchange. She joined Bank of America in April 2002 from Credit Suisse First Boston, where she served as director and co-head of foreign exchange institutional sales.

Kimberley began her career more than 10 years ago in the \$1.7-trillion-a-day currency markets as the currency overlay manager at FX Concepts. Along with former Vice President Dan Quayle and his national security advisor Karl Jackson, she opened the Washington, D.C. office of the firm. She later moved to Chicago, where she worked at ABN Amro and the Bank of Montreal. In 1997, she went to New York to work at J.P. Morgan Chase.

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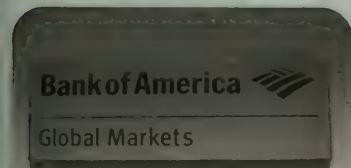


The documentary film *Risk/Reward* is scheduled to appear on the Oxygen cable network in November. It premiered at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, Durham, NC in April 2003 and has been on the circuit ever since. Colorado alumnae can catch a showing at the 26th Starz Denver International Film Festival October 9-19, 2003. For more information go to www.rolandparkpictures.com.

Roland Park Pictures, Inc. 2003



"I took a look around at some of the best talent that is out there on the Street and recognized that Kimberley is one of the most talented investor salespeople that I've ever met in the United States. I was very aggressive in trying to pull Kimberley from her existing employer...The trick to this game is trying to staff your team globally with Kimberley Eustons all over the place." —Alan Crole, Global Head of Foreign Exchange Trading, Bank of America



The Shape of

In my latest newsletter, I shared with you my thoughts about the financial challenges facing private higher education today, and how Sweet Briar is being impacted. To put the College on the strongest possible fiscal footing, given the current national economic situation, and the realities of funding higher education today, it is necessary to look seriously at ways to bring the College's mission and educational programs in line with a budgetary structure that we can reasonably expect will be available to support those programs well into the future.

To this end, Michela English, chairman of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, has created an ad hoc committee comprised of several members of the Board, key administrators, and faculty to develop a financially sustainable plan for the College's long-term future. Dr. Virginia ("Ginger") Upchurch Collier, '72, is chairing this Shape of the Future Committee, which is charged with creating one or more blueprints for Sweet Briar's future for the approval of the Board. The Committee's blueprint will move Sweet Briar away from our historically heavy dependence on endowment. It will be based on the general economic principle that the College must operate within budget parameters that rely on no more than a 5% spending rate on the endowment each year, and that are based

on conservative expectations of future investment returns.

The Committee is not designed as a short-term "budget-cutting" instrument, but rather will take a more strategic approach to aligning the College's educational programs with its projected financial base. To do so will require reviewing the full range of activities and services the College provides, including not only academic and other educational programs, but also our physical facilities, administrative functions, alumnae and student services—all of which exist to support our educational programs.

The Committee will focus on exploring the most appropriate mix of programs to provide the best possible education for women and define the Sweet Briar experience into the future, given the needs and expectations of today's young women and the economic constraints we know we will face as a small private women's college. It will consider how our new programs (e.g., business, education, communications, environmental studies) designed to broaden Sweet Briar's appeal can be sufficiently distinctive and funded adequately without undermining the traditional liberal arts curriculum.

We expect the SOF committee to ask the hard questions: If, for example, the number of majors or courses should be reduced in order to focus the College's programs on a more limited but distinguished set of core offerings, what mix is

the Future COMMITTEE

most appropriate? What is the best way to implement such changes and over what time frame? How can we best link academic and co-curricular opportunities to create an effective, unique, and "marketable" educational experience? Are there services we provide at Sweet Briar that are unnecessary? Dispensable? Are there ways we can collaborate with other colleges and universities to leverage our resources?

While the Board recognizes that any significant structural changes in administrative or student services or programmatic offerings cannot be accomplished overnight, the Shape of the Future plan must be developed over the next several months so that the budget for FY 2004-2005 can be constructed to reflect the new direction. The Committee is committed to seeking input from the campus community so that all relevant constituencies are consulted as part of the planning and implementation process.

I will continue to update you on the progress of our work through my newsletter and the *Alumnae Magazine*. The members of the Committee are listed below. Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions or suggestions at: president@sbcedu.

The Shape of the Future Committee Membership

Dr. Ginger Collier '72, Chair

Mr. Marshall Acuff

Ms. Frances Root '80

Mr. Gregg Petersmeyer

Ms. Diane Dalton '67

Dr. Elisabeth Munterfeldt

Dr. Jonathan Green

Dr. William Kershner

Dr. Pamela DeVeease

Dr. Scott Hyman

Ms. Michela English '71

Dr. Madeleine Green

2003 Outstanding Alumna Award To Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

Introduction of Honoree at Reunion

Convocation, May 17, 2003

By Alumnae Association President Diane Dalton '67

One of my greatest privileges as president of the Alumnae Association is to present the Outstanding Alumna Award, one of Sweet Briar College's highest honors. This annual award recognizes alumnae who have given outstanding volunteer service to Sweet Briar. The recipient of the 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award is one of our top volunteers, Ethel Ogden Burwell, Class of 1958.

We are delighted that many of Ethel's family are here today. A special welcome too goes to Ethel's classmates who are here celebrating the 45th Reunion.

Ethel has participated vigorously in Sweet Briar affairs ever since her student days. A Manson Memorial Scholar, she won Freshman Honors as well as Dean's List recognition, was a member of Tau Phi, QV, and Paint & Patches, played varsity hockey and worked on the staff of the *Briar Patch*. She received her Sweet Briar degree in religion, then in September 1958 married J. Armistead Burwell, Jr., a graduate of Yale and UVA's Darden School of Business and an executive engineer with the Chrysler Corporation. The couple settled in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI where they raised a son and two daughters. Both girls are Sweet Briar graduates—young Ethel, Class of 1982 and Lisa, Class of 1984.

In addition to her family, Ethel became very involved with her community and church. Fortunately for SBC, she continued to help Sweet Briar as an alumna. Few alumnae have shown such loyalty and dedication: Ethel has given the College, and the Alumnae Association, 20 years of service on the national board level. On the Alumnae Association Board, she was chair of Region VII and later, nominating chair. In 1991, the Alumnae Board elected her an alumna trustee to the



Ethel Burwell accepts Outstanding Alumna Award

Sweet Briar College Board of Directors. She served on that board for seven years, which included a three-year term from 1995-98 as president of the Alumnae Association.

Stepping down from those high positions, Ethel had the humility, and the commitment, to return to the Alumnae Board three years later as co-chair of the Boxwood Circle, followed by the position of Annual Fund chair, which she currently holds.

Ethel is past president of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Detroit, and has been involved in its activities for many years. The club hosted a special gathering in her honor in 1998. She is a very successful AAR (alumna admissions representative), a Williams Associate, having named Sweet Briar in her will, and a faithful participant, as well as worker, in all of Sweet Briar's fund-raising efforts.

Though Sweet Briar is the beneficiary of a major portion of Ethel's volunteerism, she has had a wide influence in Detroit. In her professional career, she was associate director of admissions at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, retiring in 1991.

Very involved in community affairs, she was a trustee of University Liggett School and board member of the Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference, an interracial annual convocation. For her work on this conference, Detroit's Co-Ette Club awarded her its 1986 John F. Kennedy Award for Humanitarianism and Excellence. Ethel has been vice president of the Junior League of Detroit and has held board positions with the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the National Society of the Colonial Dames in Michigan, and the American Field Service. She has served on the Grosse Pointe Community Education Advisory Board and was ruling elder for the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Creating opportunities for young people, Sweet Briar students in particular, has been the leitmotif of Ethel's work and it resounds clearly in a recent gesture of great generosity by Ethel's family: they have established at Sweet Briar the Ethel Ogden Burwell Internship Endowment, which provides stipends for students to explore careers in Christian ministry, college guidance counseling, or other areas of the nonprofit sector. The endowment

citation sums up the depth and span of Ethel's commitment to Sweet Briar: it states that the endowment is established "in grateful recognition of [Ethel's] encompassing, enduring interest in all aspects of the life of Sweet Briar College, and of her concern for the total collegiate experience and well-being of Sweet Briar Students."

We are proud to present to Ethel a Resolution passed by the Alumnae Association Board, and the 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award.

Ethel Ogden Burwell '58 Accepts the 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award

Thank you, Betsy, Diane, Louise and everyone –

When I was notified of this tremendous honor, I was speechless! Those who know me well may find that hard to believe, but you will not be surprised to know that I have since found my voice again!

I want you to know how deeply touched I am. When I look at the list of the amazing and wonderful alumnae who preceded me with this award, I am honored and humbled to be named in the same category.

After my family, Sweet Briar has been the love of my life. She has given me so much beyond just an excellent, academic experience.

Growing up, I was one who did not want to leave my loving, comfortable home to go anywhere. I couldn't even spend the night at a friend's house without being desperately homesick. I was NOT going to go away to college. But my parents insisted that I must go somewhere, and Ellen Newell Bryan, Sweet Briar Class of 1926, mother of my wonderful Sweet Briar roommate, Mary Lane Bryan Sullivan, persuaded me to look at Sweet Briar—"Just visit it," she said, "and see what you think." I did, and immediately sensed the unique Sweet

Briar mythos, that this could be my Home away from Home.

So I came, already feeling very homesick on the train down from CT, crying so that I did not dare to do anything but look out the window until about Philadelphia, and carrying a plant wrapped in paper towels and aluminum foil that my mother thrust into my hands as I boarded the train in Stamford, CT! But once on campus, I quickly discovered the whole Sweet Briar community was ready to act as my extended family. Right away, a sophomore on my hall, 3rd floor Reid, brought me her class mug for my plant.

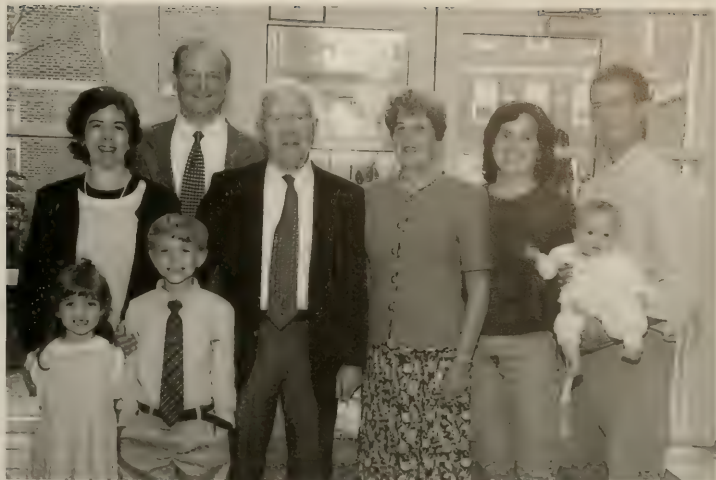
That was only the beginning. Classmates and those from the classes around mine became close, lifelong friends. Staff members and professors and their families took me in like one of their own, many from whom I never even took a class, people like Milan Hapala, Arthur Bates, Mary Ann Lee, Tom Hughes, Helen Mac, the Ramage sisters, Lucy Crawford who taught me to bake bread, Joe Barker who let us use his apartment for parties, to speak of just a very few out of so many, many more that I could name. Faculty and fellow students alike, they taught me, inspired me, encouraged me, pushed me to achieve, prodded me to take risks—offering life lessons and friendship in and out of the classroom. But I am not telling you anything that you do not know

from your own Sweet Briar experience.

I have been greatly blessed to be able to continue a close relationship with this amazing place. I have a patient husband who also loves Sweet Briar, two daughters who chose Sweet Briar for their own college experience, and I have, perhaps selfishly, gratefully accepted opportunities to sit on boards and committees which gave me an excuse to come back to this beautiful campus to make new friends among students, faculty, staff, and alumnae from every decade.

But I need to make another confession—in anything and everything I have attempted to do for the College over these 45 years, I have had wonderful, behind-the-scenes help from the Alumnae Office, starting with the directors, first Jackie Bond Wood, then Ann Morrison Reams and now Louise Swiecki Zingaro, and all the incredible members of their staffs. They truly do most of the work and they make me and all the alumnae volunteers look good!

So I humbly accept this wonderful honor with heartfelt thanks to Sweet Briar and to all those who have made, are making, and will continue to make this such a very special place.



Family celebrants, l-r: Ethel Ogden Burwell Dowling '82 with husband Reverend Benjamin W. Dowling III and children Helen Elisabeth Dowling, age 5, Peter Wilson Dowling, age 7; John Armistead Burwell, Jr.; Ethel '58; Hannah Sumner Burwell with husband John Armistead Burwell III holding Sarah Elizabeth Burwell, age 9 months. Missing: Elisabeth Burwell Reichard '84 and family, who could not be present.

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:
Anne Cunnock Miller*;
Eugenia Griffin Burnett*;
Louise Hooper Ewell*;
Frances Murrell Rickards*;
Annie Powell Hodges*
1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and
Helen H. McMahon '23*
1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
1977 Martha von Briesen '31* and
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwelle '35*
1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*
1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34
1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucet Neill '41
1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46* and
Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34*
1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and
Sarah Adams Bush '43*
1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*
1989 Anne Noyes Awtry Lewis '43 and
Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47*
1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and
Mildred Newman Thayer '61
1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63
2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
2001 Nannette McBurney Crowder '57
2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34 and
Ann Morrison Reams '42
2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

*Deceased

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 27, 2003, acknowledges with gratitude the twenty years of board service given by our 2003 Outstanding Alumna, Ethel *Ogden* Burwell, Class of 1958. For seven of these years she served concurrently on Sweet Briar College's Board of Directors, from 1991 to 1995 as our Alumnae Trustee and from 1995 to 1998 as President of the Alumnae Association. Not afraid to descend from the top position, she returned to the Alumnae Board as Boxwood Circle Co-Chair from 2001 to 2002, and is currently in the middle of a term as Annual Fund Chair. Previously, she was Chair of Region VII for six years and Nominating Chair for four. Steadfastness, loyalty, enthusiasm, and energy are the hallmarks of her service on the board.

On the regional level, Ethel is a past president and a mainstay of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Detroit. She chaired the 1991 Focus on Sweet Briar event and was a former chair of bulb sales. She is a tireless and effective recruiter of students for Sweet Briar. A longtime participant in Sweet Briar's major gift societies, the Boxwood Circle, the Sweet Briar Circle, and the President's Circle, she is a member of the Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar as a beneficiary in her will. She was a member of her class's Reunion Giving Committee in 1988 and 1993 and is currently a member of the Campaign Steering Committee. In addition to her work for Sweet Briar, Ethel is a strong supporter of her church and of numerous civic groups in the Detroit area.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation by presenting the 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award to Ethel for her extraordinary dedication to ensuring a strong future for Sweet Briar College. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Diane Dalton '67
President,
Sweet Briar College
Alumnae Association

Louise *Swiecki* Zingaro '80
Director,
Sweet Briar College
Alumnae Association

You Are Our

Letters Of Recommendation

Reunion Service of Remembrance

Sunday, May 18, 2003

Dr. Guy R. Brewer, Chaplain

Sweet Briar College

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

"TITLES OR TESTIMONIES." That was the title of the most memorable sermon I ever heard. It was a valedictory speech for graduation at Port Charlotte High School in May 1992. The 17-year-old preacher began:

"I once heard an old preacher say, 'The day will come for all of us when our family and friends will take us out to a mowed field, throw us into a hole in the ground, and pile dirt on our face. Then, they'll go back to somebody's living room to eat fried chicken and potato salad and talk about us. What will they say?' "

I remember that valedictory speech so vividly not only because of the truth of the message, "Titles or Testimonies," but more because the 17-year-old speaker was my oldest son, Luke, and I was the "old preacher" (at that time 40 years old) that he quoted!

Back to my son's question of what our friends will say about us: You can rest assured they will not dwell on your titles. Those have already been published in your obituary for the benefit of folks who didn't know you very well...graduate of Sweet Briar College...Phi Beta Kappa...member of the Junior League and Garden Club...treasurer of the church vestry...member of the board of directors of the local bank.

No, those who know and love you will talk about the testimonies of your lives, the messages you wrote on their hearts. Perhaps a lifelong friend will reminisce: "She was the first person I met when I arrived on campus as a college freshman. She was brand new to campus, too, but she helped me unpack my things and set up my room before she ever opened her suitcase. I felt like I had known her all my life."

Another will chime in: "The kids were still in elementary school when Jerry died and between funeral expenses, the mortgage, and food I was barely getting by. When the kids wrote their letters to Santa, I cried because I knew that Christmas wasn't going to be much that year. I'll never forget the looks on their faces when the doorbell rang that Christmas Eve and there she was with Christmas dinner and presents for the kids, including the bicycle that little Jerry had asked for."

A third friend will add, "All I know is that my son is who he is today because of her. When he dropped out of high school, she hired him at the bank to mop floors. She stayed after work to tutor him in math and English until he returned to school. He's a teacher today because she believed in him when his own teachers had given up."

My son ended his speech by saying, "My fellow graduates, today we receive an important title, High School Graduate. But, it is the testimonies of our lives, the letters we write on the hearts of others, that will endure."

"Titles or Testimonies" is not an original theme to me. This is the subject of Paul's comments to his friends in the tiny church of Corinth. "Do we need, as some people do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You are our letters of recommendation, written on your hearts, known and read by everybody." Paul is writing to the church he had established 36 months earlier, gently chiding them for their obsession with credentials and appearances. Not long after he had left Corinth for missionary work in other places, itinerant preachers of a different ilk had followed. Paul refers to these so-called pastors as "Judaizers," those who empha-

sized legalism, titles, and formalities in religious experience. He is astounded that his friends at Corinth have been so overly impressed with the flashy credentials and titles of these teachers.

Paul is saying in effect to his friends at Corinth, "Yes, I am still your pastor and an authority figure in your life, but is this because of my degrees and titles, or because of our friendship and my love for you? Do you need a letter of recommendation from me?"

Titles are for the benefit of strangers; testimonies are for family. Imagine telephoning one of your children or grandchildren, and saying, "This is Ellen Smith, Sweet Briar College, Class of 1973, Vanderbilt University, M.A., 1976, Ph.D. 1980. How's the wife and kids?" Just picture contacting an SBC classmate to schedule a get-together only to have your old friend respond something like, "That sounds promising...can you send me two letters of reference and I'll get back with you?" No, titles, letters of reference, the dependence on credentials have no place in heart-to-heart relationships.

That's the testimony we offer today for the 123 alumnae who have passed on this year: we are their letters of recommendation, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. They have nothing to prove to the world; we are the living proof of their lives. What indelible messages have they written on our hearts?

Testimonial #1: The Good Old Girl Network is more than good business. Sweet Briar is famous for the "GOGN," that network of associations through which alumnae pool their influence to help one another succeed in business and life. I hope to God it is more than, "I scratch your back and you scratch mine," the principle of rec-

iprocity to help me get ahead. Paul put it this way, "You are our letter, written on our hearts." In other words, he did not measure success in life based primarily on what he accomplished, but rather on his ability to help others succeed. The standard operating question of the world is, "What's in it for me?" What a contrast with the attitude of those who have left a lasting testimony in your life and mine! For them, you are their greatest success story. You are their letter of recommendation.

Testimonial #2: You are the Bic God flicked, the pen in God's hand. "You are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry." I recently received an e-mail from a former student at the University of Miami who was a pain in the neck when I knew her. Maria (a pseudonymous name to protect the student's identity) was a seriously dependent personality who hung out at other campus organizations and gave her time and energy to them but showed up on my doorstep for comfort and counsel when her life was in shambles. I spent many hours counseling with her, taking her to the psychiatric ward of the hospital, praying for her, but rarely enjoying her. She was one of those students whom I delighted to see graduate.

Maria wrote to me two weeks ago to let me know that she had straightened out her life, or more precisely, God had straightened out her life. She is now a seminarian preparing for the Episcopal priesthood. And, she wants to become a college chaplain so that she can help others as I helped her. Maria wrote to thank me for the influence I had on her life.

When I read Maria's letter, I felt grateful to the Lord and ashamed of myself. Without a doubt, the hand of God wrote the letters on Maria's heart. I was simply the Bic pen. Never underestimate the power of kindness to others, even when you don't feel good in the deed. I wonder how many of the deceased alumnae we remember today had no idea of the positive impact they had on your life? It's too late to tell them, but it's not too late to tell someone else. Don't let this weekend end without telling some other living person how grateful you are for the letters they have written on your heart.

Testimonial #3: Your letters of recommendation will outlast you. "You show that you are a letter from Christ, written not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." Twenty-one centuries after Paul lived, we are still quoting him. He is still writing letters on human hearts. Long after you are gone, the legacy of your impact for good or evil will live on. Alfred Nobel discovered the truth of his lasting legacy while he still lived. When his twin brother, Albert, died, the Stockholm newspaper printed his obituary and the story of his death, but they confused the identity of the brothers. Instead of Albert, the story described Alfred's life! He was shocked to read his own obituary and to see how he was remembered: a chemist who made a fortune from the death and destruction of others through his invention of dynamite. Nobel was so stricken by the awful legacy portrayed in this mistaken obituary that he gave his entire fortune to found the Nobel Prizes to promote leadership in worldwide peace.

Testimonial #4: It will all come out in the wash. This is Tennessee slang for Paul's plain statement, "You are our letters of recommendation, known and read by all." When Mother Theresa died in 1997, the entire world mourned the death of a saint. In a discussion about the legacy of her life, a student, Kevin, asked me, "Do you think Mother Theresa was a Christian?" I was incredulous that anyone would question Mother Theresa's faith and retorted with righteous indignation, "Of course, she was a Christian! Why would you ask such a question?" "Well," Kevin answered, "You know she was Catholic."

I was so troubled by this conversation that I decided to visit Mother Theresa's mission in Miami. It was an outreach to homeless people and drug addicts in the worst neighborhood in Miami. My escort agreed to take me on the condition that I visit during daylight hours, insisting that it was too dangerous to go at night. I was astounded by what I found at the mission. The mission properly was an island of beauty in the middle of a war zone. I made my way past the broken glass, trash, and crack addicts lying on the sidewalk to the front door of the brightly-painted house.

We were greeted by four beautiful Indian women in their twenties who radiated peace and joy. Although I had interrupted their prayer time, they welcomed us graciously and spent an hour telling us the story of their work. I have never met people who were more dedicated, hopeful, and happy in their work. After the visit, I had my answer to Kevin's question. Yes, I was certain of Mother Theresa's faith. It could be known and read by all through the lives of those she had profoundly influenced.

Amazingly, Luke, my 17-year-old valedictorian son came to the same conclusion. "You're going to have to choose in life whether you're going to work for titles or live out a testimony. History is clear as to which path is better. Pharaoh had the title but Moses had the testimony. Sisera had the title, but Deborah had the testimony. Goliath had the title but David had the testimony. Nebuchadnezzar had the title but Daniel had the testimony. Herod had the title but John the Baptist had the testimony. Pontius Pilate had the title, but Jesus had the testimony!"

Luke was right and Paul was right: it is the testimonies of our lives, the letters that we write on the hearts of others, that will endure.

The Living Epitaph

When our lives are writ in stone
One dash will stand alone
To mark the measure of our days.
One hyphen between two dates
Will wordlessly narrate
Our successes and our mistakes.
Will our dreams live on as we pass on?
Will that humble hyphen laud
The gifts that we have given?
Or will that lonely dash rehearse
Only what we've taken?
God, help us leave a legacy
Transcending earthly bounds
Make our mark on humanity
A lifetime that responds
To human needs and the aching heart
That beats in Your own breast.
For when we live a life like this
Our legacy will last.
Amen.

2008 REUNION

Scrapbook



No doubt about it! The Class of 1953 had the best Reunion ever: 49 alumnae, 26 husbands, 4 sons attended. They won the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for largest Reunion Gift (\$121,101); Participation Award for classes celebrating 25th-50th Reunions (75.70%); and Centennial Award for total giving to all funds (\$408,463).



1953 had a "Before" and "After," taking the stage in long raincoats: in the '50s, coats were required over gym suits or pants. To the tune of "The Old Grey Mare," they sang "Old '53, she ain't what she used to be...She's much cuter than she used to be, better than she used to be, greater than she used to be..."



They proved it! Off came the raincoats, while the audience roared, whistled, and applauded.

Despite rain and unusually cool temperatures (bordering on *cold* at night), it was a festive, fun weekend to remember. Special events included the Presentation of the Outstanding Alumna Award to Ethel Ogden Burwell '58 during Reunion Convocation; the exciting Dedication of the 1953 Class Gates, which now welcome all at the entrance to the new Student Commons Complex; Open Houses all over campus; Exhibits of alumnae books and art; Alumnae College Programs by faculty; an Update on "Sweet Briar College Today" by President Muhlenfeld...and *Time* to spend reviving, renewing, reengaging. Much to see, much to do, much to savor.



Proclaiming Betsy Muhlenfeld an Honorary Member of the Class, they insisted that she "suit up" too. Above: Katzy Nager and Ginny Toone accept the Participation Award from their new classmate. See "Relocation Ceremony for the Class of 1953 Gates", p. 40-41 for more Class of '53 celebrations.



Faithful Reunion attendees Natalie Roberts Ross '31 and husband William came for her 72nd!



Surprise! Lillian Cabell Gay '36 and husband James (Lakewood, PA) were "passing through" and dropped in—discovered REUNION!—and joined the fun, staying two nights, attending Alumnae College, fishing in the lake...enjoying.



Emma Glass Beasley '38 returned for her 65th.



At the Cocktail Buffet: Catherine Silverman, '43 Sec.



1948: 18 members declared themselves "unofficially the largest class ever returning for the 55th"! RG: \$26,690; Part: 54%; TG: \$73,503.



1943 thoroughly enjoyed the 60th. Standing: Esther Jett Holland; Catherine Parker Silverman; Caroline Miller McClintock; Betty Braxton Preston. Seated: Dolores Cheatham James; Ann Jacobs Pakradooni. RG: \$44,040; Part: 40.23%; TG: \$92,265.



1948 CP Eleanor Potts Snodgrass; Sec. Maddin Lupton McCallie.

All photos © David Abrams
Note: All names read l-r.

Abbreviations:

CP=Class President
RGC= Reunion Gifts Chair
FA=Fund Agent
Sec=Secretary

Each class made three announcements at Convocation:

Reunion gift to the Annual Fund (RG)
Class Participation (Part)
Total Giving (to all funds) for the year (TG)



1958 classmates spent quality time catching up with each other at their 45th. RG: \$34,857; Part: 70%; TG: \$48,307.



1958 officers: Co-RGC Elaine Schuster; Sec. Jane Shipman Kuntz; Co-RGC Ethel Ogden Burwell; CP Lynn Prior Harrington.

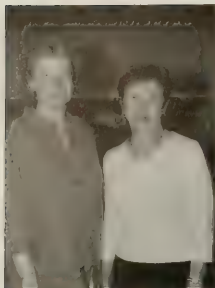
1963 officers: Sec. Katharine Blackford Collins; CP Nancy Dixon Brown; FA Jean Meyer Aloe.



Ruth Pamplin Reeves '63; Betty Stanley Cates '63: Ruth arrived too late for class photo but in time for cocktail buffet!



1963 had a wonderful time at the 40th—they were everywhere on campus! RG: \$82,434; Part: 70.06%; TG: \$198,352.



1968 Sec. Lynne Gardner
Detmer; CP Martha Bennett
Pritchett.



1968: a small but merry group, happy to be back at The Patch for the
35th. RG: \$26,249; Part:43.43%; TG:\$102,528



1973 movers & shakers: Diane
Dale Reiling, FA; Susan Dern
Plank, FA; Louise Blakeslee Gilpin,
Sec.



1973 had a marvelous 30th and no wonder: they reported that 20 RG Committee members contacted every
one in the class. They laughed about being 50-yr-olds: "and we all have children in college or graduate
school!" RG: \$28,158; Part: 43.60%; TG: \$28,808.



1978 Co-CPs: Dorothy Lear
Mooney; Suzanne Stryker Ullrich.



1978 came on strong for the 25th, with the spirit, enthusiasm, and vitality they were known for 25 years
ago! RG: \$27,215.78; Part: 37.63%; TG: \$85,851.78.



1983 spent a lively weekend rejoicing in being together again at the 20th. RG: \$19,991; Part: 30.64%; TG: \$23,065.



1988: Seven gathered for the festive 15th. RG: \$6,564; Part: 17.73%; TG: \$10,114.



1983 CP Miriam Baker Morris



Stacey Sickels Heckel, '88 RGC announces class gift.



1993 Sec. Michelle MacMurtre Constable; CP Ellen Eriksen Ober Pitera.



1993 had 14 on hand for a terrific 10th. RG: \$3,547; Part: 18.875; TG: \$5,522.



Hurray for 1998 at their first "official" Reunion—look at the crowd back for the 5th! And they won the Participation Award for classes celebrating the 5th-20th. RG: \$6,293; Part: 31.49%; TG: \$6,661.

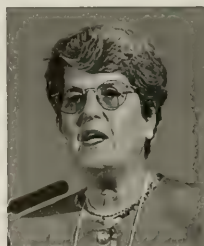


1998 FA Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett; CP Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar; Sec. Dawn Ellen Everett Grobe; and FA Allison Gerber joyfully accept Participation Award from President Muhlenfeld.



Erica Deimel, 12, daughter of Betsy Hurley Deimel '78 and Mary Pat Jones, 16, daughter of Ann Thrash Jones '78 at the Riding Center.

Ethel Ogden Burwell '58, Annual Fund Chair, announced that total giving to the Annual Fund, including all Reunion classes, reached \$1,177,180. Wow!



Future SBC 20?? meets Vixen mascot.



Visiting Assistant Professor of Arts Management/Interim Director of the Museum Christian Carr leads Alumnae College ("Curating, Collecting, and Connoisseurship: Behind the Ropes at the Sweet Briar Museum)."

Spotlight

Lauren Friend Named Class of 2003 Presidential Medalist

Lauren Friend '03, Rancho Mirage, CA, received the Presidential Medal from Sweet Briar College February 19, 2003. The annual award is the highest accolade the College bestows on a member of the graduating senior class.

The Medal honors the senior who has demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and, in addition, distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community; contributions to the arts; enlargement of our global perspective; athletic fitness and achievement; leadership; and contributions to the community discourse.

As captain of the Sweet Briar Swim Team, Student Government treasurer and Irene Mitchell Moore Scholar, Lauren led her peers in the classroom, in the student government, and in athletic competition.

"Lauren exemplifies the essence of the Presidential Medalist: she is an outstanding student with a fine intelligence who is deeply invested in her own education, and who excels both in and out of the classroom," said President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld. "Her academic work is original and nuanced; and her dedication to Sweet Briar students—evidenced in her work to establish online elections—shows her to be both creative and caring. She is a terrific example of a Sweet Briar woman, bringing honor to her college for her intellect, her athletic prowess, and her willingness to serve her community."

Lauren, who held a perfect 4.0 GPA in both her history and international affairs majors and a 3.94 GPA overall (top in her class), completed an honors thesis on the use of technology among Central American indigenous groups in their self-proclaimed struggle against globalization.

She was one of two first-time recipients of the Irene Mitchell Moore Scholarship for students studying through the College's Center for Civic Renewal who intend to pursue careers in public service. In addition, she was a 2002 Emilie Watts McVea Scholar, an Honors Scholar for three years, a member of the Dean's List for four years, a Founder's Scholar, a recipient of a Pink and Green Award for Leadership, and a



Lauren Friend '03

member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

She held a number of positions in the Student Government Association, including vice president of her first-year class, chief electoral officer during her sophomore year, and treasurer senior year. As chief electoral officer, Lauren, with then SGA President Leah Solivan '01, was instrumental in establishing Sweet Briar as one of the first colleges in America to hold online student elections.

In the pool, she placed first in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference breaststroke events for the last two years, and was named to the All-Conference Team in multiple events for the last three years. As a freshman, she was named "Athlete of the Year" for the College, and earned the Harold B. Whiteman Scholar-Athlete Award during her sophomore year.

Her passion for swimming extends beyond personal and team competition; she taught faculty and staff children to swim and helped many local Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts earn their merit badges.

Lauren received a full tuition scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Latin American Studies at Georgetown University, beginning this fall. She will also work part-time at Simon & Associates, the D.C. law firm where she worked during the Washington Semester Program her junior year. This summer she is a full-time employee at Simon & Associates.



Jack and Mary Bailey Izard

Mr. and Mrs. John Izard [Mary Bailey '52] Receive Founder's Award from The Georgia Conservancy

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"The Georgia Conservancy"*

The Georgia Conservancy works to ensure that Georgians have clean air, healthy rivers and streams, and unspoiled wild places, both now and tomorrow. 2002 marked a special milestone in the Conservancy's history as it celebrated its 35th anniversary and presented the inaugural Founder's Award to Jack and Mary Izard November 2, 2002.

"None embody the work of The Georgia Conservancy as the Izards do. In 1967, The Georgia Conservancy was founded when Mary Izard, along with several environmental stewards, hiked to Sweetwater Creek and realized that without proper care and protection, Georgia's natural resources were in jeopardy."

This kind of forward thinking has become synonymous with Jack and Mary Izard. Jack, a partner at King & Spaulding, was also the first Chairman of the Board of the Senior Citizens Services of Metro Atlanta, served as President of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and is a current trustee and past chair of the Episcopal Media Center. Beyond his local involvement, in 1978 he was invited by President Jimmy Carter to serve as a member of the National Commission to Study Anti-Trust

Laws and Procedures.

Through the years Mary's interests have continued to be environmentally based. As a result of her leadership, the Atlanta Botanical Garden was created. Other accomplishments include many years on the board of trustees at Fernbank Museum of Natural History, a longtime association with the Georgia Botanical Society, and board service with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Both Jack and Mary have continued their commitment to The Georgia Conservancy through education and advocacy, ongoing support of programs, and by serving as trustees. In their tradition, their son John is an active member and immediate past president of the board of trustees.

Murrell Rickards Werth '44 Organizes Gift in Memory of Art Professor Jovan De Rocco

*By Rebecca Massie Lane
Director of Galleries and the Arts
Management Program
Sweet Briar College*

Upon learning of the death of Professor Emeritus of Art Jovan De Rocco in 1998, Friends of Art board member Murrell Rickards Werth '44 set about organizing an art acquisition to serve as a lasting memorial to a beloved professor. Murrell described Professor De Rocco as "a rare inspirational individual whose philosophical and spiritual beliefs were expressed in his architecture, painting, writing, and teaching." She invited Sweet Briar alumnae to join her in establishing a fund to

acquire a work of art in his memory. In addition to her own generous contribution, she received gifts from Louise Smith Barry '44; Elisabeth Vaughan Bishop '44; Margaret Mohlman Degler '54; Martha Schmidheiser DuBarry '48; Frances Caldwell Harris '42; Frances Martin Lindsay '50; Janet Staples Munt '44; Harriette Tavenner Owens '44; Edna Syska Peltier '42; Annabelle Forsch Prager '43; Sara Davis Spencer '48; Jean Blanton Stein '44; and Helen Gravatt Watt '44.

The Friends of Art Board and the art faculty approved the acquisition of an Ansei Uchima color woodblock print. *Forest Byobu (Autumn Stone)*, 1979, is a fitting tribute to Professor De Rocco, for it embodies both Asian and Western aesthetics, modernism and tradition. It also pro-

vides a contemporary example of color woodblock printing, which can serve as comparison and contrast to the many examples of 19th-century Japanese Ukiyo-e prints in the Sweet Briar College Collection.

Uchima was born in Stockton, CA in 1921, and studied architecture, drawing, painting, and printmaking at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. After living in Tokyo from 1940-59, he moved to New York City to become a professor in the fine arts department at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, 1962-1982. He also taught at the Pratt Graphics Center in 1965, and at Columbia University from 1968-82. Uchima died in 2000.

Uchima's coloristic woodblock prints are found in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, National Gallery of Art, Library of Congress, Art Institute of Chicago, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and Philadelphia Museum of Art. Murrell stated that "Mr. De Rocco would be very pleased....and a print by an extraordinary and well-known Japanese artist is a very appropriate memorial in his honor."

As with all additions to the permanent collection, this work will provide inspiration for student and faculty research, and for future exhibitions. Our collection at Sweet Briar is integral to our teaching, in the art and art history departments, through the exhibition program, and throughout the College.

The Uchima print will stand as a lasting memory of Professor De Rocco. Each time it is exhibited or published, its label will acknowledge the memorial and those who contributed. Murrell Werth deserves particular recognition for her leadership in making this acquisition possible, and for giving so generously to the De Rocco Fund.

I have no doubt that the Uchima print will become a valued part of our collection and will be of lasting benefit to students and faculty for generations to come.



Photo: Murrell Werth pictured at a Friends of Art meeting



Photo: Ansei Uchima, American, 1921-2000, *Forest Byobu (Autumn Stone)*, 1979, color woodblock print

Mexico and Monarchs:

An Alumna Describes Her Trip to the Overwintering Sites of the Monarch Butterfly, and Subsequent Meeting with Sweet Briar Professor Lincoln Brower, a World Expert on Monarchs

By Lynne Smith Crow '64

March 1, 2003, under the auspices of the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum in Short Hills, NJ, 19 of us flew to Mexico City where we met our trip leaders, Bonnie Chase (Arboretum Director/Naturalist), and Bill Calvert of the Texas Monarch Watch. From there, we began our 60-mile journey westward to two of the overwintering sites of the Mariposa Del Monarca. A 60-mile long, 20-mile wide ridge in El Estado de Michoacán is the winter home to one-half billion to two billion Monarchs.

The first day, we stopped briefly in the Parque Nevado de Toluca National to view Monarchs streaming down from Herrada, a mountain in the Sierra Madre, looking for food and water. As thrilled as we were, we were to discover that seeing these Monarchs was like seeing the few flurries that precede a big blizzard.

The next day we bumped up a mountainous unpaved dirt road to El Rosario, over 9,000 feet, in the back of an open pickup truck. Our faces were covered like banditos with bandanas to protect nose and mouth from the fine dust. We started walking uphill, step by step, another 600 feet. We were given little teasers along the way. Quite a few Monarchs had ventured down from the trees to build up their strength, both internally and externally, for the long journey ahead of them. Finally reaching the summit, there we were, surrounded by millions of Monarch butterflies. They were everywhere: in the air; on the ground "making whoopee"; in the Oyamel Firs turning them bright orange; and festooning nearby smaller pines with living decorations.

The following day we drove up another dusty road to Sierra Chinqua, altitude just under 11,000 feet. This time we had a choice: we could ride horses down to the reserve or walk up over a ridge and down to the butterflies. I opted for the four-footed method of transportation. An incredible sight lay in front of us when we dismounted. Monarchs were all around us and we had to carefully watch our feet. Against the clear blue of the sky, their



Lincoln Brower at Cora Hartshorn Arboretum with: Back row, l-r, Jeannine Davis Harris '80; Deborah Price Bowman '82; Bonnie Chase, Arboretum Director; Jennifer Montfort '01. Front row, l-r: Gigi Collins '84; Ava Spanier DeGhetto '86; Rhoda Harris '82

orange and black wings glowed, backlit by the sun. A group of butterflies were "pud-ling"—that is, sucking out moisture at the edge of a small stream. Another group, in total unison, flew from one extremely tall pine to another as if someone had given them a signal. The sheer beauty of these small but intrepid creatures took away my breath.

The Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of New Jersey invited SBC Research Professor Lincoln Brower (biology), well-known Monarch expert, to the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum on May 28. He spoke on the Monarch butterfly migration phenomenon. The Monarchs' overwintering sites weren't discovered until 1975; Professor Brower said that he had been to the sites every year since the early '80s to study and tag Monarchs. He has often been assisted by Bill Calvert, and recently, by Bonnie Chase.

Each November, billions of Monarchs make the trek from North America, east of the Rockies, to Mexico. They hibernate there until the March solstice when they set off for Texas to lay their eggs. Their "children" migrate northward. It is their "grandchildren" or "great-grandchildren" who migrate back to Mexico each fall from such faraway places as Augusta, Maine, a distance of nearly 2500 miles. Migrating Monarchs live through the winter, fly 500



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miles to Texas come spring and begin the cycle once again.

In January 2002, about 80% of the Monarch population (over 200 million) was wiped out. This was due to a rain/ice storm followed by a severe cold snap in an area where firs had been illegally thinned or clear-cut with results similar to what happens to the warming capacity of a blanket in which holes have been cut. In some places, Professor Brower said, dead Monarchs were nearly three feet deep on the forest floor. While their population has

bounced back to nearly normal numbers, he thinks that unless changes are made, this phenomenon of Monarch migration may be gone within another 20 years.

What can we do to halt or at least slow down this progression? We can approach our national legislators to "lean" on Mexico to stop the illegal Monarch habitat destruction. We can financially support the Mexican conservation groups' reforestation projects. We can contact our state legislators to cease the use of pesticides along the edges of roads and on fields, thus protecting the Monarchs' food source during their migration. We can plant milkweed, the only plant used by Monarchs for egg laying; the milkweed leaves feed the hatched larvae. Most of all, we can raise our awareness of how important each species is to the ecology of our planet.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Mead



Norma and Olan Mills

Norma and Olan Mills Receive AIM Award (Norma Patteson '60)

By Sonia Young

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The highlight of a two-day Learning and Leadership in Mental Health Symposium, chaired by Dolores Chandra, was the presentation of the first AIM Life Achievement Award to Norma and Olan Mills. At a banquet held at the Chattanooga, more than 300 guests gathered to honor this couple who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the AIM Center

since its inception in 1989.

Joe Decosimo paid tribute to the Mills for their leadership and commitment to the center and praised their philanthropic endeavors in this community and on behalf of the AIM Center. The Mills' contributions to the mental health field over the years have not only helped many individuals, but also have fostered the application of a way of therapy that will help many others in the years to come.

Scott Ferguson, Board Chair, and Jonathan Hildreth, member representative to the Board, presented the Mills with a Steuben glass sculpture called "Starstruck," which represented the couple's exemplary leadership in the community by the two entwined crystal columns topped with stars.

Norma and Olan Mills accepted the tribute with grace, humility, and joy while stating that it had been a privilege to be a part of the AIM Center since its early beginnings. Norma referred to it as a "Beacon of Hope" and a happy place that this community is fortunate to have. Olan thanked Chattanooga and Joe Decosimo whom he referred to as "the Godfather of fundraising."

Professor Laura Pharis Designs Mike Seeger Album Cover

A great love of "old-time" mountain music led Laura Pharis, SBC professor of studio art, to apply her artistic talent in designing the album cover for six-time Grammy nominee Mike Seeger's new album, "True Vine."

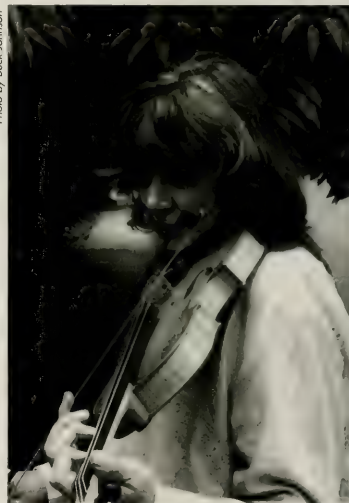
She created the album cover image after being inspired by Seeger's "ancient voice and the purity and integrity of his music." Her recent work emphasizes her fondness for creating the forms of musical instruments from other objects. The drawing used on the album cover features a fiddle made of honeysuckle and star magnolia, and a banjo made of wild roses—all plants that can be found in Central Virginia.

Professor Pharis teaches drawing, painting, printmaking, and design. She has exhibited her work in "One/Off Printmakers," Galleria SL Punto A, Milano, Italy; "American Woodcuts," Gallerie im Hollenthal, Bechenbach, Germany; and "String Music," a solo exhibition at Reynolds Gallery,

Richmond, Virginia. She was named Artist of the Year for 2000 by the Richmond Women's Caucus for the Arts.

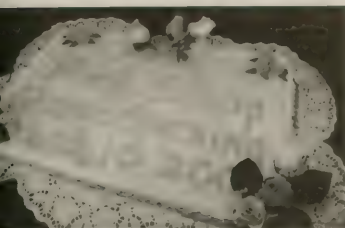
In her life outside the studio and classroom, Laura, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur, plays fiddle in a band called "Bramble and Rose" which plays Celtic and Old-time music. Sweet Briar librarian Joe Malloy, who is also in the band, made up the name because of the association with Sweet Briar. In addition to gigs at events and restaurants, the band occasionally plays on a volunteer basis at local nursing homes and "jams" on the terrace of "Le Bistro" at Sweet Briar. Students, faculty, and sometimes faculty family members have been known to take part in those jams.

Photo by Buck Johnson



Laura Pharis

New Book Shop Opens



The Sweet Briar Book Shop had its Grand Opening in its new quarters adjacent to the Student Commons on March 10, 2003. The Sweet Briar community turned out in force to celebrate, cheer the ribbon-cutting, and enjoy the lovely new facility. In a welcoming gesture, the Book Shop offered free T-shirts sporting the Sweet Briar mascot, The Vixen.

Adding to the festivities, Book Shop Director Terri Schutte was presented with an award from the National Association of College Stores, honoring her as a Certified Store Professional.

All on one level, the shop continues to carry all the textbooks, computers, and academic supplies that the Sweet Briar community depends on; in addition, it con-

tinues to stock the familiar, beloved, Sweet Briar items and the great variety of merchandise that has made it such an outstanding resource in the past.

The Book Shop Café has greatly expanded—it is now a real coffeehouse/café with a very inviting ambience. Lots of delicious food and drink include a full range of coffee and tea; fruit smoothies, quiche, and pastries. Situated as it is in the heart of the campus and with its large windows, beautifully-finished wooden floors, and a lounge area with bright upholstered armchairs and couches and coffee-tables, the café is a delightful spot for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to meet for conversation or discussion.

Many special events are regularly scheduled, including readings, authors' appearances, blues guitarists, computer demonstrations and poetry readings. To inaugurate the new café, the creative writing faculty and students hosted a marathon evening of readings from new works. The place was packed.

Come and enjoy coffee and a "big muffin" next time you are on campus!



Free T-shirts!



At the ribbon-cutting, L-r: Book Shop Director Terri Schutte; Vice President for Finance and Administration Mary Lou Merkt; Holly James McMickle '97; President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld.



Book Shop Director Terri Schutte displays her award, flanked by former Director of Auxiliary Services Archie Waldron and Vice President for Finance and Administration Mary Lou Merkt.

Coffeehouse/Café



Photos: David Albrecht



The Tyrees pictured in the gateway.

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Relocation Ceremony for the Class of 1953 Gates

Class of 1953 Gates

These gates, constructed in the early days of the College, were restored in 1963 and moved to the main entrance through the generosity of the Class of 1953 and their families.

Led by special gifts from the family of Joan Brophy Tyree '53, the Class once again sponsored the relocation of the gates to this central site to commemorate their 50th Reunion in 2003.

Copy of plaque

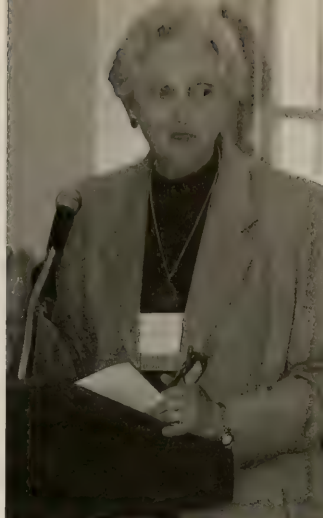
On the Saturday afternoon of Reunion weekend, a very special ceremony was held to officially observe the relocation of the gates from the main entrance of the College to a central spot at the entrance of the new quadrangle created by the Student Commons complex. The beautiful wrought-iron gates are known as the "Class of 1953 Gates" because in 1963, members of that class were responsible for having the old gates restored and installed to form a gracious entry to the Sweet Briar campus. One of the leaders in making this lovely gift to the College was the late Joan Brophy Tyree '53.

Now, the main entrance is being changed because of highway construction on Route 29. The Class of 1953 stepped forward again and, as a gift to commemorate their 50th Reunion, sponsored the relocation of the gates. Joan Tyree's family participated in her memory. Joining the festivities to celebrate the relocation—and making the ceremony an occasion never to be forgotten—were Joan and Thomas Tyrees' four sons: Bill, Tom, John, and David.

The rain poured down but could not dampen the spirits of the Class of '53 or the other attendees—the ceremony was simply moved into the basement of Reid Dormitory. The Honorable Dale



Kathleen "Katzy" Bailey Nager relates the history of the gates



Dale Hutter Harris welcomes the crowd.



David Tyree, the youngest brother, entertains the crowd. His three brothers are seated to the right of the podium.

Hutter Harris, class president, and SBC President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld welcomed the overflow crowd. Classmates Kathleen "Katzy" Bailey Nager and June Arata Pickett explained the history of the connection between the class and the gates, and remarks were made by the four Tyree "boys." The class was deeply moved to have the Tyree sons with them, and the young men themselves expressed heartfelt appreciation for the strong and steadfast ties with their late mother's classmates.

Following the speeches, the Class of 1953 braved the rain for a photo with the Tyrees, and a plaque beside the gates was unveiled.



June Arata Pickett addresses the gathering



In the rain: the four Tyrees surrounded by the Class of 1953

Sweet Briar Plantation Burial Ground Dedication Ceremony

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Unveiling of the plaque by Board Chairman Michela English '71, Tabitha Dixon '06 and Denva Jackson '05, with help from a friend.

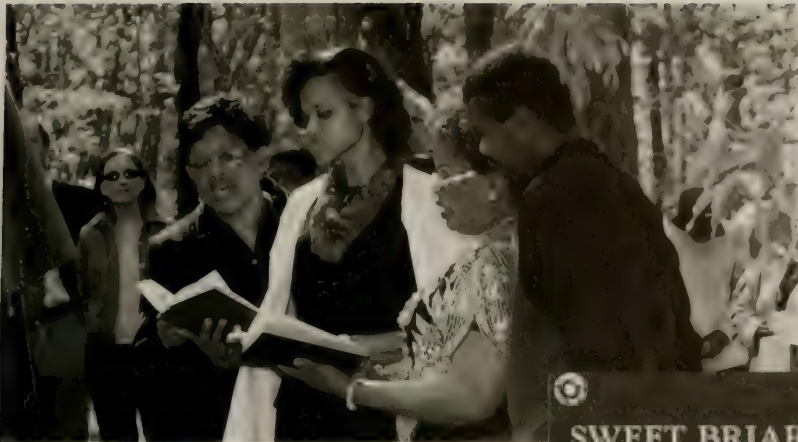


Descendant Jasper Fletcher addresses the gathering

On the sunny afternoon of April 24, 2003, members of the Sweet Briar and surrounding communities gathered on a hillside across the lake from the Boathouse for the Sweet Briar Plantation Burial Ground Dedication. The site dedicated is the largest of the slave graveyards that were unearthed on campus in recent years, thanks to the initiative of retired Riding Director Paul Cronin. His initial efforts were carried on by Dean of Co-Curricular Life Valdrie Walker with the help of Grounds Superintendent Donna Meeks and the College grounds staff; Dr. Keith Adams; and a group of faculty members and staff including anthropologists Lynn Rainville and Debbie Durham; historian and archivist Kate Chavigny; environmentalist Rebecca Ambers and her geologist husband Cliff; classicist Judith Evans-Grubbs; art historian Christian Carr; and Donna Whitehouse, development staff (see article in Winter 2003 *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine*, p. 14).

The ceremony was attended by many members of the boards of Sweet Briar College

and of the Alumnae Association, local alumnae and townspeople, and members of the student body, faculty and staff. On behalf of the College, Chaplain Guy Brewer delivered the invocation and remarks were given by Chairman of the Board Michela English '71 and President Betsy Muhlenfeld. On behalf of the descendants of the African-American slaves buried in the graveyard, Jasper Fletcher, who has generational ties to the Sweet Briar plantation days, spoke eloquently but delivered a simple message of goodwill towards the College. A plaque in memory of the "Unknown Founders" was unveiled and a wonderful gospel choral performance was given by Pearl Sandidge, Debra Cooper and Kathleen Robinson. Dean Walker joined in several of their hymns and the beautiful ceremony ended with a Parting Blessing by Chaplain Brewer. Immediately following, there was an open house at the Sweet Briar Museum with presentations by Denva Jackson '05 and Mandi Ponton '05 related to the lives and times of Elijah Fletcher and Daisy Williams.



Surrounded by friends, the singers perform

In her welcoming remarks, President Muhlenfeld said:

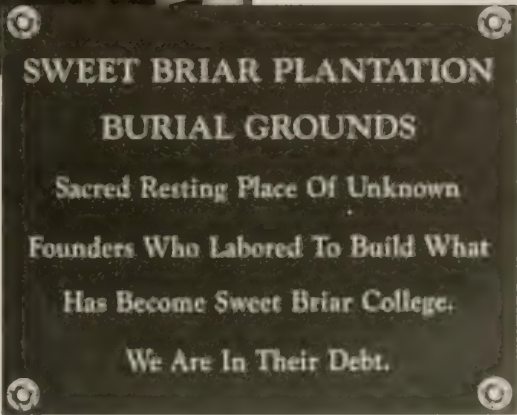
"Today's ceremony is ponderous with meaning—an important ceremonial event in the life of the College. We are all joined here today, with the Board of Directors of the College, in acknowledgment of people who have been forgotten—or worse, ignored.

"The rededication ceremony is a time for us as a community to claim our past, and to acknowledge and embrace many of the unknown people who labored as slaves on the Sweet Briar Plantation. As recently as 20 or 25 years ago,

such an event could not have happened. One simply didn't talk about slavery; it was something to be hidden.

"Today, though, we have a signal opportunity to speak symbolically to the world, saying that we want to see clearly and speak truth. Your simple presence here today speaks clearly. Together we stand witness that we have learned something over the years about human dignity and worth, about the intersection of our past with our present, and about who we aspire to be.

"We will no longer pretend that this place that is Sweet



The memorial plaque.

Briar College has always been a refined institution of higher learning. We will value deeply the facts of the matter—the importance of place, and of the origins of this college in a plantation worked by slave labor. We will use our heritage to learn and to teach about this past—wherever possible, to rediscover the names and lives of those who were laid to rest here, and when that is not possible, to honor those whose names we will never know. Those who lie buried here did not know that the wealth they labored to produce would one day underlay a fine college. Though they did not choose so to labor, we pray that they would value what the plantation has become, and stand as Co-Founders."



The Hon. Dale Hutter Harris '53 chats with retired Riding Director Paul Cronin

The Class of 2003 Celebrates A Milestone!



The Class of 2003 gathers Saturday morning.

Saturday, May 3, 2003, Sweet Briar held its 94th Commencement Ceremony. One hundred and forty-three students, representing 32 states, D.C., Spain, Germany, Austria, and Saudi Arabia, received degrees.

Virginia Secretary of Education Belle Wheelan delivered the Commencement address. Her speech, "The Future—Am I Up for It," contained six "pearls of wisdom" for the graduates: Practice stress management; Take one step at a time; Stop when you reach your limits; Value your support system; Get comfortable with ambiguity; Plan ahead.

Throughout her speech, she encouraged them to be agents of change in their lives, but always to be prepared and to expect some bad with the good.

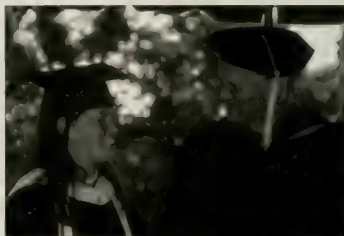
"There is a lot of gray in this world, and at times it will be difficult to find the vibrant colors of pink and green you got used to at Sweet Briar, but search for them. Make changes so things can get better.

"You have the tools to make a difference. Use them. Change can happen because of one person. Be that person."

To close the ceremony, President Muhlenfeld told the class: "So far, the world into which we send you has not been showing much promise lately. And yet, I am optimistic. You are confident, well-educated young women who respond well to challenge, and I know that you will, each in your own way, make a material and positive difference in this world. Your legacy will be, in part, to make sense of all this change, and to teach those who come after you to maintain equilibrium in permanent uncertainty. To do that, you will turn to the values you honed here—community, friendship, honesty, integrity, and service."



Virginia Secretary of Education Belle Wheelan



Chaplain Guy Brewer was honored with the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award from the Student Government Association, presented by SGA President Katherine Nicole Crowder '03.



Assistant Professor of History Lynn Laufenberg was the 2003 recipient of the Connie Burwell White Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by C. Olevia Neary, '03, chairman of the College's Academic Affairs Committee.

Commencement Honors

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2003.

Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA

The Presidential Medalist

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA
(Please see "In the Spotlight," p.35)

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Kelly Marie Hughes, Carmel, IN

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Amanda Sue Carpenter, Annville, KY;
Karla-Beth L. Murray, Arrington, VA

The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Sarah Canovaca, Tulsa, OK

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior, regardless of the field—mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, actively participating in the College community, and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Jennifer Leigh Smith, Charlotte, NC

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Katherine Ann Kummer,
Bowling Green, KY

The Shakespeare Prize

Monique Celeste Hayes,
Fort Washington, MD

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Zoraida Margarita Palencia,
Arlington, VA

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Emma Kathryn Payne, Birmingham, AL

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Carlota Catherine Stoevehase, Hilton
Head, SC

The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Nahliah L. Webber, Lincoln, RI

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Katie DeBaun Curling, Chesapeake, VA

The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Gwen Marie McKinney, Lynchburg, VA

L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Jessica Linn Shannon, Houston, TX

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theatre

Elizabeth Anne Giguere, Bethlehem, NH

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Graduate Fellowship in History

Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA

The W. H. Overly Award in Spanish

Julie Helena Capodanno, Bear, DE;
Zoraida Margarita Palencia, Arlington,
VA

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Michelle Church; sister Diana Church '01



Rebecca Gheen; sister Mary Ann Gheen Bennett '98



Sarah Pitts; mother Rebecca Seabrook Pitts '78

**The Helen K. Mull Graduate
Fellowship in Psychology**

Quinn McNecley Smith, Lynchburg, VA

The Juliet Halliburton Davis

Environmental Studies Award

Rebecca Harrison Gheen, Warrenton, VA

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Sarah Canovaca, Tulsa, OK

Phi Beta Kappa 2003

Sarah Azile Burd, Chesapeake, VA

Sarah Canovaca, Tulsa, OK

Julie Helena Capodanno, Bear, DE

Katherine Nicole Crowder, Chester, VA

Carrie Joyner DeShazor, Richmond, VA

Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA

Stephanie Christine Jefferson, Bainbridge
Island, WA

Katherine Ann Kummer, Bowling Green,
KY

Gwen Marie McKinney, Lynchburg, VA

Keri Anne Miller, Raleigh, NC

Jennifer Lee Neureuther, Berkeley, CA

Emma Kathryn Payne, Birmingham, AL

Laurel Truett Spielman, Amherst, VA

Carlota Catherine Stoevhase, Hilton
Head, SC

Leslie Nicole Sturgeon, Duluth, GA

Rita Thomas, Santa Teresa, NM

Nahliah L. Webber, Lincoln, RI

Courtney Renee Yerdon, Sandy Creek, NY

Cum Laude

Courtney Faith Arnott, King George, VA

Sarah Azile Burd, Chesapeake, VA

Francesca Angela Catucci, Davidsonville,
MD

Michelle Gabrielle Church, Louisville,
KY

Lara Jean Corazalla, Garland, TX

Carrie Joyner DeShazor, Richmond, VA

Kristin Kent Farris, Atlanta, GA

Anna Maria Fines, Crofton, MD

Rebecca Lynn Follin, Cullen, VA

Allison Nelle Funkhouser, Hagerstown,
MD

Rebecca Harrison Gheen, Warrenton, VA

Elizabeth Ann Giguere, Bethlehem, NH
Lindsay Jean Kinyon, Otis Orchards, WA
Brenda Jane McKenzie, Amherst, VA
Elizabeth Ann Meyer, Houston, TX
Erica Temple Midkiff, Clarksville, VA
Karla-Beth Murray, Arrington, VA
Caron Olevia Neary, Winfield, WV
Jennifer Lee Neureuther, Berkeley, CA
Chesley Amelia Phillips, Atlanta, GA
Rachel Michelle Snider, Montgomery, AL
Laurel Truett Spielman, Amherst, VA
Amanda Lynn Tyree, Fincastle, VA
Sarah Ellen Wiegand, Cohutta, GA
Jacquelyn Denise Wilkins, Madison
Heights, VA



Turning Point '03 graduates, l-r: Karla Murray; Gwen McKinney; Jane McKenzie

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Kylene Smith; Kristin A. Smith '99



Meg Foley; sister Sarah Foley '01



Kristin Farris; mother Beryl Bergquist Farris '71

Magna Cum Laude

Claire Therese Affleck, Syracuse, NY
Jade Verna Boardman, Coos Bay, OR
Sarah Canovaca, Tulsa, OK
Julie Helena Capodanno, Bear, DE
Katherine Rowan Carlson, West Chester, PA
Alisa Ann Cline, Verona, VA
Katie DeBaun Curling, Chesapeake, VA
Leslie Anne Forrester, Burke, VA
Nicole Clara-Michel Greenleaf, Bend, OR
Lara Michelle Hansen, Leesburg, VA
Monique Celeste Hayes, Fort Washington, MD
Stephanie Christine Jefferson, Bainbridge Island, WA
Natalie Yvette King, Pell City, AL
Gwen Marie McKinney, Lynchburg, VA
Samara Catherine Perzanowski, Warren, OH
Sarah Christine Pitts, Paris, KY
Sara Beth Shank, Sweet Briar, VA
Jennifer Leigh Smith, Charlotte, NC
Rita Thomas, Santa Teresa, NM
Virginia Leigh Uchello, Alexandria, VA
Nahliah L. Webber, Lincoln, RI
Courtney Renee Yerdon, Sandy Creek, NY

Summa Cum Laude

Katherine Nicole Crowder, Chester, VA
Lauren Alice Friend, Rancho Mirage, CA
Katherine Ann Kummer, Bowling Green, KY
Keri Anne Miller, Raleigh, NC
Emma Kathryn Payne, Birmingham, AL
Carlota Catherine Stoevhase, Hilton Head, SC
Leslie Nicole Sturgeon, Duluth, GA

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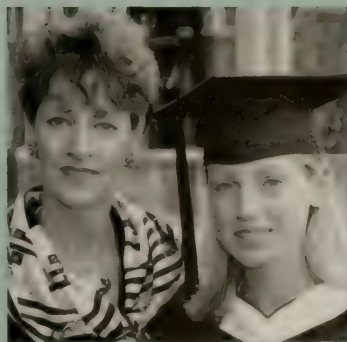
Honors Degree with Honors in Biology and Chemistry

Courtney Faith Arnott, King George, VA

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Lisa Lussier; sister Alexandra Lussier '05



Blair Baigent; mother Alberta Zotack Baigent '69



Christian Maxwell; cousin Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun '92 (l.); mother Emory Furniss Maxwell '74; family friend Jane Hutcherson Frierson '74

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAMS 2004-2005

May 19-27, 2004

Paris:

In the Footsteps of the Founding Fathers

This unusual view of Paris brings a new appreciation of the remarkable heritage shared by the United States and France. Join SBC Associate Professor of Government/Associate Director of the Center for Civic Renewal Steve Bragaw on a "revolutionary" travel experience tracing the footsteps of the Founding Fathers of the American Revolution. During a memorable week in the French capital, we discover places where illustrious Americans (Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall) lived, worked and exchanged ideas with Parisian counterparts.

This trip complements the two on-campus Alumnae Colleges' focus on "The Rivalry that Shaped America," chaired by Dr. Bragaw (2003). Highlighting our stay: a reception with Paris-based Sweet Briar alumnae. Other specially-arranged visits include a private dinner with descendants of French heroes of the American Revolution. Also: leisure time to explore Paris independently.

The landmark Hôtel St. James & Albany, conveniently situated on the *rive droite*, is our base. Enjoy excursions to sites important to both the American and French Revolutionary movements, including the Palais Royal, meeting place of fashionable 18th-century Paris; and the magnificent chateau and gardens at Versailles. Lunch at Le Procope, Paris's oldest café, brings alive the atmosphere of this historic period.

Joining us: art historian Alice Jouve who, with her husband Daniel, is an acknowledged Jefferson expert and co-author of *Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A.* A long-time Parisian and former Bostonian, Alice is a former faculty member of the SBC Junior Year in France program.

July 18-25, 2004

The Canadian Rockies:**A Family Learning Adventure**

Western Canada is the perfect environment for a family learning adventure; parents and grandparents are invited to bring children along. Adults attend special lectures while young naturalists engage in hands-on activities including scientific, botanical, and arts and crafts projects. Horseback riding, rafting, hiking, and sightseeing excursions provide opportunities for the entire family to under-

stand better the geology, flora, fauna, and human history of this extraordinarily beautiful landscape.

The group gathers in Calgary, Alberta to travel through the foothills to the Canadian Rockies for a 3-night stay in a guest ranch, exclusive for our group. From this Old West atmosphere of horse corrals, rolling grasslands, and mountains, ride horseback through the foothills of the Rockies, enjoy a float trip down the Kananaskis River, hike along a glacial stream to a thundering waterfall, then travel north to admire the emerald waters of Lake Louise and cross the Kicking Horse Pass into beautiful British Columbia to visit Yoho National Park and see Takakkaw Falls, the second highest waterfall in Canada. Explore the Columbia Icefield, the hydrological apex of North America, and travel out onto a glacier aboard a Snocoach for an up-close view of 1,000-foot-thick-ice. Then go on to Jasper National Park, home to grizzly bears, moose, elk, and wolves. From Jasper, board VIA Rail to travel by overnight train to the vibrant city of Vancouver for a 2-day visit, including a tour of the famed Vancouver Aquarium, known for its beluga whale.

August 4-12, 2004

Alumni College in Tuscany

Tuscany, its incomparable legacy of historic and artistic riches: an ideal setting for this educational program. This tour, shared with Hollins University, offers excellent value with 3 meals/day, accommodations, and all seminars and excursions included. The 9-day, 7-night tour is based in the historic town of Cortona, an artists' haven. Stay in the stately Hotel San Luca, with sweeping views of the lush Tuscan countryside. Experts discuss Cortona and its environs, the region's history and art, and Italy's contemporary political, social and economic status. Excursions include walking tour of Cortona; visit to the Museum of the Etruscan Academy; wine-tasting in the Tuscan countryside; trip to Siena; visits to the towns of Perugia, Assisi, and Florence, with special lunches; visit to Montepulciano. Enjoy a special "Meet the People" forum—a question-and-answer session with the people of Cortona (many do not speak English, but their views and comments will be interpreted and translated by our Campus Director). Optional 3-day extension in Rome.

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By Dr. Anna Chao Pai '57

I started packing four weeks before leaving. I was going to forget *nothing*, the lack of which would cause me to knock my head, gnash my teeth or in any way detract from the trip. Of course, by one week before departure, when I knew I'd have to pack seriously, I'd forgotten what was in my bags and had to start over again. So much for being prepared!

My trip of a lifetime was to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu, sponsored by Sweet Briar's Alumnae Travel program and three other groups, with Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA). Several factors impelled me to overlook the fact that this absolute land-lubber would have to spend a week of evenings and nights on board a ship.

One was that planes now fly tourists in and out of the Galapagos, cutting down tremendously on the time needed to reach the islands by boat from Ecuador. Secondly, the *MV Santa Cruz*, which was to be our ship, is the largest, thus the most stable, touring the islands.

While I did not have the company of my husband (who gets seasick just looking at pictures of boats), I did have friends: the President of Sweet Briar, Elisabeth Muhlenfeld and husband, Larry Wollan, and two classmates from the storied class of 1957, Anne Wilson Rowe and Margery Scott Johnson and



The Trip of a Lifetime

their families, and also Ann Smith Bretscher '60 and husband Robert. The Sweet Briar contingent altogether numbered over 20, with the Johnson family providing 11!

But most importantly, we would visit two places whose magic is well known and impossible to resist. The observations of animals, such as the finches, on the Galapagos by Charles Darwin led to his brilliant Theory of Evolution, a foundation of biological thought. As a retired biologist, this destination held a special meaning for me.

The ruins of Machu Picchu have always been wondrous for the intelligence and engineering that allowed a people, the Incas, to survive on mountainous terrain that would have been intimidating for mountain goats. Not only did they survive, they created a small city with walls and structures made of enormous boulders and

rocks. And then they disappeared. Was it something that they thought was a heaven-sent sign to leave? Was it disease and pestilence? I doubt we'll ever know.

We met our tour leaders and other members of the tour group in Miami. AAA had put me in touch with my trip roommate with the lyrical name, Molly McGee, from Kansas City, MO. I could not have asked for a nicer roommate. In a high state of excitement, we boarded the plane for our first stop: Quito, Ecuador.

High in the Andes at more than 9,000 feet, the capital of Ecuador sprawls over a valley, and in its expansion, creeps up the sides of neighboring peaks. It lies in the "Avenue of Volcanoes" that forms a spine down the middle of Ecuador and into Peru. There are active volcanoes within sight of Quito, although none were erupting at the time of our visit.

It was winter, the dry season in Ecuador and Peru. With moderate temperatures in the 70s and low 80s, and coolness after sunset, welcome relief from summer heat in the U.S. greeted us on arrival at our hotel in Quito August 2. Throughout the trip, we

were treated to great hotels; this one was no exception.

All through the visit to Ecuador and Peru, beginning with our tour of Quito and other Ecuadorian sites, we developed a sense of the grandeur and civilization in place hundreds, even thousands of years ago. From the pottery, textiles, jewelry, and art in museums to the beautifully baroque, gold-leafed carvings and structures of the Church of La Campana, for example, all spoke to the skill of the artisans of their day.

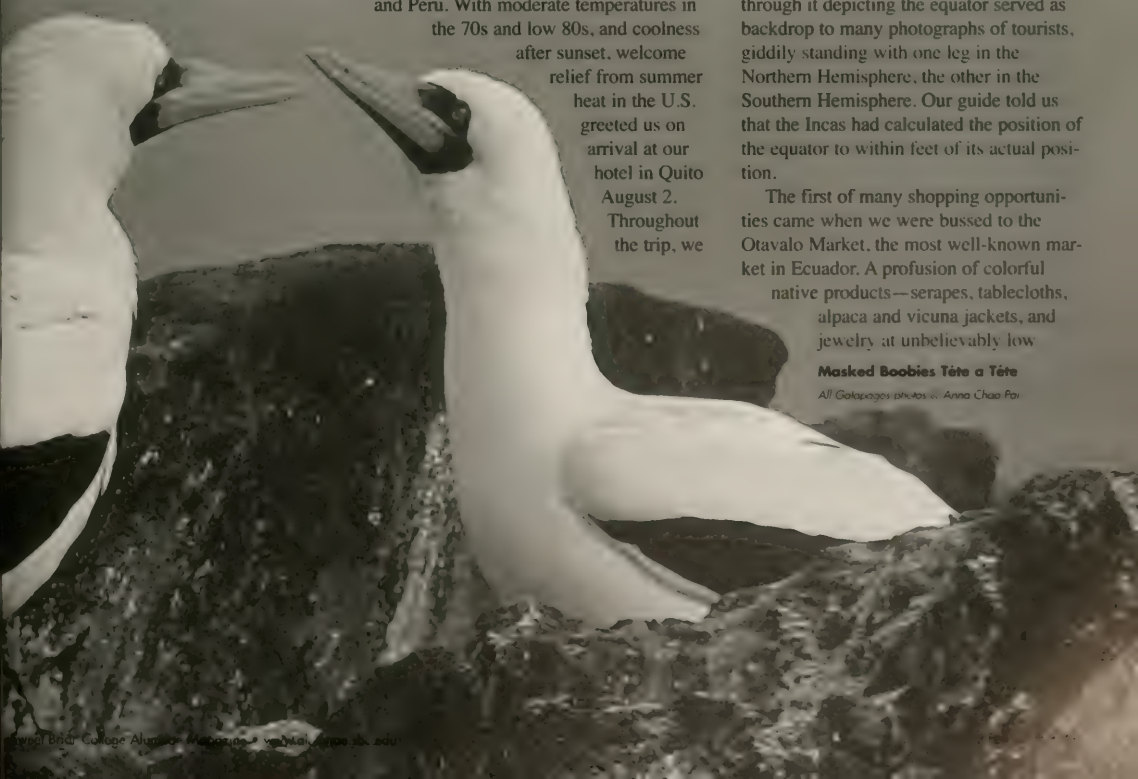
A touching visit to an exhibit of photographs of Ground Zero in a library courtyard in Quito told us that the world mourns with us over the senseless loss of life and property on 9/11. It was a sobering, momentary intrusion of reality into our fantasy trip.

We visited the Middle of the World monument, and the yellow line drawn through it depicting the equator served as backdrop to many photographs of tourists, giddily standing with one leg in the Northern Hemisphere, the other in the Southern Hemisphere. Our guide told us that the Incas had calculated the position of the equator to within feet of its actual position.

The first of many shopping opportunities came when we were bussed to the Otavalo Market, the most well-known market in Ecuador. A profusion of colorful native products—serapes, tablecloths, alpaca and vicuña jackets, and jewelry at unbelievably low

Masked Boobies Tête à Tête

All Galapagos photos © Anna Chao-Pai



November 6-14, 2004 Amazon River Journey;

**Optional extension to Machu Picchu,
November 14-19**

This 9-day journey of exploration to the rainforests of the remote upper Peruvian Amazon begins with a night in a deluxe hotel in Lima, Peru; city tour included. Then, from Iquitos, embark on a 6-night round-trip cruise on the intimate, 28-passenger expedition-style ship, *La Amatista*, with its own expert naturalist guides. The Amazon rainforest is one of the world's richest and most diverse ecosystems teeming with wildlife, birds, and a dazzling array of flora and fauna. Tour highlights: naturalist-guided walks in the rainforest; river cruise to view the unique freshwater pink dolphins of the Amazon with an early morning breakfast; visits to traditional Amazon Indian riverside villages; guided tour of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands preserve in the world, into which only *La Amatista* and her sister ships are allowed; jungle canopy walk near San Regis.

All meals aboard ship, program of lectures and presentations, and shore excursions with naturalist guides included. *La Amatista* is built in the style of a 19th-century Amazon riverboat, offering unpretentious comfort in 14 air-conditioned cabins, each with private bath. Onboard dining features delicious local and international cuisine prepared daily from fresh local ingredients. Through a circular bank of floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining parlor, the backdrop for every meal is an ever-changing vista. The wildlife viewing from an open-air top deck is incredible.

Air from Miami is included in the reasonable tour cost.

January 11-22, 2005 Gardens of the Caribbean, aboard the Sea Cloud II

Spend January 11-13 at a deluxe Barbados beach resort, then embark on a fabulous 8-night cruise January 14-21 from Barbados to Antigua aboard *Sea Cloud II*, sister ship to the historic Marjorie Merriweather Post yacht, *Sea Cloud*. *Conde Nast Traveler* has rated Sea Cloud Cruises #1 for service on its Gold List for 2003. We will share the ship with Williams College and the National Trust. Enriching the cruise: lecture series by horticulturalists and experts on Caribbean history, and musical evenings with concerts by internationally-known artists. Experience the history of the Caribbean, its tradition of garden-

ing and plantation life, while savoring the ambience of a classic sailing ship.

Meet with representatives of the Barbados National Trust; visit Trust properties including Tyrol Cot and Wildey House; visit private plantations and gardens, specially opened for our group; stroll through tropical rain forests and beautifully-maintained botanical gardens; dance to the music of a local steel band while enjoying a barbeque dinner on deck; visit local historical sites (Alexander Hamilton home on the island of Nevis, and La Pagerie, the birthplace of Napoleon's Empress Josephine on Martinique); swim and snorkel in the warm Caribbean waters; relax on the powdery white beaches.

July 2005 Costa Rica for Families

This tour complements Sweet Briar's first on-campus **Family Alumnae College: "Earth to SBC!"**

Chaired by Dr. David Orvos, associate professor of environmental science, and scheduled for June 20-25, 2004, this "Earth to SBC!" will offer alumnae and their families opportunities to explore the fun and fascination of earth science and the many aspects of nature on Sweet Briar's campus: its land and water, and its labs and observatories.

All dates and itineraries are subject to change. For further information, contact our travel coordinators in the Alumnae Office. Noreen Parker, tel: (434)381-6317; fax: (434)381-6132; e-mail: nparker@sbc.edu or Melissa Coffey, tel: (434)381-6243; fax: (434)381-6132; e-mail: mc Coffey@sbc.edu

prices—greeted us. We quickly learned to bargain despite language barriers. Since Ecuador converted to the dollar system two years ago, we had no difficulty figuring out prices. The excitement and energy that propelled us through the market resembled the feeding frenzy of blue-footed boobies (marine birds) that we would see on the Galapagos!

During our bus rides to various points of interest, we passed some enormous plastic-covered greenhouses; our guide pointed them out as flower farms. Ecuadorans love flowers; they are everywhere. Ecuador is one of the biggest exporters of roses in the world. Most of

Marine Iguana waiting on driftwood to be photographed



the roses in our florist shops are from there. When we expressed interest in visiting a farm, the AAA people arranged a tour.

As it was Sunday, the owners of Rosadex Farm opened their greenhouses especially, exclusively for us, and the visit was a real treat. We saw acres of greenhouses filled with rows of different species. They export a million flowers a month, 200 varieties of roses. The flowers must be pollinated to develop the sweet rose smell.

They explained ways of watering different species, and how countries differ in what they prefer in roses. The U.S., for example, likes big blossoms, stems not very long. They showed us the multiple careful steps they take to package roses for export. After this special tour, our gracious hosts opened their summer house for refreshments, presenting each of us with a long-stemmed rose, and the Sweet Briar group hustled back to our Quito hotel to a cocktail party hosted by Betsy and Larry.

After almost three full days touring the Quito area, we were off to the Galapagos. I could not wait! We flew by jet to San Cristobal Island, and after a welcoming talk, transferred to the *MV Santa Cruz*.

Talks were given by an expert from the Metropolitan Museum of Art on pre-Colombian art and Machu Picchu, and an ecologist on island flora. The 60 of us on the trip were split into four smaller groups led by naturalists each day. Both on hikes and in daily meetings, we learned about the history and ecology of the islands.

The islands are believed to have been born of volcanic eruptions. The animals on the islands have never had to be concerned with mammalian predators, with the exception of humans, and in modern times even we have learned to value them. This accounts for the sea lions' and marine birds' total lack of fear in the presence of tourists. Coexistence is the rule, as iguanas, birds, sea lions, et al. live and sleep side-by-side. (We humans could learn something here!) Their blasé attitude toward two-legged visitors explains in part how Darwin was able to amass the evidence he needed to reach his monumental conclusions.

Since the Galapagos portion of the trip was a family adventure, we had an AAA



SBC travelers, l-r. Front: Anne Wilson Rowe '57; Anna "Chips" Chao Pai '57. Back: Margie Scott Johnson '57; Georgia Schley Ritchie '80; Ann Smith Bretcher '60; Margie Johnson Springer '83; Betsy Muhlenfeld.

staff member whose specialty was developing arts and crafts and other activities for the children, ranging in age from eight to 17. The children also ate earlier and had their own menus, consisting mostly of American food such as chicken nuggets and hamburgers. Parents were clearly pleased to be able to enjoy their own meals separately!

At mealtimes, we could sit with different families, coming to know each other. By the end of the trip, some new but fast friendships had formed. This was certainly true among the children. The interest and love of nature we all share, that induced us to take such a trip, was common ground on which remarkably strong bonds were forged in a short time.

Early in the cruise a truly touching human interest story developed. One of our naturalists was a petite dynamo, no more than five feet-or-so-tall, named Kathy. I enjoyed watching her expressive face and listening to her talk, as she earnestly and proudly gave us facts of interest on the islands. But 13 years earlier, when she was still a teenager, Kathy had been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

She had gone to New York City for treatment, to a well-known hospital, where a team of oncologists brought her condition under control. She is still in remission, but obviously in better shape than those of us trying to keep up with her as she clambered over rocks and hiked steadily ahead of us.

One of the travelers was a striking-looking woman, a retired physician of Iranian heritage. Kathy was delighted when she recognized Fere Ghavimi as a member of

the team that had treated her so many years ago! Fere was equally delighted when Kathy identified herself. The story warmed all our hearts and made the trip even more memorable.

Very concerned with preservation of the Galapagos, the naturalists pointed out the consequences of not only the past history of destruction of various species, but the introduction of non-native plants and animals to indigenous life forms by human visitors, mostly sailors. So that there should be a minimum of such consequences from the constant tourism going on between the islands, we had to rinse our sandals and feet before boarding our ship to go to another venue, to prevent the inadvertent transfer of seeds, etc. from one island to another.

The routine was to board every morning what looked to me like motorized rubber life rafts called pangas, big enough to hold 15 people sitting on the rubber sides. We returned to the ship for lunch, disembarked again in the afternoon for more hikes and activities on an island, and returned for dinner after our excursions.

The first time we got into a panga (to go to Bartolome Island), there was some anxiety on the part of non-sailors in our group, even though we were all equipped with life jackets. The pangas were bobbing up and down, not in synch with the bobbing of the *MV Santa Cruz*. But we were taught the "Galapagos Hand Grip": you grasp one of the staff by the forearm with your hand, and in turn his or her hand is on your arm near the elbow.

In this manner we were passed from a staff member standing at the bottom of the



Sea Lion, sound asleep

boat's ladder to another in the panga. The surprisingly firm grip gave us a feeling of security, allowing us to board the panga or hop back to the ship with ease and assurance. Fortunately for me and two other photographers, all bags we carried were transferred by the staff from ship to panga and back.

While we hiked on land most days, we also took extended panga rides around some of the islands, seeing magnificent rock formations resulting from lava flow, deserts, and lush green growth. We saw frigate birds, red- and blue-footed boobies, penguins, cormorants, pelicans, many other sea birds, and the brilliantly-colored Sally Lightfoot crabs. In quiet coves, there were sea turtles lifting their heads to look at us before submerging again. Stingrays, graceful beyond belief, glided silently side by side, the tips of their "wings" occasionally rising above the surface of the water.

We saw lava cacti and mangroves in close proximity. One brilliant day, with a bright blue sky above, and the pristine blue-green waters around us, Larry Wollan declared that in his next life, he wanted to return as a panga driver!

An unforgettable experience on one panga ride was the sight of perhaps 600 blue-footed boobies in a feeding frenzy over a large school of fish. It was not a collection of randomly-diving birds, as one might think. They were as organized as a large squadron of planes, flying in a stream resembling a moving ribbon in the sky. They soared into the air, then plummeted into the water headfirst at high speed,

wings folded. Reappearing, they would float for a moment, then take wing again to repeat their dive. When I saw my photographs of this event, I realized that the splashing was actually in a straight line, not a random pattern. It made what we saw even more remarkable. I wonder if anyone knows how they manage to avoid collisions, which at the speed they dive would probably be catastrophic.

Some of our landings on the islands were dry; we could jump onto a dock or dry rocks. Others were wet landings, with only a beach. We jumped into the shallows of the ocean in order to reach land. Waterproof sandals were a necessity. Snorkelers had ample opportunity to explore undersea life, and occasionally sea lions would join the swimmers for a short time to play. For non-swimmers there were rides in glass-bottomed boats.

On land, we climbed and hiked over rough trails, kept rough intentionally to disrupt the habitats as little as possible. We were constantly reminded to stay on the trails, and to follow the ranger naturalists. We still had to be vigilant to avoid stepping on small lizards darting about, iguanas warming themselves in the sun, or blue-footed booby eggs or chicks temporarily abandoned by a parent seeking food. For the most part, we were ignored; one day an albatross decided to walk on our hiking path, and casually passed by me as if it were part of our group! Where else in the world would one find wildlife so comfortable in the presence of humans?

Sometimes we had to detour to avoid

large sea lions lying on our trail. While absolutely disinterested in visitors if given their space, they can be defensive and attack if feeling threatened, especially if they have young. On Santa Cruz Island, we walked into a huge lava tunnel, formed by fast cooling of the surface of a lava flow, while the lava below the surface rushed to the sea, leaving a circular tunnel perhaps 15 feet in diameter. Numerous smaller lava tunnels exist on all the islands.

On one hike, a large marine iguana had climbed onto a big piece of driftwood, making a wonderful composition. A crowd of photographers surrounded it; I was desperate to join them, but would have had to leave my group. The naturalist in charge would not allow me to do so, but assured me it would be there when we completed a loop in our hike that would bring us closer to it. She was right—a half hour later, there it was, draped over the driftwood, fat and happy. Everywhere there were birds (Darwin's finches among them), and interactions such as the territorial fight I saw between mockingbirds.

No wonder animals here were easily captured and slaughtered by sailors for food in past centuries. If there is an excuse for the enormous damage sailors—and the foreign animals that humans introduced onto the islands (feral cats, dogs, goats)—wrought on various species, especially the giant tortoises, it is that the species thriving on the islands are in incredible abundance. The sailors probably could not imagine they would cause the extinction of various species—or they didn't care. On some rocks favored for spending the night, for example, there can be literally thousands of inhabitants, iguanas, birds, and sea lions, bedding down for the night, providing a visual feast for the observer.

Our encounters with the giant tortoises who gave the name "Galapagos" to the islands were mainly on Santa Cruz Island, where some are found in the wild, but we saw more at the Charles Darwin Research Station. There, breeding programs attempt to restore populations of sea turtles and tortoises. Ponderous and phlegmatic, it is easy to see how the tortoises were helpless to defend themselves against past human predators, who kept them aboard ship, sometimes for months without water, as sources of meat.

I was struck by the skeletal look of their heads, and how motionless they could be for long periods of time. We visited the last of one species, nicknamed "Lonesome George." The whole time we were there, he lay motionless with his legs stretched out in front, his neck extended, in a pool that had been drained. He was accompanied by two females of a related species that the naturalists hoped would entice George to mate. However, they sat equally motionless, totally ignored by their famous companion. I wondered if George even realized his pool was dry.

The scenery on the islands was spectacular, the colors vivid in the absence of air and light pollution. There exists significant variety in the terrain of the different islands, a fortunate aspect leading to the divergent lines of the evolution of their inhabitants, a phenomenon that Darwin so brilliantly recognized and analyzed.

I believe that the dedication and commitment of Ecuador and its naturalists will succeed in preserving these unique habitats because of the relative isolation far out in the Pacific Ocean, and their importance to the economy of the country. Future generations will be able to visit and marvel as we did at this wondrous display of what nature without interference from humans can be.

We spent a last Galapagos morning walking the beautiful white sand beach at Cerro Brujo on San Cristobal Island, with a last opportunity for swimming and snorkeling. Our ship served lunch, then steamed to another side of San Cristobal to the town of Baquerizo Moreno where we disembarked and took the panga for the last time.

We found in amusement as sea lions all around us in the harbor were climbing onto moored rowboats and other small boats to sun themselves and sleep on the prows or actually in the boats. It was a final happy memory of our trip to an amazing part of this wonderful world. We bade farewell to the crew and naturalists of the *MV Santa Cruz* as they began preparing for another tourist group arriving that afternoon.

At the airport, we saw a group disembarking from a jet and guessed that they were bound for our ship. "What an experience awaits you," I thought!

Our whole group flew to the seaside

city of Guayaquil in southern Ecuador.

Some 20 of us going on the extension trip to Peru said reluctant goodbyes to friends returning to the U. S. We were served dinner, and in the early hours of the morning, flew from Guayaquil to Lima, Peru for two nights, visiting sites of interest on our one full day there.

The role of religion and the Catholic Church in South America was reflected in the many elegant cathedrals and monasteries we toured. Lima's Gold Museum with its Pre-Hispanic gold objects preserves what remains of a vast treasure of gold artifacts. Much of it was taken by the conquistadors and melted into ingots. Some of the gold was lost as overloaded ships sank on the way home to Spain.

Next morning, we left Lima on a short plane ride to Cuzco, a small city high in the Andes. Cuzco is over 11,000 feet. We were admonished to walk, to do everything in slooow motion, which we soon realized was very good advice. We stayed in my favorite hotel on the trip, Hotel Monasterios, a former 17th-century monastery.

We were greeted in an ornate small chapel and given coca tea to help with the altitude adjustment (oxygen was available to those who needed it). Our rooms were converted monks' cells. Meals were served either in the courtyard or an indoor restaurant. The food, by the way, on the ship and in Ecuador and Peru was very good. A seafood chowder at lunch on the ship was the best I've ever tasted.

We stayed two days and nights in Cuzco, visiting a number of archaeological sites including Sacsayhuaman Fortress (which the guide laughingly pronounced sexy woman) and Tambomachay. The ingenuity of the ancient Incas was evident in the structures that remain. Immense boulders and stones were shaped and placed to form walls without mortar. Like the Egyptian Pyramids, the walls stand to this day. No one knows how they managed to achieve the structures without machines.

The second day we drove into the countryside to the Sacred Valley of the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo, and another round of shopping at a market in Pisac. We marveled at the terracing high in the mountains where crops are grown, just as they are in Ecuador. But we also saw evidence

that there is widespread poverty in these "Third World" countries, especially in the countryside.

Families exist on what they can produce by hand on small farms, still using Incan farming techniques. They supplement their meager resources by dressing themselves and their children to pose for tourists. In brightly-colorful native dress, with lambs or puppies in their arms, they are indeed irresistible.

Early on our third day in Peru, we boarded a train that took us to the foot of the mountains of Machu Picchu. En route, we saw farmland, villages, and soaring snow-covered peaks of the Andes. Then we transferred to buses that negotiated numerous hairpin turns on the mountain-side to reach our hotel high on the mountain near the ruins.

One of the Rows' grandsons, Jesse, a

Albatross joins group on hiking trail



long-distance runner, decided to run from the base of the mountain to the hotel. Some direct paths are carved into the mountainside, shortening the trip to the top, but nonetheless it was impressive that Jesse made the run in about an hour. He received a well-deserved ovation! There is still an Incan Trail for campers to walk to the ruins, which takes about five days to hike. We saw many with large backpacks arrive at the ruins.

The ruins are over 8,000 feet in altitude; climbing them was not as difficult as walking in Cuzco. What can one say about the ruins that has not already been said? What one cannot realize until standing there and taking in the entire scene, of mountains that rise straight up from the earth below, and the acres of ruins, is the enormity of the Incas' achievement in developing an entire city from the sides of one of these mountains.

Remaining walls delimit the position of houses and temples that once rose as places of worship. A system of canals developed to channel water from melting snows provided irrigation as well as drinking water. This technique of transporting water to inhabitants is still used in many villages. Row upon row of terraces carved out of the sides of the mountain provided sites for agriculture. It boggles the mind that all this, and a culture that spawned such art, textiles, and jewelry, was accomplished without a written language!

To get different vistas, we climbed paths and small uneven steps carved into the side of the mountain. Even for someone like me, with a touch of vertigo, the magic of the place compelled me to negotiate the way up and down, using the boulders by the side of the path to steady myself. On the second day of our visit, I felt a sense of achievement for having reached the highest point we were to take with a guide, the Caretaker's House. The more adventurous hiked on their own to even higher venues.

We were urged to find time and a place to be by ourselves, to truly feel the spiritual nature of Machu Picchu. I tried to imagine how the first Incas who walked to the site felt when they decided this was where they wished to settle to worship their gods. It must have been overwhelming in its beauty, quiet but for the wind.

Recently a new theory has been developed by archaeologists that Machu Picchu was actually a summer estate for the Incan emperors. It may have been a site for recreation similar in purpose to Camp David for our presidents, although they definitely did build a temple and altars there for worship. For either purpose, one has to agree with their choice of this stunning place to build a community.

The first day of our stay, there was a mist in the air, but the sun suddenly broke through, creating a double rainbow over the peaks below. If the first Incas saw such a sight, they must have realized that this was a special place, and a worthy site. That they were awed by their surroundings is reflected in some large rocks at one altar, shaped to echo the shape of the mountain peaks beyond as one looks out from the temple.

The second day, after another visit to the ruins, we bussed to the town below, ran the gauntlet of stands selling every manner of T-shirts, bags, and jewelry, and took the train back to Cuzco. Early next morning, we flew to Lima for the day. Upon arrival, we were taken to Lima's Archaeological Museum to see a huge collection of ceramics, tapestries, and mummies.

Later we visited the Larco Herrera Museum with more Incan artifacts, and were served a sumptuous candlelight farewell dinner at the museum in what looked to be a former chapel. As a group we were somewhat subdued, from fatigue, and also the melancholy thought that the trip had truly come to an end.

At the airport I gave my new friends hugs and promises to stay in touch. There was definitely regret that the trip was over—we had been *so privileged* to have the opportunity to see and experience the Galapagos and Machu Picchu. But there was the excitement of returning home, too, after almost three weeks away, and being able to share these experiences with my family.

This was, after all, the trip of a lifetime!

At Large

Photos by Anne Sica



By Michael D. Richards
Hattie Mae Sanford Professor of History
Sweet Briar College

It had snowed in the hills around Hanoi just before we landed at Noi Bai Airport on 8 January, 2003. The first days in Hanoi were cold; I was glad I had packed a sweater. This was not the last surprise we encountered on our tour of Vietnam!

Almost immediately I found myself falling in love with Hanoi, even though it was the seat of a repressive and corrupt government. Hanoi is a beautiful, if somewhat run-down city filled with lakes and parks. Unfortunately, the French Colonial architectural influence seems to be fading rapidly. So far, there are not too many high-rise buildings. There is much construction of both buildings and roads, however, often highly labor-intensive.

What I found most fascinating about Hanoi, and the rest of Vietnam, was the apparently chaotic flow of traffic. Bicycles, cyclos (pedal-driven rickshaws), motorbikes, trucks, a few cars, pedestrians, all formed a living illustration of the chaos theory. Somehow, instinctively, beautiful patterns continuously emerged. People rode bicycles the wrong way down the street, they turned in front of one another without signaling, stepped boldly into a seemingly seamless flow of traffic, and, with rare exception, it worked. The view of all this from the passenger seat of a cyclo is not to be missed (although not recommended for the faint of heart).

Food was a major leitmotif of our time in Vietnam. Every lunch and every dinner seemed to be a seven- or eight-course meal. My most interesting dinner, however, was a simpler meal at the *Indochine Restaurant* in Hanoi with Michael Di Giovine, the young,

the Socialist Republic of Vietnam



Vietnamese). We made a special pilgrimage to the Hotel Continental, location for many scenes in Graham Green's *The Quiet American*. We wanted to see the recent film version of *The Quiet American* while we were in Saigon, but there was so much to see and do that we deferred that to our return to America.

As resident historian, I gave four lectures on Vietnam and Cambodia. Lectures were always on the bus. I sat up front, microphone in hand, and talked about this and that while we bounced down the highway, every other sentence (at least it seemed that way) punctuated by the driver honking the bus's horn. It is not possible to drive in Vietnam without a horn. Brakes may not be all that necessary, but a horn is essential.

One main reason I had for coming to Vietnam was an interest in the remnants of the Vietnam (or American) War. I found surprisingly few. There is, of course, the tank that crashed through the gates of the presidential palace in Saigon in 1975; the War Remnants Museum, also in Saigon; and there are the Cu Chi Tunnels (where one can experience the claustrophobia of the narrow, dark passages and could even fire an AK-47 if one wanted). But not much is made of the

war in Vietnam. It is a young country, the majority of the population under 25, with no personal memories of the war. War is for the tourists, especially those tourists who happen to be veterans.

Vietnam has, in a very real sense, moved on beyond the war. While there are strong regional differences, a valid generalization is that the country is full of entrepreneurs, eager to find a place in the 21st century global economy. My strongest image of Saigon is walking back from the Rex Hotel and having to weave in and out among the shop people who had spilled out onto the sidewalk in front of their shops, the countless sidewalk vendors, and the young men perched on their motorbikes. Everyone seemed to live and do business on the street.

My hope for Vietnam is that its people will proceed with enthusiasm tempered by realism toward capitalism and that the communist party and government bureaucracy will recognize the need to get out of the way. If possible, I want to return in the near future for an extended stay to see how the transition goes. In any event, I had an extraordinary opportunity to experience Vietnam and, at the least, to sense how much more there is to learn. For all that I remain very grateful

wonderfully competent, knowledgeable tour director; D'Andra Simmons '91; and Dr. Stephanie Potter, mother of Blake Potter '98. *Indochine* is renowned for traditional Vietnamese dishes served in a colonial atmosphere. The whole evening I kept expecting to see Catherine Deneuve come through the door.

The many meals I shared with people on the tour were chances to get better acquainted and to compare notes on our experiences. I could always count on the James Whites, parents of Caroline White '79, as breakfast companions. Lunches I often seemed to be eating with the Charlie Towers (Katy Warren '70) and their friends, the Armin Mohrs or Anne Cullom (mother of Stephanie Cullom '96) and her friend Suzanne Snyder, or Betty Stanly Cates '63 and her friend Anne Skae. Frequent dinner companions included Beverley Smith Bragg '54 and her friend Bob Lewis, and the Roman Hallas (Metta "Mitzi" Streit '55).

One special group formed itself more or less spontaneously: the hotel bar group. It included the two Jeans, Jean McKee and Jean Schepers, both friends of Carla de Creny Freed '51; Carla herself; Kennie Laney-Lupton, president of International Seminar Design, Inc. (ISDI), the company that put the tour together; Kennie's brother Ken Laney; and Michael Di Giovine and Nancy Potter. We were actually engaged in historical research of a high order. I, as the so-called "expert," organized the various expeditions in Saigon (officially Ho Chi Minh City or HCMC) to such important historical spots as the terrace bar of the Rex Hotel, where journalists compared notes after the "Five O'Clock Follies," the briefings by the American military in the Vietnam War (called the American War by the

Photos by Kennie Ann Laney-Lupton



Visiting Angkor Wat at dawn, l-r: D'Andra Simmons '91; Carla deCreny Freed '51; Armin Mohr; Jean Shapers; Kennie Ann Laney-Lupton; Ken Laney; Katy Warren Towers '70; Jean McKee; Beverley Smith Bragg '54; Nancy Dutton Potter; Robert V. Lewis; SBC professor and host Michael Richards; Betty Stanly Cates '63; Mitzi Streit Halla '55; Anne Skae; Roman Halla.

Retirees

Au Revoir but not Goodbye to Three Retirees, June 2003



L-r: Kenneth Grimm, Reuben Miller, Margaret Simpson

Kenneth D. Grimm, Professor of Government

By Mike Richards

Hattie Mae Samford Professor of History

Ham Radios and German Nationalism

Ken Grimm arrived at Sweet Briar in the fall of 1968 with his wife and a new baby. Ken and I had much in common. We were both from Texas and claimed to know a few words of Polish (how two Texans learned some Polish is too long a story to tell here). We each had a wife named Anne and young children. I recognized Ken as a fellow historian at heart, even if he later turned to computer simulations in some of his classes. For much of the '70s we lived next door to each other on Faculty Row and my son David and Ken's son Douglas got to be good

friends.

For some reason, I have strong memories of Ken rinsing off his car nearly every day. His car always looked clean. Mine, unless I had just washed it, nearly always looked dirty. I also remember going to a party given by Beth Muncy and Betty Sprague and finding out that the new Porsche convertible parked by the side of the road belonged to Ken. Later, so I understand, he went to a school for race car drivers in Georgia with Bill Hostetler. Whether he ever raced his Porsche remains classified information.

Ken's main hobby, however, was ham radio. To call it a hobby does not do it justice. It threatened to be an all-consuming interest. Why was I not surprised, when I found out his dissertation was on the International Telecommunications Union? Still, for someone who taught courses in international relations for 35

years, operating a ham radio was not a bad hobby to have.

German nationalism formed another strong interest for Ken. Ken went to Berlin at least once with Ron Horwege to do research on that topic. Of course, a fair amount of the research was conducted in one or another neighborhood Kneipe. German beer has always been closely associated with German nationalism. To get the authentic flavor of German nationalism, it was necessary to lift more than a few steins.

Over the years, Ken became increasingly professorial. He kept a full head of hair, added a Dr. Freud-style full beard, and let it all turn a distinguished gray. Add to that the fact that he invariably wore a coat and tie while other refugees from the '60s began dressing down, and one has someone who looks like a professor should look. With Ken retired, we will

no longer have our sartorial role model.

We will, to be sure, lose more than a clotheshorse. Ken was a popular instructor and a sensible and moderate colleague. For the moment, at least, he plans on spending a good deal of time at home in Lynchburg. So, if we lose a colleague, we can still hope to retain a friend.

Reuben G. Miller, Charles A. Dana Professor of Economics

By Jeff Key
Associate Professor of Government

The End of an Era

With his street gang tattoo and checkered record at parochial school, Reuben Miller was an unlikely candidate to become a professor at Sweet Briar. Yet, he graduated from LaSalle College and was awarded an American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship to study at the University of Stockholm. After returning to the U.S., Reub went out West and took his M.A. from the University of Montana before undertaking his doctoral studies at Ohio State University. He came to Sweet Briar from Smith College in 1970 as the Charles A. Dana Professor of Economics. To say that Reuben Miller was a fixture in the Economics Department for decades is an understatement. Reub WAS the Economics Department as other faculty members came and went over the years. Some of his colleagues certainly left their mark but he was a constant presence.

Reub Miller will be remembered best by Sweet Briar alums for the many student trips abroad he led over the years. There were few places in the world he didn't take students during J-term. Though some colleagues sniffed at these travel courses, Reub single-handedly did more to turn Sweet Briar students into global citizens than any other faculty member or program. Many of the students traveling with him had never been out of the country. I traveled to India with Reub's class in 1991. The first Gulf War broke out while we were in Agra and he moved the group to New Delhi and found a way to get us on an Air India flight out. Reub's retirement has left a void. A few travel courses are offered in India, but none can match the range of destinations and topics covered by Reub's adventures.

Reub's unflinching rationality and quick wit made him a formidable opponent in any debate about philosophical questions, issues of the day, or College policy. Once, while arguing about benefits for faculty and staff children, Reub stated that there should be no distinction made between dependent children and pets in determining benefits. Few could make a point with such precision and economy of words. Students in his courses learned real lessons in critical thinking. He was one of the reasons I chose to come to Sweet Briar. After my interview, I went back to Austin and told friends and family about meeting this larger-than-life guy who delighted in poking his finger in other people's eyes.

Though I continued to marvel at Reub's intellect and flair over the years, I came to appreciate his many other fine qualities. His graciousness and sophistication stand out. Reub has clearly come a long way from the street corners of Philadelphia, PA. A night spent savoring a real Swedish smorgasbord, sampling single malt scotches and smoking Cuban cigars with Reub showed me that an academic life did not have to be colorless. He remains the consummate host.

Reub Miller's retirement marks the end of an era at Sweet Briar. He is the last of the faculty Titans that were here when I arrived on campus in 1990. Like Reub, they were real intellectuals who weren't so fragile that they would avoid substantive debates about the fate of the world or the College. Reub will be missed in so many ways.

Margaret Simpson, Professor of Biology

By Joanne Rosinski
Professor of Biology

No Half Measures!

Whether serving the College on a committee or serving dinner to her friends, Margaret Simpson never does anything by half measures. All of her projects, whether professional or personal, are preceded by painstaking research and pursued with extraordinary energy and determination.

If you were on a committee with Margaret (or if you worked with her in the Biology Department), you knew you were going to have to work hard and to defend your ideas. She wouldn't let you get by

with a halfhearted approach or sloppy thinking. And, of course, it was a person that has made her a respected scientist and colleague.

In the department committee or at faculty meetings, we'll miss Margaret's forthrightness, dedication to faculty governance, and her good sense. Margaret would never hesitate to speak her mind and this is certainly a trait she admires in others. It's not surprising that she has earned the respect of her colleagues.

One of her interests is cooking, and dining at Margaret's is a great treat. She experiments in the kitchen as meticulously and creatively as she does in the biology lab. She never fails to provide delightful feasts containing ingredients from her own vegetable garden. No less stimulating than the meal is the conversation that goes with it. Margaret's genuine interest in a wide variety of topics and her ability to ask probing questions always ensure a lively discussion.

Margaret's love of gardening is well known. Her vegetable garden is prolific, much to the delight of friends with whom she shares the results. Now that she's retiring, however, she's not content to merely continue working in the garden. In typical Margaret fashion, she launched a new project and built a greenhouse to complement the garden.

Margaret loves the challenges of solving problems, so it's no wonder that she's a computer enthusiast and adept at developing Web sites. If you visit her Web pages (<http://www.faculty.sbc.edu/simpson/>), you'll find a fascinating description of the saga of the building of her greenhouse, "The Taj Mahal Greenhouse." Even a brief look at this will give you a good idea of the thought and research that goes into any of Margaret's projects.

Another Web site you'll find there is "From the Witch's Cauldron: Joan Kent's Recipe Book." This tribute to the late Joan Kent is a delightful collection of Joan's recipes, and Margaret provides a warm and special remembrance of Joan.

Margaret has set high standards for all of us—her students, her colleagues, and the College. And now, I'm sure she's going to set high standards for having a successful retirement.

In Memoriam

Photo from 1959 Briar Patch



Wallace Dace

Dr. Wallace Dace 1920-2002

Word has come to us that Edwin Wallace Dace of Manhattan, KS died December 26, 2002 at the age of 82 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. Born in Rome, NY, he grew up in south Texas, then traveled to Chicago to pursue his interest in theatre and drama, earning a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan in 1943. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Lt. JG, he graduated from Yale Drama School with a Master of Fine Arts, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. Dr. Dace taught at Russell Sage before joining the Sweet Briar faculty from 1957-1963. Former students and P&P members will remember his enthusiasm for teaching and for anything/everything to do with the theatre. He left Sweet Briar to continue his teaching career at Kansas State University, where he became known for his expertise in theatre architecture. Wallace Dace delighted in directing plays and operas and in later years wrote many plays, several of which were performed, the last being *Night Thoughts on Lake Constance*, in London in 1986. He had a great interest in the theory of the arts and drama and published a book on the merits of providing a national arts program that would establish a theatre and opera in every large city. He also published a book of his plays titled

Photo from 1978 Briar Patch



Ruth Firm

Plays and Prefaces. He had a lifelong admiration of the German culture; in his '50s he learned German, traveling often to Germany. Survivors include two sons, Hal Dace of London and Ted Dace of Los Angeles, and two grandchildren, Chris and Zak Dace.

Ruth M. Firm Professor Emerita of Art History

With sorrow we report the death of retired Professor Ruth M. Firm, longtime much-revered member of the SBC faculty, May 15, 2003 in Durham, NC Regional Hospital. Professor Firm joined the faculty as assistant professor of art history in 1960 and was later promoted to full professor. Retiring in 1978, she came out of retirement briefly to teach during Spring Term 1980. During her tenure as professor, Dr. Firm attended many summer institutes which broadened her proficiency in oriental art. She attended seminars on Southeast Asia and Chinese art history in the United States and traveled to Taiwan and India. Her course in oriental art was a favorite among Sweet Briar students. Dr. Firm studied at George Washington University and received the B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University in art history and archaeology. She taught at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, and Mt. Holyoke College,

Photo from 1980 Briar Patch



Margaret Hartman

South Hadley, MA. During World War II she worked for the British government in the Office of the British Petroleum Representative in Washington, D.C. She later joined the American Red Cross and served as a hospital recreation worker in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and Guam in the South Pacific Theater. In the '60s and '70s she received several awards for the study of oriental art. As a Ford and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grantee, she attended summer seminars at the University of Michigan, the New York Institute of Fine Arts, and the University of Kansas. She studied in Taiwan on a Fulbright grant and in India as an NEH grantee. In 1993 she moved to Durham, NC where she made her home at The Forest at Duke. A memorial service was held at The Forest.

Margaret B. Hartman Professor of Philosophy

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Margaret Hartman, professor of philosophy and chair of the Department of Philosophy at Sweet Briar. Margaret died on May 22, 2003 at her home in Amherst, Virginia. A graduate of Vassar College who earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, Margaret came to Sweet Briar in 1981 as an assis-

Photo from 1977 Briar Patch



Martha von Briesen

tant professor of philosophy, and served the College with distinction. Margaret will be sorely missed as a quiet voice of reason and a respected leader, serving as chair of the Faculty Board and a member of the Faculty Senate, among numerous other roles. Her unexpected death is a tremendous loss to Sweet Briar College, to her students, and to her many, many colleagues and friends in the College community. A memorial service was held August 25 in the Josey Dining Room of the Student Commons complex.

Eliana C. Hermann Former Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish

Eliana C. Hermann, 73, passed away unexpectedly May 17, 2003 at her home in Shepherdstown, WV. Professor Hermann taught Spanish at Sweet Briar from 1989 to 1998 as a visiting assistant professor.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she received her doctorate in biochemistry at the University of Buenos Aires in 1958. She was a member of the UVA faculty in the Department of Biochemistry from 1963 until 1968, returning to Charlottesville in 1986 after receiving a master's degree in Latin American literature from Occidental College in CA and beginning a career as a Spanish teacher. During her career, she

also taught as an associate professor at the College of William and Mary, and held posts at Lynchburg College and VMI. She moved in 1999 to Shepherdstown, where she taught at Shepherdstown College, Shenandoah University, and Lord Fairfax Community College.

Professor Hermann coauthored two books on Latin American literature and art and wrote articles and editorials for the Spanish literature publication *CHASQUI*.

Martha von Briesen '31

Sadly, Sweet Briar lost a longtime family member Wednesday, July 2, 2003. Martha von Briesen, a resident of Lynchburg's Westminster Canterbury, was 92.

As a student, Martha edited the *Sweet Briar News*; after earning a master's degree in French from Radcliffe (1933), she continued her earlier interest in writing, editing, and photography—talents which brought her back to Sweet Briar in 1942 as President Meta Glass' direc-

tor of public relations, a post she held for 31 years until her retirement in 1973.

Martha served Sweet Briar in many capacities, both professional and volunteer. She was president of the Alumnae Association in 1942-44 and an article in the Fall 1977 *Alumnae Magazine* notes that she played a key role in 1945 in establishing the Mary K. Benedict Scholarship to honor Sweet Briar's first president: "She was the guiding light and coordinator of this scholarship." Always, she gave special attention to encouraging support of scholarships and of the library's collections, two of her enduring interests.

Sweet Briar was her first concern through the years. She spent untold hours delving into the College's history and traditions. After 11 years of research, in 1965 she published *The Letters of Elijah Fletcher*, which she edited and annotated. In 1972, she completed *Sweet Briar College, Seven Decades, 1901-1971*.

In 1975 The Martha

von Briesen Prize in Photography, to be awarded at Commencement, was established by the Alumnae Association in honor of her many years of devoted service to the College.

In 1977 she was presented with the Outstanding Alumna Award and in 1978 became a charter member of The Williams Associates.

April 21, 2001, at the Centennial Awards Ceremony during Sweet Briar's Centennial Celebration Weekend, she was one of the honored recipients of the award. "Created by action of the Centennial Commission, the Centennial Award recognizes faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends who through their dedication and commitment have 'had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar Community.'"

Adelaide Hapala Remembers Martha: A Friend to Hundreds

"Martha was a friend to hundreds of Sweet Briar students,

faculty, staff, and alumnae. She endeared herself to the children who lived on the Sweet Briar campus. She grew up in a close-knit family who traveled together through most of Europe. Her siblings and her nieces and nephews have always been dear to her and have been the joy of her life.

"Martha had a wonderful sense of humor and she could entertain friends for hours as she told stories about her family and about childhood escapades. Once every four years the Faculty Show gave students the opportunity to see their faculty and administration as totally human and often silly. The beginning of each show was an academic procession; faculty entered in academic robes but with ridiculous headgear. Martha always 'brought down the house' as she ran in whistling through her teeth more loudly than anyone had ever heard!"

Recent Deaths

ACAD	Louise Garland Mrs. Samuel M. Wilson Date unknown	1933	Marjorie Ris Mrs. John W. Hyland October 16, 2001	1935	Helen Wolcott Miss Helen B. Wolcott January 29, 2003
1923	Marie Klooz Miss Marie S. Klooz December 29, 2002	1933	Elizabeth Selden Mrs. Edward Stainbrook July 9, 2002	1936	Eleanor Francisco Mrs. Norman O. Hood March 12, 2003
1929	Jane Wilkinson Mrs. Leslie F. Banyard June 18, 2002	1933	Katheryn Waters Mrs. Harold Welty March 31, 2003	1936	Marjorie Wing Mrs. James W. Todd March 2, 2003
1930	Gloria Jones Mrs. Joseph Wright February 24, 2003	1934	Priscilla Mullen Mrs. Howerton Gowen December 27, 2002	1937	Mary Agnew Mrs. John B. Merrill April 3, 2003
1930	Dorothy Sherman Mrs. Dorothy Sherman December 3, 1995	1934	Bonnie Wood Mrs. Donald B. Stookey October 5, 2002	1937	Beda Carlson Mrs. N. S. Calhoun, Jr. April 3, 2003
1931	Helen Sim Mrs. Harold A. Mellen March 22, 2003	1935	Bright Bickerstaff Mrs. C. Robert West January 19, 2003	1937	Julia Dearmont Mrs. Hickman Y. Fisher Date unknown
1932	Virginia Squibb Mrs. James W. Flynn December 24, 2002	1935	Alice McCloskey Mrs. Alice M. Schlendorf Date unknown	1937	Margaret Merritt Mrs. George P. Haskell May 30, 2003

1937	Mary Turnbull Mrs. William D. Barfield Date unknown	1942	Jeannette Mandle Mrs. Arthur C. Dunlap February 17, 2003	1950	Julia Richardson Mrs. Howell Shannon September 3, 2002
1938	Barbara Cross Mrs. Evan C. Reese April 25, 2003	1942	Nathalie Ryan Miss Nathalie M. Ryan June 29, 2002	1951	Patricia Barton Miss Patricia Anne Barton April 28, 2003
1938	Sigur Moore Mrs. Quincy M. Whitaker March 16, 2003	1943	Sara Bryan Mrs. S. B. Allen January 17, 2002	1951	Ashby Jenkins Mrs. Edward R. Willcox, Jr. December 15, 2002
1938	Marguerite Myers Mrs. Marguerite M. Glenn June 5, 2003	1943	Katherine Doar Mrs. Thomas G. Jones III December 8, 2002	1952	Mary Boyd Mrs. Peter Ronald January 10, 2003
1938	Kate Sulzberger Mrs. Edward H. Levi March 13, 2003	1943	Deborah Douglas Mrs. Ronald F. Adams February 10, 2003	1953	Rosalind Summer Miss Rosalind Summer May 12, 1998
1939	Jean Moore Mrs. George N. von Sternberg April 30, 2003	1943	Jane Findlay Mrs. Charles L. Tate, Jr. December 26, 2002	1953	Anne Trilck Mrs. James B. McClements III February 26, 2003
1939	Virginia Sisson Mrs. Charles S. White December 21, 2000	1943	Jean Latham Mrs. Robert P. Jones January 2002	1954	Barbara Day Ms. Barbara Day December 28, 2002
1940	Anne Burr Mrs. Thomas McDermott February 1, 2003	1945	Virginia Decker Mrs. James N. Dudley November 12, 2002	1955	Jane Dildy Mrs. McKim Williams April 8, 2003
1940	Anne Cooke Mrs. William L. Gilliam, Jr. May 19, 2003	1945	Rosemary Harwell Mrs. Harwell Van Vleet Date unknown	1955	Joan Gualtieri Mrs. Anthony F. Romano September 6, 2002
1940	Betty Frantz Mrs. Thomas W. Roberts December 28, 2002	1945	Caroline Parrish Mrs. Robert Seager II November 10, 2002	1956	Katherine Kindred Mrs. Ronald M. Decker November 3, 2002
1940	Barbara Smith Mrs. Barbara S. Whitlock September 16, 2002	1946	Louisa Lloyd Miss Louisa B. Lloyd March 19, 2003	1965	Marion Davidson Ms. Marion S. Davidson April 18, 2003
1941	Margaret Anderton Mrs. O. Lawrence Dortch October 29, 2002	1947	Anne Beard Mrs. Harry T. Eubank, Jr. December 24, 2002	1969	Alice Powers Mrs. Howard V. Hudson, Jr. January 10, 2003
1941	Helen Platten Ms. Helen Platten December 27, 2001	1947	Katherine Munter Mrs. Phaon Derr, Jr. December 15, 2002	1971	Patricia Schwalm Dr. Patricia A. Schwalm November 29, 2002
1941	Jean Ruggles Mrs. C. Hunter Hall March 12, 2003	1948	Tempe Kyser Mrs. Ben C. Adams, Jr. October 19, 2001	1975	Ellen Winn Ms. Ellen Winn Johnson December 31, 2002
1942	Janana Darby Mrs. Shaw Cranfield July 12, 1996				

Letters and E-mails

Wonderful

Wonderful is the word I'd apply to your latest effort—the Winter 2003 edition of the SBC Alumnae Magazine ["Celebrating Her World"]. I liked reading "How Long is Your Shadow" and meeting Judith Evans-Grubbs and her way of approaching the teaching experience. I also liked the idea of adding the address and e-mail for every class secretary and not just those who were writing for this issue. Thanks too for the nice memorial to Miss Muncy and the article about Skipper Fitts, who was so happy last year at Reunion to greet someone who had actually won the annual book shop award for best student book collection—me that is. Skipper is a delight—he so loves books and his Apple computer.

—Andrea Denson-Wechsler '62

A Particularly Extraordinary Woman...A True Sweet Briar Lady Of Note

I was looking through the University of Chicago news page, and came across something of interest to you folks, if you don't know already. Kate Sulzberger Levy, a Sweet Briar graduate [1938], died on March 13 at the age of 85. She was quite a force in Chicago and the nation, as the widow of the former U.S. Attorney General and an important figure in her own right. The obituary (which mentions Sweet Briar) on the University of Chicago site is very touching, and can be found at <http://www-news.uchicago.edu/releases/03/030315.katelevi.shtml>.

I never met Mrs. Levi, but I had many dealings with her through my work/study job in the University of Chicago Office of Special Events, a division of Development. She was one of the most active individuals on campus. I'm sure that Sweet Briar developed her passion for helping others and the integrity of her character. Even though we never met, Mrs. Levi was a source of strength for me on campus. I was at work one day developing a holiday card list when I discovered that she was a fellow Sweet Briar graduate. It gave me great joy to learn that one of the most prominent women in Chicago began her life's mission at Sweet Briar. She gave me great hope, and I am

very saddened by her death. Mrs. Levi was a particularly extraordinary woman, and a true Sweet Briar lady of note. I know that her fellow graduates as well as other Sweet Briar alumnae would want to know about her passing. Thanks very much for remembering Mrs. Levi.

—Ariana Wolynec-Werner '01

Thanks for a great evening

I thank...all the staff and volunteers who made last evening's program at the Mayflower Hotel so enjoyable [D.C./Northern VA Campaign Event, June 2]. I find myself wishing I could become a student again at Sweet Briar with all the choices and opportunities available today for young women at the college. What an exciting time and place!

—Barbara Hastings Carne '69

A wonderful Sweet Briar evening

I wanted to say thanks for a wonderful Sweet Briar evening in Washington this past Monday. It was good to see friends from other classes, some I hadn't seen in 20 years...I was glad to hear about some of the plans to make Sweet Briar a viable and vibrant women's college for years to come. Thank you.

—Nancy Daugherty Davidson '82

Notes Outdated

I just received the newest Alumnae Magazine, and I was very pleased with the content—there was so much detail about the academic and other pursuits taking place right now, it made me proud of my alma mater (and more than a little bit nostalgic).

My only regret is that much of the class notes information was outdated. For instance, it said that I was currently taking summer school (which I did last summer). Moreover, it did not say that I have gotten married, which I did in December and reported to the alumnae office and my class secretary in January.

I do not know if this was an oversight or a natural result of the timing of the magazine, but I hope that in the future the information is more accurate—both so my classmates will know what I've been up to and so I will know what they've been up to!

Thank you for the great work capturing the best of what's going on at Sweet Briar and bringing it to those of us who haven't been there in a while!

—Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky '99

(Ed's reply: We are delighted that you enjoyed the winter magazine with its update on what is going on at Sweet Briar. Regarding the class notes: I am sorry your news was out of date. Class Notes are not a fast way to spread news because they are part of a large magazine. The deadlines for a printed magazine cause a long lag between the writing of the notes and their publication date. In the case of the winter magazine, the delay was greater than usual because of a change in schedule made to accommodate College events. We are in the process of extending the deadlines for class notes; that should help but there still will be a lag.)

The omission of news of your marriage was indeed a result of the timing of the magazine; by January, the notes section had been completed. You mention that you had already notified your class secretary. I expect she is saving that information for the next notes, but you might want to remind her.

—Noreen Parker, Class Notes Editor

Double Post Cards For Class Notes

You are going to have to start all over with me...I somehow recall that SBC is not sending out message cards. What are we to do? I do not have e-mail addresses for the majority of my class. This is a big blow to me time wise. I know I sound picky...but this is crazy. Give me my marching orders, please.

—Carol McMurtry Fowler '57

(Ed's note: For secretaries who wish to contact classmates, the Alumnae Office will gladly supply, upon request, class address labels and/or lists. For expenses incurred, secretaries may submit requests for gifts-in-kind, accompanied by receipts, to the Development Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.)

Enjoy Receiving Travel Brochures

I am writing to tell you how much I have enjoyed receiving the travel brochures to Spain and Italy. While those dates do not work for us, I am so glad you are organizing such wonderful trips!! I participated in Freshman year J term with Signora Ascari to Italy (1989) and it was fabulous. I would love to go back and receive the same type of lectures and history lessons one day.

Are your trips open to parents of alumnae, as well? [Yes!]

—Lisa Newman Francisco '92

Stopping the cards may cost more than you save

I have not had one note from anyone other than those I hear from for other reasons. I will gladly pay for having a card sent out. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THOSE STILL ALIVE AND KICKING MAY 79-1/2. I AM AFRAID IF YOU POLLED THE CLASS OF '45, THEY WOULD NOT KNOW CARDS WEREN'T GOING OUT FOR NEWS. I REALLY THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT AND STOPPING THE CARDS MAY COST MORE THAN YOU SAVE IN THE LONG RUN.

—Julia Mills Jacobsen '45

Annual Fund Article "Flippan't"

"I felt that the article on the Annual Fund sounded flippan't."

[Winter 2003 magazine, "The Imperfect World of Annual Giving," pp. 20-22]

—Comment from Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

Dr. Lisbeth Muncy

Dr. Muncy was such an amazing teacher. I had always known that I wanted to be a filmmaker, and was all set to major in studio art at SBC until I took Dr. Muncy's survey course during my sophomore year and found that I had a real passion for history. Dr. Muncy tuned in to my interest right away. When I told her I was seriously thinking of switching my major to history, she said "That's a wonderful idea. Just think what it will do for your imagination!" I switched majors that day. I have never regretted it and I will never forget her.

—Catherine McElhinney Montgomery '77

I Look Forward

I look forward each quarter to the magazine. It is so well done and interesting. Makes all the alums proud of our alma mater.

—Caroline McClintock '43

Great Magazine!

What a great magazine! So many familiar faces! Many many thanks for keeping us on the rolls!

—Mitchell Moore

[Former Vice President, Development and College Relations]

Splendid

The last two mags have been *splendid!*

—Nancy Gillies '64

Slave Graveyard

Congratulations on another great magazine...As always I read every article and am looking forward to being there for the commemoration of the [slave] graveyard. Never heard of it.

—Ann Morrison Reams '42

Latest Issue Goes To The Top Of The Class

The Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine has always been an outstanding college publication and this latest issue "Celebrating Her World" goes to the top of the class.

Not only did the issue cover important and interesting highlights of the campaign, as well as very interesting news of the college but recognized what I have always considered one, if not the greatest asset of Sweet Briar, its alumnae, especially those

who have earned the Outstanding Alumna Award.

I consider myself most fortunate in that I had the honor to serve with over a score of the recipients and was most pleased to learn that Elizabeth Bond Wood and Ann Morrison Reams are the 2002 honorees.

Having served on a variety of boards, none gave me greater pleasure than being privileged to serve on Sweet Briar's and I am profoundly grateful to those who made it so.

With warmest regards and very best wishes to all for a bright and successful future.

—Vic Henningsen, Jr.
[Former Chairman, SBC Board of Directors]

Bulletin Board

New Directory: Almost On The Way!

The new SBC Alumnae Directory is nearing completion.

It includes current data on more than 10,000 SBC alumnae (information obtained from questionnaires, telephone verification, and/or from alumnae records).

The directory is scheduled to release in December 2003. Alumnae who reserved a copy during the telephone verification should receive it two - three weeks after the release.

If you have a question on your order, or wish to place an order, please contact the publisher directly:

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SBC LICENSE PLATES NOW AVAILABLE!!

Owners of vehicles registered in Virginia may now view and order personalized SBC license plates directly through the DMV Web site: <http://www.dmv.state.va.us>
Owners of vehicles not registered in Virginia may also purchase souvenir SBC plates! Just go to the DMV Web site and type "Souvenir plate" in the search box.

Correction

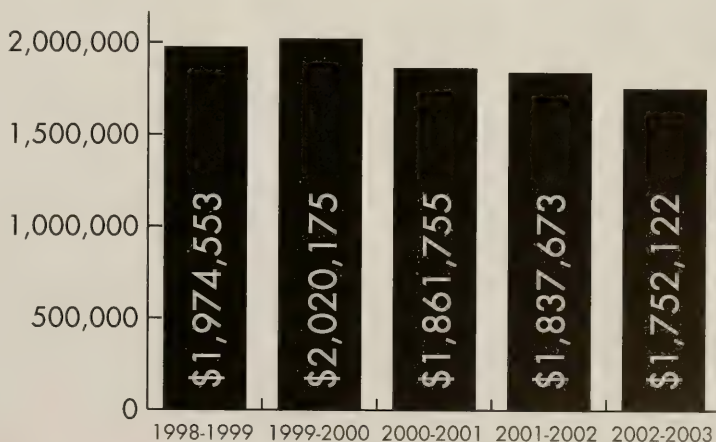
Photo caption, P. 25, Winter 2003 issue identifies speaker as Professor Metzidakis. It should read: "Assistant Professor (psychology) and Associate Director, Honors Program Tim Loboschefski highlights The Honors Program." We apologize for the error!



Update: Annual Fund Totals

Sharp-eyed readers no doubt noticed the glitch in the chart showing Annual Fund Totals Figures as of February 12, 2003 (Winter 2003 magazine, p. 22). New chart below updates information.

Annual Fund Totals, Figures as of June 30, 2003



Class Notes

1929

Mrs. John R. Jamison (Sara Callison)
620 Ridgewood Drive
West Lafayette IN 47906-2367

1930

Miss Elizabeth Gorsline
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 831
Richmond VA 23227-3322

1932

Two items of sad news were received in the Alumnae Office:

The following was sent by Kay Flynn Coughlin, daughter-in-law of the late Virginia Squibb Flynn:

It is with great sadness that the family of **Virginia Squibb Flynn** notifies Sweet Briar College of her death, after battling a five-month illness, on December 24, 2002, at her home at Evergreen Woods in North Branford, CT. She was in the class of 1932 and was active for many years in the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association, serving as Regional Chairman and was a recent Class Secretary. "Ginny" Squibb Flynn was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, October 11, 1909, daughter of George L. P. and Mina Louise Squibb. She married James W. Flynn in 1933. They had just celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this summer, July 2002, at their "daughter" Kay's home in Cotuit, MA on Cape Cod. She was a member of Noroton Presbyterian Church where she was an elder, active in Womens' Association, teacher in the Sunday School, and active in chapel services and at nursing homes. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. The Darien Community Association and the Country Club of Darien included her in their membership rolls.

She is survived by her husband James W. Flynn of Evergreen Woods, N. Branford, CT, her son, Michael D. Flynn of Burlington, VT, her predeceased son, J. William Flynn's widow, Kay Flynn Coughlin of Boston, MA. She had five grandchildren—Virginia Flynn Brzezinski of Alexandria, VA, Sean Michael Flynn of London, Kevin Flynn of Bethesda, MD and Ryan Flynn of Troy, MI, and James W. Flynn III of Hamilton, MT. Memorial services were held at Evergreen Woods in North Branford, CT and also at The Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, CT. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Fairfield County Scholarship Program of Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA, The

Health Center at Evergreen Woods, North Branford, CT, and Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT.

The following note is from Judy Cohen, Amalie Kohn's daughter:

Amalie Frank Kohn died on October 12, 2001. She lived a long and happy life in Atlanta, filled with love for her two far-flung daughters and our families. Annual mother/daughters trips to various cities brought us together for long weekends full of good spirits. As one of those daughters and a Virginia resident for thirty years, I can testify to the special place Sweet Briar still held in Mother's heart. I had the delight of accompanying her to her 60th reunion, when she renewed old friendships and reminisced beside the train station and the caboose about her rail journeys between the college and her home in Washington, DC. As a regular traveler between Harrisonburg and Lynchburg, I still make frequent pilgrimages to that part of campus and smile in memory of Mother and her Sweet Briar tales.

1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohlman (Martha Lou Lemmon)

1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd.
D-212 Pennswood Village
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

Computers are peachy-keen until they suddenly erase your whole effort at telling the world what a great class you have. So here I go again, begging your pardon if I've lost a card.

Connie Burwell White's message came first, not, she says, "full of jazzy reading after that hot, hot, summer." But she greets the class, which seems "especially active and long lived." **Liz Mayfield Roughton** shares that pleasant opinion. She wished that a trip to Cincinnati hadn't prevented attendance at recognition of **Jackie Bond Wood** for her memorable reign as secretary of the A. A. **Betty Suttle Briscoe** is likewise pleased with Jackie—and is delighted with a recent trip with Chris to PA and MA to visit posterity.

Helen Hanson Bamford says she could do with some assisted living but that her sister—still called Rainbow?—lives just behind her and is a great help. **Dot Turno Gardner** has moved for assisted living to a place cheerfully called Sunrise. And **Anne Corbitt Little** has moved herself and her orchids from Florida up to Canterbury Court in Atlanta. She looks down on Peachtree Road and sees family often.

Dorothy Prince Oldfield claims

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your class secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '03	May 15, 2003
Winter '04	August 15, 2003
Spring/Summer '04	December 15, 2003

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

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she has no news but is hanging in there. **Virginia Batley Etheridge** enjoys her 25 descendants and is "going strong". **Ruth Meyers Pleasants** is just, delightedly, taking on the role of great grandmother. She was there to see **Lib Scheuer Maxwell** become ninety—in high heels, no less. Congratulations, Lib!

We can share **Mary Lee Ryan Strother's** sadness at the loss of S.B. roommate, **Nancy Russell Carter**, and her regular correspondent through all these years. Nan was her usual active self until felled by a stroke in July.

Marjorie Van Evera Lovelace, with us two years, was ecstatic to see S.B. recently—"how beautiful, how gorgeous, how breathtaking this garden of the gods is, over seventy years later." On my jaunt back last April I'd have to say, "She's dead right." And, although all the familiar faces are gone now, the spirit of warmth and welcome and awareness made me feel that I still belonged.

For my own news: for nine weeks this summer I daily checked my map for progress of daughter Julie, who bicycled to see me from Seattle. Four thousand one hundred and fifty-four miles.

1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr.
(Juliet Halliburton)
4100 Well Spring Drive No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1936

Mrs. Franklin P. Parker
(Katharine Niles)
Send news to daughter, Mrs. Anne P. Schmalz
22 Ashland Street
Dorchester, MA 02122

1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr.
(Frances Bailey)
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

1939

Mrs. Richard A. Michaux
(Julia Gray Saunders)
1600 Westbrook Ave., No. 425
Richmond, VA 23227

1940

Secretary pro tem:
Mrs. James A. Glascock
(Adelaide Boze)
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 27
Richmond, VA 23227-3324
Notes by **Ruth Mealand Schwartz**

who is taking a break while moving to be nearer family.

According to my calculations, there are still 76 active classmates in our Class, out of an original total of 173. I hope you agree with me that such is remarkable!

I did not hear from all 76; however, I wish you all would send in a word or two about what you are doing. Please try next time.

There are three from whom we can no longer hear: **Coralie Kahn Ferro**, **Margaret Caperton Ranken**, and most recently **Barbara Smith (Carter) Whitlock** whose services were on September 21, 2002 in Hightstown, NJ. Barbara is missed by her roommate, **Helen Cornwell Jones**. Though not as roommates, the two ended up living in the same retirement village, called Meadow Lakes in Hightstown, NJ. Helen writes that Barbara spent her last days in a wheelchair, but Helen will always remember her as one of her beautiful bridesmaids in her wedding party. The funeral services were held at Bay Head Chapel with the reception at the Bay Head Yacht Club, which was jammed. Helen also wants us to know that grandson, Homer D. Jones, IV loves W&L as much as did his grandfather (Helen's husband) as well as did his son, HDJ III. The Jones' granddaughter, Jacqui, loved her "Summer Scholar" program at W&L, too. Helen herself is helping Homer, Jr. and a Dead Sea Scroll's archeologist, James Charlesworth, establish "A Center for Jewish and Christian Origins." They both send their love to all of you. My most dedicated correspondent, **Adelaide (Polly) Boze Glascock** with Jim are in a retirement complex as well, but in Richmond, VA. Last year's 9/11 postponed a trip to Paris; so this year they decided instead to take a trip down the Rhine, much to Jim's joy, in October 2002. The month before, in September and over the 21st, Polly, by herself attended SBC's Alumnae Council weekend, especially to witness **Anne Morrison Reams'** receiving the Outstanding Alumnae Award. Polly also sent on a clipping of **Mary Lee Settle's** receiving the Library of Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2002, for all of Mary Lee's works, including her novel, *Blood Tie*, which won the National Book Award. Polly also enclosed in her latest letter a newspaper clipping of **Emory Gill Williams** and Dr. Carrington's grandson's engagement: the clipping's photo of the bride-to-be was lovely. The card from our former Class President, **Blair Bunting** Both, says that she and Rick are well, and enjoy having their son, Steve, nearby, which is in Kennett Square. Son Rick and his family are still in Colorado Springs, CO with 2 teenage children, while daughter, Blair, is in Wilson, NC,

not knowing where her next parish will be. A great 60th anniversary trip to The Homestead recalled honeymoon memories for Blair and Rich. They also took a trip to Vermont and thus were able to have a great visit with **Eleanor (Ellie) Snow Lea** in her new home in Rutland.

Agnes Spencer Burke says that her news is both good and bad, and so she no longer complains! The good part is that her son, Jack, has a pied-a-terre in Alexandria, VA, not far from Agnes, who is in NW Washington, D.C. Jack's wife, Judith, is near her work in D.C. and she travels all over the world for S.P.'s as their administrator in foreign business. Agnes' daughter is also nearby, at American University, after some past years at Mount Holyoke and Harvard. Daughter, Elizabeth however is in Grosse Point Farms, MI, where their eldest daughter was married last June 2002 in 'great style'. Then this granddaughter moved to CA! A younger daughter, Sarah Dale, was in the D.C. area for a Summer '02 job, but then returned to college for her Sr. year somewhere further away. Agnes loves having these young ones around and near her. She herself "has" her small apartment at Westminster Canterbury in Charlottesville, but will have a new larger apartment in October 2003. She wonders about leaving her house in NW D.C. since she had a knee operation in December 2001, which she says was a disaster! Her house is now full of canes. Though **Virginia Leggett Cameron** declares that her news is from the "humdrum dept.," she has found neighbors who will drive her to a Monday night quilting bee and then have a delightful luncheon with them and other friends. She is enjoying her days of retirement in Palm Beach Garden, FL, where the weather is delightful. She is still a follow-up nurse for Planned Parenthood, but no longer serves holiday dinners at the local hospital. Her black poodle, Chad the Curmedgeon, keeps her company at night.

Marjorie Lee Stock Clemens is so thoughtful in always remembering me with a birthday card. This past September's card told of an annual visit in '01 to northern MI, accompanied by her California and other family members. At home in St. Joseph, MI, she still enjoys volunteering at the library. Another welcome card, this time Christmas '01, was from **Hortense Powell Cooper** in Shelbyville, TN. She knows she is older but she does not feel older, just a little bit slower in pace though. She is still in her home, but travels to and from Nashville often, where her sons live. Two are married, with children, while the 3rd son is not. All are wonderful to her. Her sister, Anne, sold her home and has now moved into a lovely condo in a "plush retirement

complex" in Nashville, making another reason for Hortense to drive there. She herself is not ready to move. A former Sweet Briar Chaplain is a friend of one of her sons', and married them. Now in January 2002 he christened son, John and Laura's 2nd son. The services were in an old Lutheran Church that held lots of family sentiment, with family graves outside. Hortense saw **Mildred Moon Montague** at a Colonial Dames' meeting in Oct. '01 in Chattanooga, TN. Seeing her brought back many happy memories of her days at SBC.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Sexton Daley knows her age is also advancing, as it did last year. She left home in Belmont, CA tripping over to FL, where on one occasion, she took in the College series and lectures and saw our SBC President, and others. Such a treat! Later, a week back in Belmont (near San Fran.) had her packing for China in 17 days: it was a great trip with 4 days on the Yangzi, through the gorges, saw the dam and many other high points. It was also a hard trip, but she kept up with the others. Then back home and off again, this time at the end of June '02 to Russia, with the 10th Ave. Jazz group, on a river boat in St. Petersburg to Moscow. Her daughter Barbara and her husband Phil, were with her, spending 3 days in Finland, taking a 10 hour ride on a Russian sleeper (ugh!) from Moscow to Helsinki. Such a contrast between Finland and Russia! No porter in either country. Again it was a hard trip, but enjoyable!

October 2001 was a nightmare for **Clara Call Frazier** and her family, who live in Richmond, VA. Her daughter and granddaughter were in a terrible accident in CA: her daughter was critically injured on Oct. 14, 2001, while her granddaughter thankfully escaped injury. Last Christmas season found the daughter expecting to recover, after a week of being unconscious. She had left rehab just before the Holidays and so the Fraziers spent two weeks in California with their daughter and family.

Another retirement village resident is **Elizabeth "Ivy" Ivins Haskins**, who is with a lot of people she knows in very nice surroundings in Westwood, MA, outside of Boston. Believe it or not, the food is delicious and liquor is served in the dining room. She is involved in their many activities, sponsored by the Home, such as its trips to the Symphony concerts in Boston, the Huntington Theatre and Boston Lyric Opera productions, as well as day trips around the state of MA. Tanglewood being one of them. But keeping in touch with **Blair Bunting** Both and **Eleanor Snow Lea** means much more to "Ivy". She also sends her love to each and every one of you, too.

It's always good to hear from my freshman year roommate, **Rosemary Bjorge Johnson** from her home in Madison, WI. This Fall of 2002, Rosemary moved into the "assisted living" section of a 'new home and address', which she will send later. She still attends the Univ. of WI's Extension Literature class each week, exercise class 3 days a week, and the symphony and American Player's Theatre, where Shakespeare is performed outdoors in the summer.

Another correspondent I enjoy hearing from is friend, **Margaret (Maggie) Dowell Kearney**, who in spite of rather poor eyesight, still keeps in touch. This past year, she spent 3 months in FL, with a son, and was also able to attend the Sweet Briar meeting and lecture. Maggie did so enjoy being among so many Sweet Briar VIP's at this annual affair. In Dec 2001, she expected a visit from **Jane Bush Long**, leaving her home in Augusta, GA, for Maggie's in McLean, VA.

Another mover into a retirement complex is **Eleanor (Ellie) Snow Lea**, which she declares is her big news. It is only 45 minutes from her former home in Pawlet, VT, but is much more convenient to her doctors, lawyer, etc. Better yet, there is a very nice and friendly group of people in Rutland, VT home: some play golf, ski, though such is not for her anymore. She is also very happy to have sold her former home to her son, thereby allowing for frequent visits. She enjoyed very much the visit from the Boths of Kennett Square, PA. But her broken hip of Nov. 2001 and then the scare of her breast cancer's recurring last July after 12 years in recession, made some of the past 2 years a bit unpleasant. She is fine now, though, after operations and the move into a new home helped make up, as each had positive effects upon Ellie.

Another piece of good news comes from **Marion Dault McBride** of Chesterfield, MO (near St. Louis). She has made a miraculous recovery from an aneurism of the aorta, and is now able to return to her volunteer work with the Salvation Army and the Butterfly House, plus lots of bridge playing and needle point work.

The most impressive doing this past year for **Martha Janney Smith McGowan** of Rialto, CA was attending her husband's 65th high school reunion in Denver. The 45 out of the original 555 had a hilarious, warm and delightful time. Three lovely photos were also sent.

Another happy 40er is **Mildred Moon Montague** as she still has her 3 sons living nearby, along with a new grandson, joining a granddaughter. Her 2nd son did a 5000 bicycle ride around Manhattan recently, which thrilled him as much as his being able to attend Lionel Hampton's funeral in

NYC. Mildred herself is still energetically involved with the Salvation Army and local Big Brothers/Sisters' groups. She has seen the late **Nancy Haskins Elliott's** daughter, Mary Haskins King, who says that her father is writing their memories of days in India.

Jean Tyree Oseth is another energetic volunteer, going from her home in Old Towne Alexandria, VA to the headquarters for the National Society of Colonial Dames to do archival work. She is currently tracking down the gift of some valuable autographs—Napoleon's, Washington's, Jefferson's, etc.—that are missing. Archival work also takes her to the Smithsonian. Back in Alexandria, Jean arrived at a couple of historic spots. But in June '02, Jean took her daughters and their husbands and a granddaughter to Paris, where they stayed in a wonderful apartment for two weeks, having a great time together.

Only a short note was received from **Anne Conant Weaver** giving a new address because of her being hampered by some blindness: it is hard for her to focus.

Nice fully filled card was from our former Class President, **Emory Gill Williams**, whose main residence is still in Richmond, VA. The card was written, however, in their little cottage in Biddeford Pool, ME where the Williams family spends their summers. Summer of 2002 was a hot one! But they had a good time playing golf on their 9-hole course there. They also were able to rest after daughter Judy's husband, Ray Carpenter, suddenly died of a heart attack in March '02 while skiing in Killington, VT. That left Judy with two teenaged children. They are doing well enough though so that Emory and Dr. Carrington went to Holland, taking a boat trip from Amsterdam visiting Edam, Hoorn, and Antwerp and Bruges in Belgium. While back in Amsterdam, they took in the every-10-years fabulous "Floriade." (I did it in '82) and the famous Kuykenhof Gardens. "They were so beautiful," is the report. They broke away from Maine over August 10, '02 to attend the wedding of a grandson (one of 14 or 15), Carrington III's wedding to Caroline Woody in Briarcliff Manor, NY. The summer months were then continued in Maine, and Emory sends her love to all in our class.

Another good correspondent-friend is **Cynthia Noland Young** who, with Kurt, loves watching the boats go by their front yard on the Intercoastal Waterway in Southport, NC. Her newest toy is a most welcome e-mail facility for her computer. She loves e-mailing all 6 plus 2 spouses at a touch of the button—and all 8 of her grands came during July-Aug. 10, '02 for a family reunion. She had been able to organize this gathering with her e-mail as to all the different dates and

arrivals/departures—for grandsons in TX and CA—while their parents came and went on different schedules. The Youngs recovered slowly, though two families stayed on at rented condos on the ocean with Cynthia and Kurt providing some of the meals.

September is another big month, especially for Cynthia as her birthday, and their four daughters', are all in that month. She is very glad that at their ages, they are both still able to drive legally.

Here in Cleveland Heights, OH, Laurence and I still keep "hanging in there." This year has been an exceptional one for us, though, celebrating Laurence's 91st birthday in September along with one granddaughter's all within the same month! Two anticipated trips are to be taken in November when we fly to our daughter's and her family's home in Orlando, FL, for Thanksgiving with all of them and a longtime high-school friend who has retired near them and is now alone. We have not been able to share the traditional turkey with them for the past several years; now we can make up for it. Flying home in mid-December, we will in another week's time pack our bags again for a trip by car with our son and his wife and his seven year old daughter (going on 37!) to a great niece's wedding in Lancaster, PA and thereby having a family reunion with my brother (the bride-to-be's grandfather) and his wife coming down from Concord, NH. Back home, which is still always good to return to, in time for Christmas Day with more family here in town, and to see in 2003. We both wish you all as happy and healthy a year as possible! I have just been given an "All Clear" report from a test given one year after my colon cancer surgery of 2001. One can beat that dreadful disease!

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Yes, I got reelected as your class president during Reunion. I would like to thank **Barbara Ripley Furniss** on behalf of all of us for keeping us connected and informed through her wonderful class notes. Barbara can no longer do this for us. Do we have a volunteer to be class secretary? The Alumnae Office is no longer sending reminder cards asking for news, so please make the secretary's job easy and pleasant by remembering to jot down any happening, ideas or news,

and send to me until we have a new secretary.

We can now have news in each issue and do not have to wait for once-a-year reporting.

The next deadline is December 15, plenty of time for all of you to send in something. I look forward to reading about each of you. Much love to all. Ann Reams.

1943

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Tay Trigg writes from Atlanta that she had a nice 15-day cruise to some of the Caribbean Islands and the Panama Canal, and more recently, a walk on the beach at St. Simon's Island. But she says it would be great if some of our classmates could get down to Atlanta and she has plenty of extra bedrooms. There's an invitation to you all!

Louise Woodruff writes from Delray Beach, FL that she now resides in a nice retirement home on the intercoastal Waterway, but that she will go back to St. Louis, MO for Thanksgiving with her daughter and seven year old granddaughter and her busy architect dad. "My oldest son is in Alaska where I went for Christmas last year and to Garden City, NY for Thanksgiving. My other granddaughter graduated from Middlebury and my son is at University of Idaho."

Karen Norris Sibley, who has five children, nine grandchildren and soon a great grandchild, has moved to a smaller one-story house with the same husband, thank goodness! She is doing volunteer work with CASA (court-appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children and Families First—multiservice agency). For fun, there is the beautiful Carlos Museum at Emory University.

Byrd Hunter, whose husband died in May, writes, "Its not easy, but I'm learning to use my own wings after counting on Henry for...He died on May 26, 2002. For the last 15 months of his illness that began with a series of mini strokes, we were fortunate to have wonderful nurses around the clock at home. As for me, there's nothing to report except two cataract surgeries. Hopefully, next time the news will be more cheerful and interesting."

Val Materne has moved into a condo with a small garden and fewer cares. She continues to volunteer at the library with **Janet Chenery**. She has 12 children, and two great grandsons. They have spread out in the world and intermarried. "I now find they speak Russian, Hebrew, and Norwegian. Last years family reunion was an international event. I wish I could attend the alumnae council as part of my family lives in Jerusalem."

She's looking forward to reading about friends of old. Best Wishes, Val.

Betty Potter writes from San Diego, CA about her "Glorious Antiques," an organization directed toward a humane treatment of animals. "The link between **Annabelle Prager's** orchestra and my organization is that we were established in the same year. We were amazed and delighted with the success of both. We cleared \$250.00 last year and hope for \$300,000, in the coming year. Recent unpleasant events may put a crimp in our plans, but so far we're on target!"

Nancy Pingree Drake (Ping) is struggling with time and schedules—when to move into a beautiful retirement complex which she and her late husband had helped plan and establish and how to attend four graduations of grandchildren from local to the University of Virginia and Wake Forest, her own 65th in Boston and ours at SBC. She also mentioned having "brief, but wonderful" visit with Junk at Cypress Village. Do hope she'll attend ours.

Clare Matthai writes about an unusually hot summer, "but nevertheless enjoyed trudging around the golf course and playing with my flower garden. Now I am back taking some courses in the Learning and Retirement program at our local branch state university. I thought I had lost **Frances Gregg Petersmeyer** but found her via the Alumnae Office. She is living in Gladwyne, PA and we had a good catchup talk.

Anne Mitchell wrote to say hello and says she is fine, happy and feels very fortunate.

Caroline Miller McClintock sends news of friends. **Byrd Hunter** and **Esther Holland**, who recently lost their husbands. They are living in retirement homes with friends. She writes also of her own husband Gale's total knee replacement and very successful recovery. She notes that they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in November and that their oldest son, David, retired last year from First Union in Charlotte and is now at Davidson College, his alma mater, in fund raising.

Marguerite Hume is one of 12 winners of the coveted Bell Award for service to the community. This is from **Fayette McDowell** who enclosed a newspaper clipping with picture and write-up. Marguerite describes an experience whereby she was scheduled to escort a group bound for China to the Speed Museum in Louisville. For a while, since it was only 10 days after the 9/11 attacks on the WTC, there was some uncertainty about the visit, but in the end, it all worked out. She and the group saw some beautiful paintings. Marguerite also mentioned that she had a chance recently to see Fayette and **Helen**

Lawton Mitchell.

Kitty Doar, who died quite recently, wrote that she was hoping to make it to the reunion, as two friends volunteered to drive her. She said she had had a cerebral stroke and was restricted to local driving. She had sold her house and moved to a lovely retirement home where she had lots of friends and a great apartment. She said all her grandchildren had grown up and were pursuing assorted degrees. Very sad to have lost her

Mary Love Ferguson Sanders wrote that she had lost her older child to cancer. He was only 54 and a wonderful son. However, she finds great joy in her two-year old granddaughter Jocelyn—the first girl in the family. She is looking forward to hearing about her classmates.

Virginia Brinton (White) writes, "I have been dialoguing since 9/11/01 with Buddhist, Bahai, Jewish, and Protestant members of the Richmond Interfaith Council. Elements of good coming together can overcome the evil in the world, and maybe this is one way of helping this to come about. What a joy watercolor art classes have been for the past year and also picnics all summer long at the quarry swimming club we belong to."

Betty Schmeisser Nelson writes that **Priddy Johnston Craven's** daughter drove her to CT "to spend a couple of days with Karl and me. We had a delightful time together. Charis promised to drive to SBC for our reunion. I acquired a rescue Cairn terrier who is a happy companion for me, while Karl plays golf. Our family enjoyed a lovely vacation in the Adirondacks. The sad news is that later our son, Doug, who was chairman of the geology department, suddenly died of heart failure."

Skip Bracher (Catherine Leggett) writes, "Can't say that the 80's have been too kind...broken hip, a couple of fractured ribs, but all that is over and I'm so lucky to be here where all's taken care of healthwise and many good friends. Still go to Arizona in Feb. with my two sons, etc. One granddaughter is working in NYC with Fox News, after graduating from Duke. Sorry it wasn't SBC."

Kudos to **Annabelle Prager** and **Anne Rabbino**, daughter of **Debby Douglass Adams**, to send us news of **Debby** and her husband who, in spite of serious medical problems—he is totally blind and she has not been able to speak since suffering a stroke 15 years ago—are still living together in the same house. They have two sons living nearby, who are very attentive and **Anne** who visits about eight times a year from where she lives as well as works. **Debby** and her husband **Ronald** have grandchildren who bring them great joy, as does the garden that **Ronald** cultivates for **Debby**. (Ed's

note: These notes were written before the **Alumnae Office** received the sad news of **Debby's** death on Feb. 10, 2003.)

Elizabeth (Shep) Scott writes, "As the years creep on, and I slow down, I consider myself lucky to be fairly healthy and enjoying my family and my belated granddaughter, whose name is **Shepherd McChesney Scott**, after my late daughter, who was class of 1966 at Sweet Briar. She is called, **Chess**—a joy to me in my late years."

Anne McKunkin Brier (Junk) has moved to Cypress Village in Jacksonville, FL. They are pleased with their two-bedroom apartment as well as the many activities available. **Anne** tells that she bikes at least 12 miles a day, seven days a week and takes exercise classes three days a week. It's great not to have Frank all over the world, but golfing twice a week next to Cypress Village.

Annabelle Forsch Prager writes that the orchestra program for children that she founded thirty years ago because of the dearth of music in the city schools, was celebrated with a gala concert at Avery Fisher Hall in May which was attended by over 200 people. "My heart was in my mouth at the prospect of such an ambitious undertaking, but luck was on my side."

Other news is less happy—a beautiful planned memorial service for **Pat Robineau McCullum** was attended by her good friends, **Nancy Bean Hector**, and **Beth Dichman Smith**. "We were treated to touching remembrances by Pat's family and friends that confirmed that she was always a lively vital presence creating an interesting center for the world she inhabited."

Doiores Cheatham James is moving from her house of many years in North Carolina to more convenient quarters. Dodi, a skillful water colorist, is an amazing source of information on art and artists. A visit to a museum with her is worth a dozen of the best lectures one can find. She writes, "Harry and I have just moved to a townhouse—all on one floor! Even our black standard poodle was getting too old to climb the stairs to bed. Moving was a horrible experience, but we love where we live now. In September we are going to Paris, celebrating my 80th birthday—probably our swan song for Europe—gotta see Paris one more time."

Fayette McDowell Willet, whose husband **Roscoe** died in June after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease, writes, "I miss him, but I've taken charge for so many years that it has not been as hard for me as for many of the widows—and there are a lot of us. Spent the summer writing notes and watering. Am going to Florida in November. Daughter **Louise** and husband have a new house close to their

old house in Naples."

Brooks Barnes writes, "Nowadays, if we are still alive, we spend the time discussing our ailments! This year I had a pacemaker implanted. Nothing to it! Now, I'm set for another 15 years. Busy summer, but I don't know what I did except that my brother **Parker** had his 80th birthday celebration on my lawn—a great clambake. He wrote a book about his life and in it he tells about visiting **Charlotte Garber** on his way home from Okinawa after the war. Shall look forward to reading about the rest of you."

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the time to write of your doings. I hope as many as possible will come to the reunion. I hope that these notes will reach you in the spring magazine. (I had so much trouble with the computer)

Late bulletin: **Chesley Johnson Annarius** may come to the reunion with her husband.

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You have been very generous with your news. Thank you! I keep wondering how many grandchildren there are among us. They seem to be the bulk of our news. How about a maxi-reunion with all grandchildren aboard? (Even great-grandchildren are beginning to be a factor!) Well—here we go:

Bea Dingwell Loos joined our mini-reunion at Gloucester Banks in October. Others present were **Rosie Ashby Dashiell**, **Boots Taylor Hollowell**, **Wheats Young Call**, **Ade Jones Voorhees**, and **Candy Greene Satterfield** was there for our first Gloucester Banks meeting but couldn't make the second one.

In October **Boots** brought some wonderful pictures of China. Her father had been a medical missionary in China where she and her sister **Helen** were born. Her mother, **Alma**

Booth, was SBC class of 1911, and her sister **Helen** was class of 1942. Another sister **Beverly Cross** was class of 1950! Read **Boots**' letter and experience "Onward Christian Soldiers" in Chinese! Here is the letter

"Dear Polly, Had a great time with you, **Rosie**, **Wheats**, and **Ade** on our mini-reunion—fun to see everyone again

"My summer for an ancient stuck-in-the-mud was nothing short of miraculous! Ten days were spent celebrating my second born's (Luise) 50th birthday in a superb villa in the hills of Tuscany with a dozen friends and family. We roamed the small towns and not so small cities including Siena, Florence, and Rome catching culture, shopping nonstop and, best of all, indulging outrageously in the best food in the world!"

"Two weeks later my family and I were winging our way to Anging, China to celebrate the 100th anniversary and restoration of St. James Hospital, the place my father, **Harry Taylor**, spent his life as a medical missionary and the birthplace of my sister, **Helen** '42 and me. The Taylor group of nineteen included my three daughters, two granddaughters, my brother **Harry** and his wife, their four children and spouses, five grandchildren and our sister, **Beverly Cross** '50. What a joy it was to recognize the hospital and our home. Visit the church and be remembered by a surprising number of people, share all this and multiple memories with my siblings, children, and grands! The memory of a packed church welcoming us with "Onward Christian Soldiers" in Chinese will remain one of the most touching moments of my life

"To round out the spectacular, all nineteen of us (aged seven to seventy-eight!) then hit the tourist trail running! High spots included The Three Gorges, the awesome almost finished dam, The Great Wall, the lovely temples, tombs, and palaces of Beijing ending, of course, at Tiananmen Square. The climax of the tour was a superb dinner featuring Peking duck, proudly prepared and served by two chefs! At this point we could not have taken in another sight, picked up another chopstick, or had a better time with each other!! It was truly glorious

Love, **Boots**"
Bea had a great trip to Alaska with lots of her family aboard a small cruise ship. The ship was so small that they could almost get up there with the glaciers and bears. She has talked with **Catherine Smart Griener Ade**, **Betsy Gurley Hewson**, and **Leila Fellner Lenagh**

Margo Sibley Lewis writes from Austin that she and her husband had to return from a Florida trip because he developed pneumonia. It has been

an ongoing problem. They are hoping surgery will be the answer. Hope all goes well. **Margo.**

Ade Jones Voorhees went to her 65th reunion at Shipley School along with **Joan Darby West**, **Betsy Gurley Hewson**, and **Margo Stafford Gould**. They missed **Flo Cameron Crichton** who was in Hawaii and **Ellie Clement Littleton** who was helping Fred launch the boat he had built! **Ade** had a family summer with beach, weddings, and reunions—"all happy occasions!"

Bowdre Budd Poer writes from Greensboro, NC: two of her children live there along with several grand-children and a three-year-old great-grandson. She also has two great-granddaughters in Indiana—ages seven years down to eleven months.

Patricia Thompson Bennett and her roommate **Joan Berend Morse-Gordon** are planning a cruise next March to Belize, Merida, Cozumel, and Cancun. Sounds great you two roomies!

Jessie Strickland Elcock was full of good things in her life. One was the celebration of their 56th anniversary—"Living up here with deer walking through and an occasional bear is very peaceful." Their **Scottie "Hoot"** happily barks from the deck. **Nettie Caldwell Crowell** called for their anniversary. It was a highlight of the day. "She sounds as beautiful as ever. We both miss **Tody** their roommate, **Tody Corcoran Hartzer**." She says her offspring are leading interesting and good lives. **Walter** and **Laura** are back in Dallas with Bank of America. **Jessie** stays busy with ceramic art in Atlanta. **Nancy** is an active volunteer in Wilton, NH. **Claire**, when she is not busy with her seven-year old, is Department Manager of a gourmet shop in Atlanta. There are six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her place up in Old Canoe in North Georgia sounds so lovely (except for occasional bears!)

I have just had a nice conversation with **Peggy Brink Feuer** in Newton, Massachusetts. I didn't mean to call her but her name caught my attention and then serendipity happened—we were talking on the phone! I haven't seen her since freshman year. Do you remember her? She was nice and tall and had a neat sense of humor. Her great loves were Leo and ballet. The Leo part was ongoing but the ballet fell by the wayside. (I can see her prancing up and down the halls now in her ballet slippers.) She and Leo were great ballroom dancers. Leo died in the mid-nineties. They had five children but only three are living. She lives in an old Victorian house, a family house I think, and she enjoys renovating it. **Peggy**, it was wonderful catching up with you!

From Augusta **Bert Lee Toole** writes of their 35-year-old son **Tom** who is to be married in Savannah, GA.

They all thought he was to be a bachelor for the rest of his days. Husband, **Bill** is a musician who retired from teaching at Juilliard and Augusta State. He now teaches locally and conducts a choral group. (I am really impressed with that Juilliard stint. Wow!)

Robin Evans Stroud writes from Menlo, California, that her husband died in May, and she has relocated to be nearer two daughters and eight grandchildren. **Robin**, I am sorry about your husband. You seem to be taking good care of yourself, like participating in all senior activities at Stanford.

Do "you all" remember a lovely lass from Scotland who went to SBC our freshman year named **Allison Buchanan**? She and her husband, **Neilson Herbertson**, sailed across the Atlantic to the Bahamas and then up the East Coast to Norfolk where they visited **Julia Bristow** who was her old roommate. **Julia** is a specialist in butterflies. **Julia** writes that the Herbertsons are great travelers. They have been on more than 25 cruises all over the world including Antarctica. "Allison looks great—you would know her instantly."

Betsy Bowman Wright writes from Knoxville that her husband, **Rodman Townsend**, died in 1995, and she married **William Wright** in 2001. **Betsy**, you had me on a roller coaster. First, I am sad for you, then I am glad for you! Much happiness to you!

Arie Jones Wittke went on a SBC trip to Spain and Portugal. The fellow travelers from SBC were the best part of the trip!

Rosie Ashby Dashiell writes about the nice reunion in Gloucester (mentioned before!).

Candy Greene Satterfield, a charter member of our reunion, couldn't come because she was moving to **Pembroke Towers**, Apt. 107, 600 **Pembroke Ave.**, Norfolk, VA 23507. Her apartment overlooks a lovely view of Norfolk, especially at night. She loves it! The **Dashiells** live in the same apartments—in fact, they got there first! "I had a nice trip to **Capon Springs, WV**, with **Rosie** and **Dave**. We had fun playing **Scrabble** and eating good home cooking."

Wistar Watts King writes that all is well and good with the children and grandchildren. She spends a lot of time attending all their ball games and loves every minute of it.

In April a little group formed a mini-reunion of '46ers. These were **Mary Vinton Fleming**, **Wistar Watts King**, **Lee Stevens Gravelly**, **Shields Jones Harris**, and **Sarah McKuffie Hardaway**. **Sarah** provided a big house, and they had fun "catching up."

Lee raves about the good time they had. Later, she left for Italy with her daughter **Susan** for a big event.

Susan has had a very successful import business giving a lot of business to Nord near **Bassanadd Grappa** which is ceramic country. To show their appreciation, they made her an honorary citizen. "Proud Mama had to go." What a wonderful time for all. **Lee's** new address is 203 **Cobblestone Court**, **Rocky Mount, NC 27803**.

Anne Hill Edwards spent some time on **Martha's Vineyard** with **Jean Hewson**. **Betsy Gurley Hewson's** daughter. She and **Bill** invited **Ellie Clement Littleton** for dinner. Great fun!

Pat Grosbeck Gordon writes from her **Golden Gate Avenue** address in California that she has finally launched three of her eight grandkids into college. The oldest boy is a senior at **Gonzaga University**, the next, a girl, has a scholarship to **Harvard**, and the next boy just went off to **Regis College** in **Denver**. "It's lonesome these days, but I am a survivor."

Polly Pollard Kline and **Cholly Jones Bendall** visited **Adeline Hapala** at SBC. She took them around to see all the new things—like the dining room built after our time. (It was recently torn down.) Her family had their reunion at **Sandbridge Beach, VA**. There were 40 some present ranging from 2 months to 82. (The 82 person was husband **Bob**!) "Wonderful time!"

Mary Upshur Pike writes from **Marietta, GA** that she and her husband **Sandy** were heading for **Lincoln, Nebraska** to **Sandy's** college reunion. He received his Master's Degree there in **Pedodontics**. She, while there, took a course in **Dental Assistance**. She will be assisting **Sandy**. They will attend the **Nebraska-Missouri football game**. She says, "This is an exciting occasion. The whole stadium is dressed in red."

Betsy Gurley Hewson and **Tommy** are still enjoying their new home in **Vero Beach**. Now listen to this: They went to their respective reunions at **Shipley** and **The Episcopal Academy**, then they had a lovely week in **Bermuda**, then they went on a super cruise to seven different countries in **Europe** for three weeks, and then they went to a big family reunion at **Skytop**, a beautiful resort in **Pennsylvania**. Where do they get their stamina? Nice going, **Hewsons**!

Betty Ann McKeown Scott and husband **Don** spend seven months in **Baltimore** and the rest of the year in **Florida**. Her children and grandchildren are scattered over various states, and two are in **Europe**. She recently talked to **Lynn Hannah Crocker**.

Ellen Robbins Red visited in **San Miguel** in **Mexico** last August. "If you haven't been there, put it on your list of places—wonderful cool climate, fabulous homes to rent complete with fabulous cook, and lots of fun shops and markets." **Ellen**, our bird watcher,

even saw a bird or two!

Sally Bubb Bruch is another swinger. They spend a week at **Saranac Lake, New York**, two weeks at a **Wyoming** ranch riding, fishing, and playing tennis, and three weeks on a friend's yacht in the **Aegean** and **Ionian Seas**. They expect to go to **Naples, Florida**, in **October**, then **Thanksgiving** with daughter **Susan** in **Charlottesville** and home to **Muncy** for **Christmas**!

Helen Murchison Lane called on the phone to give me her news, and I forgot to write it down. I am sorry, **Murch**. Everything you do is interesting, however, including buzzing around **Jacksonville** in your little yellow bug. I did remember that your twin granddaughters walked a part of the **Appalachian Trail** before going to college. Another tidbit—you love to walk on your lovely beach.

Wheats Young Call is a really nice buddy. I can call her practically any hour, day or night, and if I miss church she drops in to tell me about the sermon and who was there. She stumbled over her dog recently and broke her wrist. It didn't stop her from the tennis court. I am glad she is in **Newport News**!

Now for me. I have no "news" but my daily living which I appreciate more and more since 9/11. There are a lot of spunky widows around who inspire me and discourage me! This widowhood was not given in any course at **Sweet Briar**! I see wives at the grocery store bossing their husbands around, and I wish I could go up to them and say, "Don't boss him; love him!" My **Liza** (so pretty) works in the **Development Office** at the **Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, VA**. She is not married but is "keeping company" with a very nice man! **Robbie** is a lawyer (really nice!) with the **WorldCom Company**. They live in **Fairfax, VA**. He still has his job! His wife is **Melissa** whose talents never cease to amaze me. They are both great parents to **Joe**, **nine**, and **Grace**, seven. My constant companion is "Scotty," a dog who is full schnauzer and half **Scotty**. Well, I took advantage of you, my captive audience. You are remarkable people with all your energy and your interests. We are a smashing class, aren't we? All the best to the best! **Polly**

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Our class mini-reunion was a wonderful occasion for those of us who were able to attend. You'll see a photo and report of our doings elsewhere in this issue of the magazine, but not the interesting gossip and exchange of ideas. We did a lot of talking!

Meanwhile, the regular cards and letters (some by email) rolled in to your class secretary and, in no particular order, I pass along the latest news.

Treasurer **Mary Fran Brown Ballard** has written to you all, urging your generous contribution to the Annual Fund, so put your money in a place where it won't lessen in value as the stock market bounces around. Educating young women can only appreciate! Mary Fran has seen the new brick in our courtyard with her mother's name, **Marie Brede**, '24, donated to our project and her brick is near the entrance. She is about to turn 102, a remarkable lady! **Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro**'s mother died just last June at the age of 104! Will any of us do as well?

Larry Lawrence Simmons writes that Charles has made a complete recovery from cancer and looks like a "younger man" minus the 60 pounds that he lost and has kept off. This is the second time he has been granted a miracle, so the Simmons enjoyed a cruise up the northeast coast and into Canada to see the fall foliage. The trip also included visiting their NYC daughters and on Broadway, but not our SBC reunion.

I had an email from **Goodie Geer DiRaddo**, one of her first attempts (and the first of many, I hope). We had a nice lunch together with Stevie when I was in Charleston for a Yale mini-reunion last April. Goodie looks wonderful, and gave me two adorable angels made out of beach gleanings, another expression of her great creativity. Goodie helps take care of her darling mother, who turns 100 next June. Joe is interim of a new church near Charleston.

Ellen Ramsay Clark writes from Destin, FL, where she was enjoying glorious weather until one of those much-needed rain storms blew in. Daughter Ellen lives in Winnetka, and her 15-year-old son just started New Trier High School this year. He made the golf team and enjoyed caddy for his Dad in the Mid-Amateur Tournament in Greenwich, CT. Ellen's son Marshall, his wife and 8-year-old triplets visited Ellen in Florida too.

Ann Doar Jones had a knee

replaced last June, followed by a "lost summer" of recovery and therapy...no fun, she says, but she and Frank still enjoy life at "the riva" and seeing their two children and families frequently.

Katie Cox Reynolds' wonderful voice was strong and clear during the memorial service for **Helen Mac McMahon** during our reunion, nice to hear. She and Phil had a good summer at Squam Lake (otherwise known as "Golden Pond") in New Hampshire, and worked on her golf game. They planned to go to France on a walking trip in September.

President Fritz couldn't make reunion and we surely did miss her! She writes that she did some TV commercials for cable as Park Lane (her residence) spokesman...30 seconds of fame for almost two months...and also walked for the Monterey Alzeimer's Association. Her sister, Barbara, '44, died 6/2/02 after suffering from Alzeimers for 15 years.

Carolyn Cannady Evans is settling into her new digs in the Washington area, working hard to transfer her counseling credentials so she can resume her fine work in this field. She has guest room available for visiting classmates!

Betty Wellford Bennett notes that **Marie Musgrove McCrone** is not at all well and **Caroline Casey** was attending a Miniature Book Society meeting, so neither came to SBC in October. We also missed **Mag Towers Talman** and **Kitty Hart Belew**, who opted for Alumnae Council weekend instead. Betty was given a wonderful birthday party by her family on her big day...you know which one!

Also from Richmond, it was great to see **Libby Trueheart Harris** getting around so well and looking very spiffy. We all admire her courage and on-going therapy, as she now drives her car freely and negotiates even difficult terrain quite well.

Sally Melcher Jarvis (whom I saw last summer at Pocono Lake Preserves) looking great, with her nice husband John and handsome family) sends word that she hears from **Beth Jansma-Gorter** from time to time. Beth had a family gathering in Belgium with her son, daughter and very attractive grandchildren (Beth emailed a picture to Sally).

Also among the missing on campus in October was **Ann Henderson Bannard**, who was walking around Portugal with husband Yorke, then returning to Tucson to celebrate Yorke's 80th birthday with their two sons and families. "Giving Us Wings," Ann's beautiful work in our courtyard, survived all the construction nearby and looks terrific, with the plantings settling in nicely.

Judy Easley Mak and **Dayton**, who sparked our mini-reunion, maintain a steady routine at home, with HE now

doing the volunteer work and SHE now into over 20 years of real estate. **Nancy Jones Worcester** and family celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in Bermuda with all children and grandchildren. Otherwise they summer at Waloon Lake, Michigan, and winter in Sarasota, FL.

Polly Plummer Mackie spent two nights with Mag Towers in Richmond in October and hoped to go to Mexico in February. She otherwise travels mainly to New York City.

Vidmer Megginson Downing lost her husband George in December of 2001, one day before the tenth anniversary of a massive stroke which had left him paralyzed, but uncompplaining and encouraging to others...a sad loss. Vidmer will continue to live in Daphne, Alabama, on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, and invites 49ers to come share her beautiful sunsets.

Ann Eustis Weimer (Flip) not only created and managed our great mini-reunion, but found time to enjoy a three-week trip to Antarctica, S. Georgia, the Falkland Islands and Tierra del Fuego. She and John also celebrated a grandson's wedding. Are we all soon to be great-grandmothers?

Preston Hodges Hill and **Gene** spent 10 rainy days last summer in Nantucket and Boston visiting with the Gene III family; the Martinsons and almost 4-year-old twins stopped by en route to an Alaska vacation. Gene has several projects going and Preston is fund-raising for a Colonial Dames Museum in the mountains, among other activities. Her back now seems to be fully recovered from the surgery a year or so ago.

And what does **June Eager Finney** have to say for herself? Bill, she reports, is involved in the Clinic for Uninsured Persons and makes what he calls his "drug runs" once a week, picking up medicines from various doctors' offices and hospitals to be catalogued and used in the clinic. He also does furniture repairs for nearby friends and for the clinic. Meanwhile, June gardens, plays international croquet, and is doing pastel portraits of 3 of her 8 grandchildren, a switch from her usual water colors. Eldest grandson is a senior at Yale, and next one is a freshman at W&L.

Stevie (Mary Louis Stevens Webb), to be exact) provided a wonderful haven for Walter and me when we were in Charleston for a Yale Mini. We popped in at 62 Tradd Street whenever we needed food, drink or respite from touring! Stevie and her children, Mary and young Rutledge, enjoyed a nephew's wedding on Maryland's Eastern Shore in June, stopping by Roanoke en route to see **Alice Trout Hagan**. Rutledge was unable to make the trip as it is difficult for him to get around since he broke his "good" leg, and later a hand. He's

improving daily, I'm happy to say.

Alice and Patsy Davin Robinson sent me a card showing three rabbits (each with two ears but only three ears between them...figure that one out!) in a stained glass window in Suffolk, England. They, and **Mag Talman**, were on a tour of Cambridge, Oxford and the Channel Isles last spring.

Our classmates who came to campus in October all looked wonderful, active and happy. I hope the rest of you are the same and don't look like "little old ladies." To sum up, the members of our class who came were: **Sallie Legg DeMartine**, **Patty Levi Barnett**, **Katie Cox Reynolds**, **Preston Hodges Hill**, **Judy Easley** and **Dayton Mak**, **Judy Baldwin Waxter**, **Alice Trout Hagan**, **Betty Wellford Bennett**, **Mary Fran** and **Don Ballard**, **Patsy Davin Robinson**, **Mary Louis Stevens Webb**, **Libby Trueheart Harris**, **Ann Eustis Weimer**, **Pat Brown Boyer**, **Carolyn Cannady Evans**, **Jean Taylor**, **Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro**, and me and Walter. We really missed the rest of you, so make plans now for spring 2004!

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Joanne Holbrook Patton has sent you her usual thoughtful and well-organized report on reunion '52. Doesn't it make you want to grace the 55th? The Pattons have hosted two parties for SBC folk at "the farm" recently. Despite George's disabilities they had a grand family celebration at home for their 50th. I hope that you all saw **Mary John Ford Gilchrist's** memorial to **Susan Hobson McCord** in the last alumnae magazine...A fine recognition of a life of service.

We are moving on! **Sue Basewitz Mentzinger** is in NYC, painting, and seeing lots of opera. Sounds good to me. **Mary Barcus Hunter** is happily passing along her large yard and moving to a condo (not a rest home) with her cat, **Sue. Peggy Harding Norton** and **Nort** love living in a retirement home, but found time to slip away to Hawaii for three weeks. **Leila Booth Morris** and **Jim** are looking toward a new retirement community. I can tell you that she doesn't look old enough to be admitted! **Trudy Kelly Morron** is moving from Conn. to Lafayette, Colorado. Can anyone hear us out there? She says that second

only to death or divorce is moving.

Sally Gerhard of California has three fantasy fiction books in print this year, "The Wanderground", "The Kanshou" and "The Magister", all published by Spinsters Ink. Hope I got that right. **Josie Sibold**, proud owner of her own concrete mixer, is still producing original garden statuary. Can anyone top that in the occupation category? **Jane Russo Sheehan**, ever a great horsewoman, is judging dressage shows.

Mary Lois Miller and Hugh visited **Mary John** and Stuart this summer and loved their house in Irvin, VA. **Mary John** having also acquired a winter nest on Hutchinson Island, Fla. Come on down, everybody! **Harriet Thayer Elder** loves her mountain life in NC and went blueberry picking this summer with **Lynn Lane Fozzard** and Harry. They turn out to be almost neighbors.

What a treat to see **Carma Lindsay Burton** at reunion. We shared the "fishbowl" accommodations our sophomore year and she "ran away" from SBC to get married—were we ever jealous! She has 11 grandsons—maybe a record.

Here's a life to make you feel a little stagnant. **Jo Sharpe Blaasvaer** writes that after SBC she studied fashion illustration in Paris and later worked for the CIA in Saigon and Vietnante. She then returned to Paris, married and had three children and divorced in '79. She then happily married a Norwegian engineer on a Royal Caribbean Cruise liner. Jo sent a picture of herself with her pet sports convertible. GO JO! **Janis Thomas Zeannah** has a daughter who is SBC'81. In addition to sitting grants, Janice is working as a communications/medical writer at the U. of Alabama at Birmingham and is on the board of the National Society of Arts and Letters. **Mary Gesler Hanson** is a member of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Md.

There are lots of Happy Anniversaries to report. **Grace Wallace Brown** and Brady celebrated with their entire clan of 18 in Bermuda. **Ann Trumbore Ream** and George loved a week in Williamsburg, a gift from their children. **Charlotte Snead Stifel** and Hank shared the occasion in Paris with their whole family. They are reported to have majored in gastronomy. **Louise Warfield Stump** reports that they had a "BIG DO" with family from all over the country and lots of "old" (of long duration!) friends.

Donna Robinson Cart reports the arrival of a fourth granddaughter, which gives her eight grandchildren. That seems to be a nice round number. **Donna Reese Godwin** mentioned the happy party during reunion at **Laura Radford Goley** and Gene's lovely old

house in Forest, Va., not far from Lynchburg. The huge trees on the grounds left this Yankee breathless. Thanks again to the Goleys for their generosity in inviting us all to come calling.

It all seems to be about travel! **Jean Caldwell Marchant** (our denizen of Hawaii) went hiking in England and Wales this year, followed by a "vigorous" animal-sighting trip to South Africa. **Ann Hoagland Kelsey** flew to Venice and thence aboard the "River Cloud II" for a "golf experience" and two weeks of floating up the Po to Florence. **Barbara Baker Bird** has been cruising along the coast of Norway and later to the Amazon and Manu National Park in Peru. She's in Naples, Fla. in the winter and Vermont in the summer. Good planning! **Benita Phinizy Johnson** has been off to see the flowers, including the Holland Gardens and the Chelsea Flower Show. She and Tommy are planning a Hudson River—Chesapeake Bay Cruise. **Pat Beach Thompson** and Calvin went to the dedication of a Greg Norman designed golf course in Ireland. She successfully bid on a trip to South Africa and plans to surprise Calvin with this treat at Christmas.

Jane Ramsay Olmsted is a frequent visitor to Italy where she has the language and the cuisine well in hand; the latest trip to be a villa in Montalcino, where she learned a few tricks from Evan Kleiman, a famed L.A. chef. And speaking of food...your faithful secretary just did a round trip by Amtrak to the Napa Valley to bond with Billy, a new grandson, for 5 weeks. Both parents are chefs so I lived very high on the hog! The baby is very nice too.

Mary Bailey Izard's husband Jack has a cookbook in print, *A Traveler's Table: Recipes and Photographs that Followed Me Home*. Mary has been tromping the Equadorian Rainforest, where natives are being taught to live in harmony with their surroundings, thus eliminating the need to "slash and burn" this area of the world's greatest biodiversity.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Susan Otis Thompson's** husband. John was a distinguished scholar, writer and poet who taught at U. of N.Y. Stonybrook and whose work was widely published. **Ann Whittingham Smith** also lost her husband, Bob, in January. We were happy that she could reunite with us at SBC and that she could visit relatives in San Carlos, Mexico, this summer.

As a Postscript, my sister Sallie's SBC '49 class decided not to wait so long to see one another again. They had a "mini" reunion this fall, 20 of them staying at the new inn on campus. They had a marvelous time. The Inn was luxurious and the college was very welcoming. Will anybody meet me there in a couple of years or so?

LATE NEWS: Pat Layne Winks has been visiting in Switzerland, where she lived as a "young Married" for 3+ years. She seems to have come home by way of Venice and Trieste. She can be my travel planner any time. **Sue Judd Silcox** and Jack are nominated for the most visits to kids and grandkids in a single year. They have a granddaughter in Mali with the Peace Corps and a grandson who traveled to Chile for a basketball competition. Travel is in the blood. **Sue** writes about a trip to the California gold fields, where her great grandpa, a 49er, found little gold but did write a book about his experiences.

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What a terrific group of "young" women we are! Most of us seem very involved in many things: jobs, travel, and especially grandchildren. **Renis Siner Paton** is still working hard in her estate sale and appraisal business. However, she manages to spend a good bit of time at her vacation house in Rehoboth Beach, DE, where she sees various children and grandchildren. **Sandy Rhodes Berglund** enjoys golfing nearly every day. She also does some volunteer driving for people who cannot otherwise get out.

Phyllis Joyner received a grant from the Sharp Art Foundation which led to many exhibits of her work. Living in New York, she enjoys opera, plays, and concerts. **Betty Sanford Molster** and Chuck have one daughter living in England so enjoy visits there fairly often. They also had a lovely reunion with other children and grandchildren at Nagshead last summer. **Sue Bernard Odence** and Larry are enjoying retirement on Cape Cod. Their children and grandchildren live in Boston, so they enjoy seeing each other often. **Sue Godfrey Gregory** and Wes are in Cape Cod as well and enjoy their grandchildren very much.

Sue still finds time to be a very active realtor, although Wes is retired. They have a wonderful boat which they keep at Spooner Creek, NC all winter. She urges any classmates in the area to visit her. **Marty Hedeman Buckingham** and Dick also spend their summers on Cape Cod. Their grandchildren visit them frequently there. They had a lovely 2 weeks in Bermuda in July and a marvelous family reunion at "The Tyler Place Family Resort" in Highgate, VT on Lake Champlain. Marty said it was wonderful. She highly recommends the place to all of us. Back in Savannah, Marty is very involved in volunteer things, especially the "Symphony Guild" and a support organization for the Children's Hospital there. She loves having **Patty McClay Boggs** there. Patty loves being there too. Her 2-year old grandson lives close by and her 12-year old grandson visited for 3 weeks during the summer. Patty sees **Meta Space Moore** often, too, but says Meta "does some serious travel" and is sometimes hard to catch. Many of us are "serious travelers". **Gail Davidson Bazzarre** had a marvelous trip to Spain and Portugal in May and June. She went with her sister, **Margery Davidson Rucker (SBC 1951)**. **Patsy Smith Ticer** and Jack were also in Spain in June. They spent time in the Basque region and especially loved San Sebastian and Bilbao. At home Patsy's life is always hectic. As she says, "Politics is never ending in Virginia". Nevertheless she did plan to attend Alumnae Council in Sept. **Elise Wachenfeld de Papp** went to the "World Equestrian Games" in Jerez, Spain (rather like equestrian Olympics). A horse that she co-owns was on the U.S. 3-Day Event Team, which won the gold medal! The U.S. hasn't won anything like that for over 20 years. Elise said it was incredibly exciting to be there and be part of it all. Also Elise wrote that she had received a wonderful phone call from our biology professor, **Elizabeth Sprague**. Evidently she sounded exactly like she did almost 50 years ago. Her mind is fine, but she is not well physically. She is 91 now and lives in a home in Lynchburg. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall had a W & L sponsored Alaska trip planned for Sept. Also she had a lovely time attending the great lectures and concerts at Chautauqua, NY last summer. **Ethel Green Banta** spent her year visiting children and grandchildren. These visits took her to Northampton, MA; Westport, CT; Richmond, VA; and Seattle, WA. She saw **Jane Fellus Welch** as Daisy in "Driving Miss Daisy". Of course, Ethel wrote, Jane was "incredibly good in the role". Ethel was also looking forward to seeing **Honey Addington Passano** and Bill when they would be on the Delta Queen stopping in

Natchez in Nov. Honey wrote of working on a wonderful summer show at Gibson Island, MD. It was an old tradition, last performed in 1976 but revived this year. Evidently the show, "Somewhere Over the Causeway," was a real delight which everyone, cast and audience alike, thoroughly enjoyed. **Burney Parrott Sheeks** wrote that she had talked with Honey on the phone and had seen **Nella Gray Barkley** in Charleston in June. Burney certainly spoke for all of us when she wrote "I am so proud of Nella—aren't we all!" Burney also said that her main "contact with SBC classics was constant reference to **Didi Stoddard's** cookbook—my new constant companion in the kitchen." Didi is certainly also one of the "serious travelers." She was in Bermuda in the spring and England in the summer. She spent a lot of time in Provincetown, MA in the summer and was planning to take a walking tour in Italy—from Milan through Tuscany to Puglia—in Sept.-Oct. **Tinker Beard**, **Manda McThenia Iodice**, **Ginger Chamblin Greene**, and **I (Fritz Merriman Naylor)** are planning a visit with Didi in MA in the spring. Tinker, Manda, and I got together at Ginger's in Charlottesville last spring and had a great time.

Ginger was in China with the "American Community Band" in the summer of '01. (She actually played in the band!) She went on a tour in Iceland in the summer of '02. Since then she has been a student at "Horse Riding School." She volunteers at "recording for the Blind" and also finds time to make adorable teddy bears. Tinker and Manda both do volunteer work also, and Manda is very involved with wonderful grandchildren. I still love my tutoring work with adults who can't read. Another wonderful mini-reunion took place at **Camille Williams Yow's** home in Atlanta. **Sue Lawton Mobley**, **Newell Bryan Tozzer**, **Anne Sheffield Hale** (SBC 1954), **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell**, and **Yolanda Abram Goldstein** had lunch together in August. Iola has written a book about her WW II years in Greece when her family was split and hidden and on the run. She was a Fulbright scholar and now teaches at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA. Camille has retired from most major volunteer jobs and has enjoyed taking several courses this year. **Mary Boyd** and George were also at another reunion in July-Aug. with **Shirley Suttill Cooper** and **Tom**, **Anne Williams Manchester** and **Eli**, and **Nancy Douthal Goss** and **Woody**. This one, in ME, included the baptism of 4 beautiful children—each couple being the proud grandparents of one. Many children and other grandchildren were there, and it was evidently a very lovely and special occasion. Shirley also reported that she and **Bexy Faxon Knowles** had had a nice

visit. Anne and Eli have recently moved to a smaller home right on the ocean. Their daughters and grandchildren live nearby and they enjoy seeing each other often. **Mitzi Streif Halla** and **Roman** finally have 5 grandchildren—all born in 2001 and 2002. She wrote, "Guess it's never too late to be grandparents—and we love it!" One son and family live near Mitzi. The other, with his family, live in ME, but the proud grandparents visit there frequently. They also traveled to Australia (for the 4th time) this year and were planning to join the SBC tour of Vietnam and Cambodia in Jan. **Lydia Plamp Mower** and **Ted** also travel a lot. They have 8 children and 19 grandchildren. They reside in various places, so, Lydia says, "that means lovely travel". Lydia had open heart surgery (quadruple bypass), but is "feeling fantastic" now. **Evelyn Sanders Haugen** and **Will** had a wonderful trip to Aruba where they met their son, who is a missionary in Bolivia, and his family. They also had a lovely vacation in Florida with their other son and his family, who live near Evelyn. Everyone enjoyed getting away together. **Joan Kells Cook** urges all of us to visit. She is near Seattle and writes "we usually have room". Check before you drop in, though. Joan is always on the go. In 2002 she was in Hawaii, California, Mexico, England, Scotland, and Ireland. When she's home she's busy with grandchildren and several book clubs. Finally, many of you have commented on how much you're looking forward to our 50th reunion in 2005. It's not far away! Let's ALL plan to be there.

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Hello to the Class of 1958! It's hard to believe that by this time next year our 45th Reunion will be only a happy memory. I hope every one of you is planning to come.

Betty Gallo Skladal, still in Anchorage, Alaska, has had a tough year with highs and lows. Her hus-

band George has had two bouts of cancer and is convalescing. The Skladals have had to visit both M. D. Anderson Medical Center in Houston and an eye hospital in Philadelphia for different treatments. We wish him well. George is taking sculpture at the university and has also built a birch chair according to plans from one of the Foxfire books. Betty continues to sing with the Alaska Chamber Singers; she also is a member of her church choir and serves on the church's missions committee. Since Betty has retired from teaching she's begun to sell Party Lite candles and says she's glad she's had some retail experience. The Skladals are anticipating the arrival, in February, of their first grandson and fifth grandchild. Betty writes, "Winter is trying to get here; I'm glad it's so late this year. We have no snow yet except on the mountains...the trees have been lovely and the grass looks so green. All the small gardens are beautiful yellows and reds and the Mountain Ash are glorious with all their red berries and turning leaves."

It's so great to hear about our classmates who don't write from those who do! **Windy (Winifred) Winter Cocke** writes that she and **Lynne Morris Barnett** celebrated at a birthday luncheon for **Camilla Mueller Parker** before she left for Santa Fe with her family. Windy also had a telephone visit with **Lynn Crosby Gammill** following Lynn's hip surgery; she assures me that Lynn is recuperating nicely. The Cockes ran into **Mimi White**—at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, in Houston, where their son is assistant priest.

From Corpus Christi, TX, comes news from **Bell Tucker Dudley**; she had to miss the wedding, in Chicago, of **Judy Kingman Driskell's** daughter Ellen but received beautiful pictures of the event; instead, Bell attended a family reunion in Ohio with relatives she hadn't seen since she was a young girl.

Sue Rosson Tejml, Argyle, TX, relates that her daughter Tamara lived with her and Emil for a year and a half while Tamara recovered from the untimely death of her husband. Of course, Sue and Emil loved the bonding with their two grandsons. Tamara and sons moved to Paris but come home for two weeks at Christmas and two months in the summer. Sue has been able to go abroad to travel with them for several weeks at a time. The Rosson's son John is a "father figure" for his nephews, doing all the "boy things" with Dillon and Benjamin. Tamara has written a book about "surviving in Paris with her sons" and mother and daughter are considering opening a law practice together, when Tamara and her boys return in summer 2003, specializing in foreign adoptions, on a volunteer basis.

Betty Rae Sivalis Davis and her husband continue their adventures as bird and butterfly enthusiasts; their pursuits are taking them to South America, Kenya and Australia. B. Rae says that they have five thriving "grandgirls."

Adele Scott Caruthers.

Albuquerque, NM, drove to Washington, DC, in June and stopped to see the new construction at Sweet Briar. Adele still works part-time at a physical therapy center doing occupational and hand therapy. She serves on the Vestry of her Episcopal church and continues to paint in watercolors. She studied with artist Stephen Quiller in Colorado for a week and now has a painting in an exhibit of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. In September, for her birthday, Adele and a friend joined another couple on their sailboat to cruise the San Juans and Victoria. Her son and his dog were waiting for her, when she arrived home; he has moved in until he finds another job. Adele is considering writing a children's book for her four-year-old granddaughter. She is happy that she will have all her family nearby for Thanksgiving.

From Charlotte, NC comes news of **Dana Dewey Woody**. She and husband Joe have their first grandchild, Katherine Elizabeth, born to Jonathan and Tonya; they live in Pittsburgh where Jonathan is a vascular surgeon and on the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh. Husband Joe, an ophthalmologist, still practices two and a half days a week.

Another happy grandmother is **Ann McCullough Floyd**, Murrell's Inlet, SC. The parents are Clark and Kim who live in Savannah; little Jack has a big sister Sarah who enjoys her new role. The Floyds spent the month of August in the NC Mountains, which they loved.

Nancy Hawbaker Gilbert and **Carter**, Gainesville, FL, took their first Elderhostel trip in June to the Galapagos; she says they loved the animals, the guides and the whole experience. The Gilberts get to Chicago as often as they can to see sons John and Steve and their families; their four grandchildren, who are adorable, are there.

Cornelia Long Matson and husband Bob divide their lives between France and Florida. Cornelia assures me that she really, really did learn how to make wine this year after they built their own chai at their vineyard in Le Cleret; she says that there are many difficulties in the production including harvest, weather and temperature control but she doesn't have to press the grapes a la Lucy! Cornelia is ecstatic their wine is selling well in Sarasota and is now also on the market in NYC at Astor Wines and IS Wines in the Village. (I'm sorry I don't know the label.) She had an autumn

visit with her four "urchins" in England in October and the Matsons will head home in November.

Louise Dunham Williams, of Richmond, VA, and Harold have two grandchildren; their granddaughter is in kindergarten at St. Catherine's and their grandson is a third grader at St. Christopher's. The Williams had **Anne Winn Fox** ('57) and her husband at Virginia Beach in September to celebrate Harold's birthday. The Williams have moved into her mother's condo; Louise's mother, who died in November 2001 at age 101, had the same birthday as the Queen Mum!

A brief note from **Langhorne "Lanny" Tuller Webster** is encouraging all of us to support the Friends of Art at Sweet Briar. She attended a meeting of the organization in the spring: "Wish you could see how beautiful Sweet Briar looks and cheer on the new construction!!"

Ceci Dickson Banner hasn't retired yet; she is completing her twenty-second year as a consultant with Browning Associates; she says her job is never dull because she faces new challenges every hour of the day. Ceci has acquired 12 grandchildren through her husband Roger who she describes as "as handsome and as much fun as always." She now has two of her very own grandchildren: Will, 4, is Larry's son and lives in Charlottesville; Alden, two in February, lives in Atlanta with parents Becky and Kakra who are both veterinary nurses.

Dorothy "Poogie" Wyatt Shields says that she is busier than ever as a Vestry member and stewardship chairman for her little Episcopal church, St. Peter's, in Richmond's Church Hill area. Her "kids and grandkids" are still the most important part of her life. She finally got her first grandson in 2001, who joined three wonderful little girls. Son Carter, the last of her four to marry, wed a "very agreeable fellow-archaeologist" in May 2002.

Politics is still a great interest of **Peggy Jean Fossett Lodeesen**, Bethesda, MD. She had a great time at the National Women's Leadership Forum on Capitol Hill in the spring, organized by **Kay Bailey Hutchison**. She worked on fund-raising for candidate Connie Morella; she got to hear President Bush speak at a luncheon for Morella. **Peggy Jean** returned to teaching Latin full time at Sidwell Friends in September.

The mountains of western North Carolina are now the home of **Linda MacPherson Gilbert** and Dan who are retired there. Their latest project has been landscaping their house at Black Mountain; they have been "relishing in the peace it evokes." The Gilberts volunteer in both Asheville and Black Mountain, deriving a lot of satisfaction and pleasure from it. They enjoy keep-

ing up with their five children and nine grandchildren, scattered from coast to coast.

Judy Graham Lewis and husband Jim have left the beaches of Delaware for the mountains of West Virginia. Although Jim is retired from the active clergy, he is busier than ever. Judy says she is feeling "much more at home" in Charleston. She sings in the choir and is in the bell choir at their old church and sees **Ann Clancy Cooke** every Sunday at services. The Lewises visit their children, who collectively have nine grandchildren, when they can; they are spread all over the map, from South and North Carolina to Minnesota and New Hampshire.

Ruth Frame Salzberg and Bob had a great trip to the "Four Corners" region out west. They went on a National Geographic expedition with the Crow Canyon Archeological team to study pueblo cliff dwellings. Ruth says that has always been high on her "life list." They climbed up and down those thousand foot cliffs at very high elevations; Ruth's asthma and emphysema kicked up but she just took her time and didn't give up. She says that their Navajo guides and the expedition team were very patient. The Salzbergs also went kayaking on the San Juan River where they averted a potentially tragic accident: they were slammed by another boat into overhanging, knife-like cottonwood trees. Bob jumped out of their boat and managed to get them back into the stream; she adds that he is an experienced kayaker. Ruth regrets that even though they are now in Williamsburg, VA, she seldom gets back to SBC. She did work a square for the SBC quilt—of a field hockey player.

Another classmate who has changed addresses is **Ruth Mackie Gabay**; she now lives in a townhouse near Morristown, NJ, conveniently located near the mid-town direct train to NYC! Ruth continues to take tap-dancing lessons and loves it; she is a student, not a teacher as I credited her with in our last column. Ruth is thrilled to have a grandson now, thanks to son Mark and wife Jeanine; Ruth's youngest son Matthew married a lovely young woman, Susan Miller, in September.

Lynn Prior Harrington, Claire Cannon Christopher, Lee Cooper van de Velde, Jane Oxner Wareing, Eleanor Cain Pope and Lanny Tuller Webster went to Santa Fe, NM, together in March—no stated reason, just to have a mini-reunion. Lynn added her message to all our classmates to return to reunion in the spring.

June Berguido James has happily retired as drug counselor in Buffalo, NY, and has moved to Ithaca where she now lives in a little house around the corner from her daughter, son-in-

law and two granddaughters, ages three and five. June's younger daughter and husband, who live in Arlington, VA, had their first child, a son, in February. Not only does she visit with them periodically, but she also enjoyed a week with them at Folly Beach, SC, in May. She took an Elderhostel trip in late September to hike in the Cascade Mountains. If all went according to plan, June visited with **Edie Knapp Clark**, at the end of the month, in Beaverton, OR. She says that Edie had a long visit to Mexico earlier in the year.

Libby Benedict Maynard, Flint, MI, writes that her son Ben and his wife Mary and their children have returned to New Orleans after spending six years in Brazil. No news of Libby, unfortunately.

Sea Island, GA, is home to **Mary Lane Bryan Sullivan** and her husband for the months of January and February. She inherited, with her sister (Newell, SBC '55) and brother, her family's charming cottage there. M.L. says that she had a great reunion with **Julie Booth Perry** at a yoga class. The Sullivans stopped to see Julie and Charlie in Boothbay Harbor, ME, in July. M.L. sees **Julia McCutlough** and **Marian Martin Harrison** when she goes to visit in Atlanta. They had a fantastic trip to northern Italy with daughter **Keeley Jurgovan** (SBC '92), her husband Jon and 18-month-old Jack to celebrate the Jurgovans' 10th anniversary.

The Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference is one of **Ethel Ogden Burwell's** pet projects. It's a program that gets teenagers together, regardless of geographic, socio-economic, racial, ethnic or religious backgrounds, to discuss what they have in common. According to Ethel, the twenty-year-old conference has made a difference in the lives of so many young people and made a positive change in the way they view themselves and others. She also volunteers at her church, the local library and the historical museum and is active in Colonial Dames. Ethel and Armistead's children and seven grandchildren are living in places that they are glad to visit: Washington, DC; Atlanta and Statesville, NC. Ethel also encourages all of us to return for reunion next spring; she wants us to "see and hear about all that makes Sweet Briar relevant to today's young women without changing the essence of the community that we knew and loved."

This has been a year of changes for the Kuntz family. Eddie and I sold our big, old house in February and, because we don't know what we want to do with the rest of our lives, we are renting a charming little house in Oakwood, the same suburb where we have lived for 25 years. My mother **Martha McBroom Shipman**, (SBC '31), due to deteriorating health,

moved to a nursing facility in Dayton so that she could be near Eddie and me. Two moves in three months took untold hours and labor to accomplish. Martha and Don Schenck are back in Ashburn, VA, with their three children, Katie, 13, Lauren, 11 and Cole, 6. Martha is a certified fitness trainer and dietician and Don continues as a security officer with the State Department; he travels abroad on a regular basis. Lee and Scottie, 12, still live in Clarksville, TN, where Lee is the victim-witness advocate for the district attorney. All the grandchildren are active and happy; we miss not seeing them more often. Anne is busier than ever with her position as director of after-care service and as a funeral director here in Dayton; she holds seminars and support groups and is frequently a speaker on the topic of grief therapy. Anne is an avid animal lover and spends her free time volunteering at two local animal shelters. Eddie has retired and helps me as a "honey-do" since the moves. I'm still active at my church—serve on a communion and sing in the choir; garden club is my other activity. I have had a wonderful time putting in a perennial shade garden here at our new house. I'm also doing a lot of free-lance writing, not only for our local weekly paper but also for some marketing publications published by the Dayton Daily News. Eddie and I made two trips to northern Michigan together and I also went up with Anne the end of July; I returned once alone in August to finish some projects and take a little R & R. The twins and their families have visited us here and we plan to spend Thanksgiving in Ashburn with Martha's family and Christmas in Clarksville with Lee and Scottie. I want to remind all of you that the postcard reminders are a thing of the past. You must send me your news as you have it and I'll compile it and publish it as it arrives. I am eternally grateful for your support and words of encouragement. This class is quite remarkable and it's a privilege to chronicle the activities and accomplishments of '56-ers. Keep those e-mails (jskuntz@erinet.com) and letters coming. And think Reunion 2003!

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I hope you all noticed the information in the box at the beginning of the Class Notes in this issue and the last two. You will no longer be receiving the double postcards for submitting your news!! Please write or e-mail me your news, according to the deadlines given. The good news is that we can have news in all issues, not just once a year, and news will be more current.

I am sorry to have to report the death of **Tricia Cox Ware's** husband, Marshall on Sept. 15, 2001. I know we all send Tricia our sincere condolences. **Judy Sorley Chalmers'** website for Ground Zero Food Services was incorrectly listed in the Fall Issue. It is:

<http://judithchalmers-groundzero.info/>. Judy gave a well-received presentation at a Sept. 11 service at SBC about her work with Ground Zero Food Service.

This fall when Ward and I stopped to see **Snowdon Durham Byron** and Jamie in Shepherdstown, WVA, Snowdon told us of a party she gave in July to celebrate a milestone birthday for Jamie. **Courtney Gibson Pelley**, **Diane Doscher Spurdle**, and **Mary Ballou Handy Ballentine** were all there, and a picture of all of them along with other SBC grads present was to have been posted on the SBC website.

I'm looking forward to hearing from many of you before the next deadline.

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A merry month of May to All! We're real busy lending our talents in a multitude of directions with splendid variety. The arrival of new grandchildren seems to have slowed, but our enthusiasm has not. **Paige Wilkerson Pruitt** now has Eliza as well as Rob, **Penny Stanton Meyer's** daughter, Susannah, gave birth in March in Tampa, and both the Storeys welcomed newcomers.

Margaret Wasson's daughter-in-law, a teacher, presented her with her first, Andrew Abernathy V, and "my baby is pure joy for me". The whole family celebrates his first birthday this month. Andrew IV is with a window and door company, and daughter Win substitutes in the schools while completing her master's in elementary ed. Margaret volunteers with a downtown clinic, a board and Church, and Ed is totally retired, so they can spend long weekends up in Cashiers, NC.

Winifred Davis and Tread spent late January cruising out of Argentina, a grand adventure, to summer in Antarctica. They returned to await the birth of their sixth grandchild. John and **Louise Cobb Boggs** are active grandparents of daughter Alice's sons,

4 and 1, only 20 minutes away. Louise takes yoga lessons to facilitate crawling around on the floor and giving piggyback rides. Son Jay buys and restores Atlanta houses. Louise *thinks* she's retired, but volunteers with the Individual Patrons' Board for the Virginia Museum of Art and spends lots of time caring for her mother. John "manages to play golf every day" while working in insurance. They make several trips South to see Jay and friends between Richmond and Florida, spend time at their Chesapeake Bay home near Irvington, and plan to see Alaska and the Canadian Rockies this summer.

Paige Wilkerson Pruitt adds that Neil, Jr., has taken over their company, leaving them to enjoy their boat and other travels.

Penny Stanton Meyer visited her son, David, a teacher, and his wife, parents of her first grandson, Toby, "a joy". They live in Carbondale, CO. **Paige** enjoys teaching first grade in Vermont, but just might retire some day.

Deeda Hill Bradford and Reed see Dick and **Faith Bullis Mace** when the Maces are in Florida. A major interest is the Mountain TOP organization, a youth service mission project on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. This spring they helped build a 14-room cabin for one of the Mountain TOP camps, and, if you're in Tennessee, Deeda "has a hammer for your hand".

After a lovely 10 days visiting in London and Cardiff, **Sara Finnegan Lycett** and Ike spent a quiet summer in the country, struggling with the drought, and losing some major trees. The highlight of fall was Ike's 75th birthday, with all 4 children and 7 grandchildren, family and friends from all over celebrating.

Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss and the poet Christine Howes had a joint exhibition, "Archipelagos of Light", in Maine last summer. **Celia Williams Dunn** came up and they visited **Emily Whaley Whipple** in Ogunquit.

Bee Newman Thayer misses her mother, whom she lost last June. "What a great long life—she dearly loved SBC." Bee has 4 grandchildren, and youngest son Chris will marry this fall. The Thayers visit SBC and Kenmore on their trips to winter in Florida, visiting in New York and New Jersey too. "The college is enjoying such an invigorating time!"

From Wales, **Sue Bell Davies** retired several years ago from teaching the deaf, but still tutors. Besides her 3 grandchildren, she sponsors 13 girls and a boy in the developing world, and has visited 9. She spent January in Ethiopia, and visited her Bolivian child last year. She's on her 4th "campervan", spending time in the U.K. and Europe, sometimes downhill skiing, or orienteering, or sometimes

doing patchwork. She's made videos of her travels, and does "a little housework as possible."

Also continuing to travel widely are Dr. Fritz and **Suzanne Seaman Berry**. Fritz spoke again last fall in Japan, and they visited the Nagaya area and re-visited Naru and Kyoto. After a stopover in Frankfurt, Germany, they headed south to Malawi, the poorest country in Africa. In the "bush" country, where the only doctors are family practice doctors, he taught basic anesthesia for two weeks. They were situated on a beautiful lake with tropical fish and many birds to watch while Suzanne did lots of needlepoint.

Judy Harris Cutting and Tom had a positive "but fully-packed" 8-month interim work assignment in a Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, AR. They chose to live simply in a nearly empty manse but are now home in Richmond. She took up knitting scarves and spreading the habit among friends. She's enthusiastic about the new Italian yarns, which she finds in **Bunny Billo Alexander's** shop there, and sends "cheers" to all.

Also in Richmond, **Susie Prichard Pace** and George thank those who've sent notes of encouragement through George's stroke recovery. Last October, with sister Jean, children and 5 grandchildren they held a short celebration of his 70th birthday.

Judy Greer Schulz enjoys her volunteer time at the VCCA, "a real asset to SBC", and joins **Mary Denny Scott Wray** working for "Poplar Forest".

Mary Denny travels a lot, but also relishes being in Richmond with 2 of her 3 sons and families. She sings in a choir, is on the Board of the Symphony, and weeds at the botanical garden.

Lou Chapman Hoffman's son Donald lives in Paris, and sees **Mary Hunter Kennedy Daly** and George when they stay in their Paris apartment. Jerry and **Nancy Coppedge Lynn** spent "two glorious months in Maine this past summer, being visited by lots of family and friends". Then they visited **Stuart Bohannon Evans**, "just great, still lives in Jacksonville but spends time in her mountain home as well" in Tryon, NC. Jerry's semi-retired and home for lunch, but that doesn't keep Nancy from her French lessons or golf.

From California, **Fran Brackenridge Neumann**, Zone XII chairman for the Garden Club of America, saw **Jane Headstream Yerkes** at her Seattle flower show. Jane ran a whale of a beautiful and fun show, getting nearly 100% of her club to participate, and with style. In her two-year term, Fran will get to visit all 17 clubs in 7 western states.

Patti Anderson Warren is happy that roommates **Janie Arensburg Thompson** and **Sue Bell Davies** had a

visit in Pennsylvania, and that they and **Judy Rohrer Davis** are all back in touch. The Kansas International Museum opened last fall in Topeka, with an exhibit of 267 "treasures of the czars" displayed in 11 specifically designed galleries, the "most ambitious" project of **Alicia Laing Salisbury**. Now that she's retired from the state Senate, she's returned to her "roots in community service". Last summer, she and John sailed the Aegean, with land stays in Turkey and Greece, deepening her appreciation of ancient culture and art, begun in History of Art.

Simone Aubrey, a passionate gardener, managed to pick and process her beautiful flowers, despite losing her father. She also visited Little Rock and the beautiful Adirondacks. Most exhilarating was her glider ride over Martha's Vineyard Island, piloted by the husband of **Bessie Smith Stone**, '58. She hopes she gets another this summer.

Bette Hutchins Sharland emphasizes that she's responsible for only a fraction of the confusion in the Maryland legislature and that Jean's cooking continues to improve.

Bette's a published commentator. Last August, the Annapolis paper asked for recollections and meditations on the attacks of September 2001. Yep, her thoughts were different from others included.

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I don't know where I've read of so many birthdays celebrated with such gusto. If you need party suggestions, read on. I had a party at a restaurant in New York City with family (from New York, Boston, and New Mexico), and friends, among them my freshman year roommate **Libby Kopper Schollaert** and husband Jim. You can get people to come to The City, but coming to New Jersey is another matter entirely! I am once again commuting daily to NYC (right at Ground Zero) to work as a Technical Writer for a financial software company. I've survived various layoffs and ups and

downs and am now in charge of my department and rebuilding it. The commute is long but the upside is that I'll keep in touch with New York area classmates. I went back to campus for Alumnae Council and liked the new Commons building very much (okay, I still miss the Refectory) and particularly enjoyed the Center for Civic Renewal speakers (Dennis Ross and Susan Estrich were particularly good). I have no travels to report, but I hope you all will keep traveling and telling us your stories.

Elizabeth Matheson and Helen Dunn celebrated their 60th in Venice and took forward to many happy returns. West comes East when **Kathie Arnold Reed** comes to visit Elizabeth over Halloween. Last fall, **Grace Mary (Garry) Oates** and Wally greeted a wonderful new grandson in New Orleans—"Andrew, little brother to our darling Emma, who turned four this year. Last January, Wally was in Arizona for a board meeting and had a jolly dinner with Claire, whom we both hope to see here this winter. In February, we celebrated Adrienne Ash's 60th with her. (I kept mine as quiet as possible in January!). In August we spent a lovely warm week in London and then went to Sussex for an idyllic reunion celebration with my two dearest friends from St. Andrews and their husbands to mark the 40th anniversary of our meeting in the fall of '62! Then we went on to St. Gallen in Switzerland where Wally had a conference. In September, we're off for a month in Rome where Wally will be a visiting professor at the University of Rome, La Sapienza. We have a flat not far from Piazza Navona and are beside ourselves with excitement."

Barbara Bolling Downs enjoys annual visits to Sweet Briar for the Friends of the Art Board meeting. (They meet in New York in the fall also.) **Marsh (Metcalfe) Seymour** writes: "Highlights of the year have been three trips to California to see the grandsons (age 4 and almost 1). I had an action-packed 60th, combined with the 4th of July, so there were sparklers in the cake and dancing to my old 45s put to CDs. Family was here and enjoyed the Silk Road Festival on the National Mall and, of course, the fireworks. We had a great trip to China (2 river cruises, plus temples, shrines, and museums). It was the usual trek, but this time with more meaning after all of my docent studying and training. And this time I took my paints and brushes." **Nancy Gillies** had a big celebration in Maine for her mother's 90th and her twin brothers' birthdays. "I've been to Sweet Briar several times and think the new building is lovely. I'm busy with nursing, student housing, church work, sports, and hobbies."

Mary Duer Colen writes that she

and Joe "continue to enjoy our farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I retired almost a year ago and therefore have more flexibility to spend time there. We became grandparents last November. Joe's son had a daughter and we are thrilled. Jennifer has been a counsel in the Senate for four years and is thinking about other ways to practice law. Ambler has changed careers entirely, leaving the design profession and moving to the securities business."

Caroline Keller Theus—Caroline says there's "nothing earthshaking to report" unless she shakes a tree. For her, the long-term view is paying off. She planted some pecan orchards 10 years ago and now they are bearing fruit."

Angie Whaley LeClerq is amazed that "Sweet Briar still matters to all of us after so many years. Memories of youth, intellectual vigor and loyalty come to mind. Thank you Sweet Briar for still being there!" Angie continues as library director at The Citadel and has an antique store.

Kitty Griffith writes that her "library career was brief. I returned to work in Manhattan almost two years ago as Communications Director of the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers. I see a lot of **Julia Arnold Morey** '63 who lives nearby. **Penny Pamplin Reeves** '63 came to visit from Lexington, Kentucky (where she works for a library) recently. We're all ready to retire were it not for the stock market."

Carol Eckman Taylor says the pace of her life is still hectic. "David and I lost our son Benjamin (our only child) in April, 2001. He lived in Sandpoint, Idaho with his wife Emily and daughter Olivia (b. 12/7/00). The girls immediately moved in with us in Richmond on the old family farm with two Jack Russell terriers and a cat. I'm afraid I'm a little thinner and look a lot older but we are all coping. Of course, Olivia and her mother are both a great joy. I'm into my 31st year @ Troutman Sanders LLP in the Trust Dept. and am also serving my 3rd and 4th generation of clients. Our sympathies also go to **Sally Gump Berryman** whose husband "Doc" died in October 2002. They enjoyed 34 years of marriage on a farm that Sally thinks of as "a rural patch of Paradise." She plans to stay there as long as possible. "I still have two horses, five dogs, lots of great family, friends, and neighbors. I'm busy with community projects and a huge interest in the Junior Golf Program here."

Clarita De Kont Bhat writes from Washington State as she looks out on "an eagle's nest and eaglet in a large tree facing water. I just finished my 30th year as a chemistry professor at Shoreline Community College. I received the Exceptional Faculty Award and am currently chair of 2YC3

(Two Year College Chemistry Consortium). My husband is still working in his pharmaceutical lab. We have our proudest moments looking at our two grandsons (3 and 6 years) and love babysitting. My other daughter was married July 27th, 2002."

Lyne (Smith) Crow is still working hard and trying to squeeze in travel when she can. "I saw Susie Glasgow Brown when I spent a week in Nashville for the Million Dollar Round Table in June where I also serve on the Foundation Board. I'm now the Immediate Past President (best job in the world) of the NJ Assn. of Insurance and Financial Advisors. I went to Peru—one week in the Amazon (complete with hitting a sand bar with our boat) and one week in Machu Picchu. Yes, we got off the sandbar! It was terrific. My kids are fine but since no one is married yet, there are no grandchildren to report."

Mollie (Johnson) Nelson is busy! "I went hiking in Italy (Umbria and Cilaque Terre) to avoid a big birthday party and to prove that there is life in the "old bod" yet. I took Allen Huszti's Opera course at SBC in June, and look forward to augmenting it with one on great opera heroines at UNC in November to be ready for the SBC opera trip to Prague/Vienna in March. I took a weekend foreign relations seminar at UNC in June and went to a wedding in Montana in July. I'm busy with Sweet Briar alumnae board work and the usual assortment of routine stuff that keeps me busy. It's been a long, hot summer but full of good experiences and with a few treats on the horizon to anticipate."

V.M Del Greco Galgano—Michael and I teach and I keep my two-year-old granddaughter two afternoons a week while her father teaches. I love being a grandmother (V-Mama) and so am delighted that I have a second granddaughter this year. Mike and I had a fun trip to Nova Scotia with Jo Ann Kramer and Elliott—much fun and laughter.

Frances Hanahan celebrated her 60th with about 15 others and also with **Caroline Tate**. **Nancy Lynah Hood** writes that she is in about the last year of her job with Cultural Services in Oxfordshire. "Roger retires in 2003 and we will be living in Hong Kong while Roger is a distinguished visiting professor for a year. It will be a big year for us. If anybody wants to rent a house in Oxford for the academic year 03/04, just let me know."

Leezee Scott finds Washington, D.C. "dicey these days but personally my husband, Paul, continues to do well at 95. My daughter Edie now has three precious children: Ella, 5, Tajo, almost 2, and Lukas, 6 months. My furniture leasing business is 29 years old and I feel blessed."

Harriet Houston Shaffer writes: "We are busy celebrating 60th birth-

days in Atlanta. **Susan Croft**, **Nancy Green Hall**, and I just had a luncheon for **Jane Wheeler**'s birthday. I am busy doing Business Development for the Carlisle Collection. Meanwhile we are waiting for three grandchildren, making a total of six. Charles and Karen live in NY and are expecting twins any day now and Caroline is expecting her third child in March. Emi, our youngest, is getting married in May"

Christie Calder Salomon writes of an active fun summer with two weeks in Jackson Hole, Wyoming doing all the western things—riding, fly-fishing, hiking, and some golf. "Then I enjoyed R&R time in Vermont and at my beach cottage in Madison, CT. I had a wonderful birthday celebration in April at **Susan Dwellie Baxter**'s. All present had not aged a day! (Ed. Boy, is that good news!) I just had a third grandchild and expect twins from there on August in November!"

Penny Writer writes that her roommate **Dagi Stoll Murphy** and husband John visited this summer for a few days. "We had a great time. Stu is about to retire (next Spring) and I can't believe we are at that stage in our lives."

Mary Deas (Boykin) Wortley—"I'm retired now and love having time to spare! I keep busy with grandchildren and children and painting watercolors. We're traveling a good bit. We went to the Czech Republic on Sept 11th on a bicycle trip. I finally found a computer place where a kind person let us use his computer to email our kids (2 live in Alexandria) and felt a little better once we established contact. Can't believe we're 60 now!"

Nina Sledge Burke can't believe another year is gone! "Frank and I still spend winters on the plantation near Charleston, SC and summers in the mountains at Highlands, NC, but Atlanta is still home-base. I still ride and drive horses and am involved with Stratford Hall, Robert E. Lee's birthplace. Frank serves on several corporate and non-profit boards. Our first grandchild, William Davies Farris was born to daughter Eleanor and Rick Farris last February. Our son Richard practices law in Charleston."

Carrie Peyton Walker and Rick took off on a "without reservations" three-week vacation. "With our dog Fritz, we stopped wherever we felt like it and stayed for as long as we wanted. We covered North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Minnesota. It was fun to see the rolling fields of soybeans, corn, bright yellow sunflowers and alfalfa in the American Heartland. We finished up with three days at an old hippie commune in Washington State that's been going for 33 years. The music festival included handmade jewelry, exotic foods, massage, healing crystals—and lots of dancing. Rick is head of

the Graduate Program in Mathematics this year at San Jose State University teaching calculus and linear algebra. I'm teaching computer scientists and engineers from China, India, and S. Korea, Russia, Israel, Taiwan and Indonesia. They need to polish their English writing skills and work on their accents. I've been hired this year by Sun Microsystems & Visa (credit card). I also teach at the University of California, Berkeley and Santa Cruz Extension. I celebrated my 60th with Rick, my first husband Stuart, who was visiting from Japan, and several bottles of very fine wine."

Rosamond Sample Brown is retired she thinks. "This has been a very eventful year for me. I decided to give myself some free time as a gift for turning 60. I am taking a "sabbatical" to spend more time with my family and friends, plus do some traveling. I quit my job in Washington as a lobbyist at the end of February and left the following week for five weeks in Costa Rica where I visited a good friend, hiked through rain forests, held a baby sloth, and brushed up on speaking Spanish. Sam was spent back in Arkansas with my younger son, brother and sister, and friends. Then, for six weeks in the summer, I visited France, Italy and Austria. I returned to McLean in August for a couple of weeks and then headed to San Diego for a month, where my oldest son lives and I have a small townhouse. Hard to leave the blue skies and 70 degree days. I'll spend November and most of December with family in Arkansas then I will go back to San Diego after the first of the year. I'm in the process of planning a trip to Peru in March. I love not working and am busy all the time.

However, this was a really bad year to quit work since the stock market has collapsed. I am giving myself freedom until next summer, and then I'll review the situation and go back to work if necessary. By then I may be found sitting on a corner holding out a tin cup!

Lee Huston Carroll—"We are enjoying California. John loves his job and I have started working at All Saints, a very large progressive Episcopal church in Pasadena. I am in the stewardship office and am having a good time. The commute is 10 minutes, which is bound to be a record for LA...all is well on this coast. We miss being close to old friends and family, but you cannot beat the weather! I hope that this finds everyone well. We'll all have to plan to be at the next reunion."

Genie Johnson Sigler writes of another trip. "Bill and I took an Alumni College Abroad trip to Provence in June to celebrate our 35th anniversary. We loved it! I encourage anyone to take the College Abroad trips. We are planning to take another one to Tuscany, since our last one was to

have been right after September 11 and we didn't go."

Susie Glasgow Brown—My son Allen Jr. married a darling girl—Lolly Hart from Greenwich, CT—last May in Carmel—a "destination wedding!" It was gorgeous and very much fun. My oldest daughter Barbara Keith Payne and husband Richard had their second son William Brown Payne Jan. 21st. We're having lots of fun these days with our four-year-old grandson Jamie and Brown, now 8 months!! These kids all live here, so I am very lucky about that, and our youngest, Happy, lives in Crested Butte, CO. I spent three weeks out there last summer, a wonderful time in the mountains. I am still selling real estate with my daughter in the family business, but she is busier these days than I am, so I call myself her assistant. She won't let me retire just yet, but I am looking forward to that!! Enjoy gardening, reading, walking—trying to get back into sewing, but just can't get inspired; maybe if someone will have a daughter, I will!"

Vera LeCraw Carvallo writes, "Our son Jean-Pierre is in NYC but has moved from the stock exchange environment to a job with the French Bank BNP and is engaged to his girl friend of seven years who is also working in the City. We're busy planning the wedding for May 31 in Paris. Our daughter Patricia, grandson Alexis, Philippe and I had a wonderful vacation on the coast of NC this summer with my mother. Didn't go anywhere else, as we needed to just relax. Patricia also surprised me with a 60th in April with all of my best friends. It was a total surprise and a great joy. I must say I don't realize I've lived that many years and I mostly ignore it!"

Anne Stanley—"A highlight of this past summer was spending a week with **Mary Green Borg** in Colorado. We spent most of the time in the mountains hiking and talking, simultaneously..., which is no small thing at 9,000 feet. When we came off the mountain, I had the pleasure of meeting her adorable grandsons. What a bombshell the first girl will be in the Borg family!"

Tina Patterson Murray is still moving along with her Ph.D., teaching at John Day and by now has another grandchild.

POSTNOTE: Please send me your new or changed email addresses and tell the college too. Communicating by email is quick and easy and saves money. The college is using email whenever it can and we have a

reunion coming up soon. You can also go to www.alumnae.sbc.edu and click on the link to change address information or write some class notes for the next issue of the magazine. We can publish news in all issues of the Alumnae Magazine now. My email address: vdebuys@sprintmail.com. In

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Congratulations to the Class of '67. We had a small but mighty reunion, and a whopping 57.3% of us gave reunion gifts, an all-time record for '67. Thanks to **Linda Fite** for her letter that encouraged many of you to give. The Service of Remembrance was emotional with **Judi Bensen Stigle** reading the names of those who passed on including **Leslie Huber Dudley** and **Ginny Young Phillips** while **Beth Gawthrop Riely** and **Ann Carr Bingham** were singing in the choir. We were joined by Judi's dad, Jim Bensen, who should be an honorary class member.

Genie Bull Ryner said husband, Steve, particularly enjoyed staying in a women's dorm for the first time. Genie inspected the Library from head to toe and says it does need the addition. She particularly enjoyed wandering around the President's spectacular house.

Since Reunion, they attended Library conferences in Los Angeles and Asheville. Genie will be presenting a paper at an international criminal justice conference in Australia in January 2003. She's been appointed to the Prince William County Library Board.

After Reunion, **Mellie Hickey Nelson** and Paul had a good summer with several family beach trips. Gunnar has returned to college in Utah.

Beth Gawthrop Riely is revising *The Chef's Companion: A Concise Dictionary of Culinary Terms* for a third edition, due out spring 2003 and editing the *Radcliffe Culinary Times*, a newsletter published by the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe, on food history and the social history of

food. Because of copyright questions for freelancers like Beth, after 18 years she's no longer writing for the *Boston Globe*. Her older son, Christopher, started graduate school at Yale in the School of Forestry, and Andrew has begun his sophomore year at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. Sadly, John and Beth are no longer together.

Ginny Stanley Douglas once again came the greatest distance to Reunion. She's very busy as the CA Coordinator for The WISH List—Women in the Senate and House—helping to elect pro-choice Republican women at all levels of government. She says it's a great job, but not part-time which she initially thought. Their daughter and son-in-law are enjoying traveling to Australia and celebrated their 6th anniversary in October. Bill and Ginny had a blast on a weeklong bicycle trip to the Gulf Islands of Canada and weekend with 5 other couples bicycling from winery to winery in CA—no one got a DUI! Those bicycle muscles will come in handy during ski season at Lake Tahoe.

Kat Barnhardt Chase and Bob have the shortest trip for Reunion. Bob is busy with computer science at SBC and research at UVA. Alison is in the college application process, and Leslie is juggling motherhood and elementary certification through SBC. Kat has 2 full-time jobs at Holy Cross!

Page Munroe Renger and **Lindsay Smith Newsum** arrived early, but had to leave early. Lindsay and Mac took their mothers on a barge trip in France, enjoyed a long weekend in Napa Valley and visited Page for a Panther's game in Charlotte. Lindsay visited **Sally Haskell Richardson** and Wes in Richmond, and **Gretchen Bullard Barber, Sue Morck Perrin** and Bill in Gloucester. More trips are in the works. Kate, Duke '96, is doing graphic design for David Rockwell's architectural/design group in NYC.

Randy Brown had a visit from **Bonnie Blew Plerie** and Tom on their way home from **Gracey Stoddard's** son's wedding in Williamsburg. Randy's still working and says she'll continue given the economy.

After Reunion **Hallie Darby Smith** went to Europe, and while she was away, her husband, Al, died of a heart attack. We all send her our condolences.

Jill Berguido Gill said that she, **Bethel Sebring Stannard** and **Baird Shinberger Bell** had a great mini-reunion at **Colleen Coffee Hall's** in Princeton. Jill's travels have also included Williamsburg, Annapolis, Lake George, and Montreal. There was a memorial gathering and family reunion for her mother, **Marion Jayne Berguido** '28. Jill still enjoys her tutoring business. With help from her husband, she expanded her gardening domain by building a fish pond. She

reports going into a Zen-like trance when relaxing beside the pond. Son, Tim, is still enjoying life in Philadelphia.

Baird Shinberger Bell writes that son, Dave, married Rachel Torres in May. Dave has a Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine, and Rachel is pursuing her Masters in English at UTSA. Baird and Bill visited them in San Antonio over Labor Day. Steve will marry Nadine Gallo, next year. He works at Mitre Corp., enjoys the challenge of computer engineering, but his true love is his band, Upper Cut.

(www.UpperCutmusic.com). They played as part of the Warped 2002 tour and had music credits during the Extreme Sports Games on ESPN 2. Bill continues to work at his health care policy consulting company, and Baird enjoys being retired from teaching with no alarm to set for 5:30 a.m. and working part time for Jinny Beyer Studio selling fabric and quilting. Baird and her sister, Adelaide, returned for Fall Council at SBC for *Religion in the Public Square* and found the speakers stimulating.

Mary Bell Timberlake has become a "Nana" twice over since she last reported in. She gets together often with son, Wayt, and his wife, Laura, in Charlottesville who have 2 children, Emmy, 4 1/2, and Wayt V. 2. "Being a grandmother is the best!" Daughter, Julie, is married, lives in Jackson Hole, WY, and is working as the Director of Development for the Jackson Hole Land Trust where she's conducting a \$25M capital campaign to preserve the open lands there, so if you get a call from Julie Jones for money, please write a big check! Mary spends most of her volunteer time with the local free medical clinic and is very committed to its mission.

The Timberlakes park next to **Carroll Randolph Barr** and Mike at the UVA football games. Carroll is still at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot as Journalism teacher, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, and coach of the girls' tennis team. Although not ready to retire, she enjoys golf, tennis and the freedom of summers at their place on Crystal Lake, MI. The boys are fine; Michael is in NYC and Angus is off to Asheville, NC for fun, music, freedom and whatever else he finds. He has been an electrician's apprentice, but decided there was more to his life and wanted to find out about it now. While on a wonderful visit in the islands last winter, Carroll ran into Emily Pleasants '74 and her family.

Lynn Lyle is in her 13th year as an elementary school counselor in Raleigh, NC, and uses play therapy techniques in counseling the children. "They pay me to play." Lynn and her collaborators will present their work in a pilot program to train Kindergarten

teachers in play techniques for the most troubled kids at the conference of the national play therapy association in St. Louis. Lynn went to Nova Scotia for a month traveling with Servas, an international home stay organization with peace as its mission. Next is Australia for Christmas and a family wedding in Melbourne followed by a side trip to Perth.

Jane Stephenson Wilson is semi-retired, teaching every morning, leaving at lunchtime, and loving it.

Vicky Baker did anthropological research on schooling in Haiti this past summer. She also made trips to Alaska and Brazil, (her 124th country!). Vicky is Chair of the Anthropology Department at Eckerd College.

Ginny Carpenter Delgado says, "All on this side of the Atlantic are fine and have enjoyed a good year". Son, Rafael, wife Inés and 19 month old son Álvaro live in Cartagena, Murcia, where Rafael is second in command of a submarine. She and her son speak English to Álvaro, and his mother Spanish, so he understands both languages and is starting to say words in both. In Madrid Ginny enjoys theater, concerts, art exhibits, golf, and riding her TB mare Windy, who is 19, 6 days a week. She turns into "Ginny tourist guide" and does the sights in Madrid and surrounding cities for visiting family and friends. "Ginny tourist" has visited her sister and husband for 3 weeks in Breckenridge CO which is turning into my second home! She went to Belgium and Holland for 2 weeks with her British friend Joan. She remembered Vicky Baker when visiting The Hague. Ginny and her mom put Vicky on the boat in NYC bound for The Hague in summer '67. Ginny enjoyed lunch and a brief tour at the European Parliament.

Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings took time off from studying to write that she's still trying to decide what to be when she grows up. She started by becoming an EMT (nationally certified no less), is now in Nursing School and will graduate and take the RN boards in 2004. She's mentally challenged, and even though she's a prime candidate for osteoporosis, she's taking HRT for her brain. "Forget the bones, the brain must function now!" The good training as a science major at SBC saved her in the nursing program. They skied Jackson Hole while visiting Emery, her eldest daughter who lives there.

Lynn Gullett Strazzini is still with the FFA commuting from Charlottesville to DC where she's a Monday through Thursday "boarder" in Alexandria. Recent FAA trips have taken Lynn to Las Vegas and Daytona.

Kate Barrett Rennie and her son, Chris 16, enjoy their home in Williamsburg. Kate's a new grand-

mother to Christiana Joy, her daughter Kathy's first child.

Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe is teaching at Richard Bland College. Daughter Alison is studying law at Temple U and Anne is studying medicine at SUNY Stonybrook.

Stephanie Ewalt Coleman is happy to be working part-time after years of back surgery and P.T. Son, Brandon, is a business major at James Madison U where he pledged Kappa Sigma. Cameron is editor of the Martinsville (VA) Bulletin. Lee and wife, Holly, live in Richmond. Despite a health scare, Ron is doing well and shows no signs of slowing down or retiring.

Diane Mann Lankford is building houses while her husband manages the financial and real estate side of the business. Diane's daughter, Catherine, and her husband moved to Chicago while he's at Kellogg Business School. Her son, Frank, plays baseball for the Oakland A's organization where he is successfully postponing entry into the real world. She sees **Kay Trogden Hightower**, **Missa Sanders Thomas**, and **Susan Tucker**.

Eleanor Crossley's whole family went to Denver for her youngest son's wedding. They took a 5 week car trip visiting family and friends in Canada. She is off to cruise the Nile River and see all the Egyptian art she studied with Miss Barton.

Also traveling is **Dolly Caballero Garcia** who loved Australia and New Zealand. She plays tennis and is active with their opera group. Dolly is the proud grandmother to 6 grandchildren with another on the way.

Glory McRae Bowen had a great time cruising the Adriatic and Aegean seas. T.J. is finishing high school and busy performing in rock concerts playing drums, bass guitar and guitar. Hardy is a senior at Vassar majoring in International Studies. Daughter, Glory, has an active theater career directing plays in NJ and Off-Broadway. Glory continues performing at concerts.

Stella Mae Renchard Seamans works with Action, Inc., a community anti-poverty agency and "We Care About Housing", an affordable rental and homeownership non-profit. She's also involved with a "land trust" to preserve open space in Beverly, MA and Solar Now, an educational non-profit for renewable energy. Her oldest daughter, an architect, lives with her husband in Germany.

Susan Summers Alloway is busy with her "wee kirk" of 33 souls in the woods just south of Canada and with leading retreats and women's spiritual life groups. Her work focuses on finding the spirit within and does not rely on traditional concepts of religion or church. She says it's exciting for her to work with women of faith and women of little or no faith all in the

same group.

Mary Cary Ambler had a mini-reunion in Newport, RI with **Pam Ford Kelley**, **Linda Fite** and **Carol Munn**. Mary Cary is a learning specialist at Convent of the Sacred Heart. Son, John, is working and attending Columbia Journalism and daughter, Jacqueline is in the School of Communications at BU. On the home front, Mary Cary has adopted 2 cats.

Did you know that **Hallam Hurt** received UVA Women's Center Distinguished Alumna Award in 2001? She received the same award from SBC in 1989!

Mary (Bonnie) French Jackson has M.Div from Yale Divinity School and is an interfaith minister just finishing M.Min from U of Creative Spirituality. She spent much of the last 3 years in India and CA studying Indian music with Sri Karunamaye. Her daughter, Elizabeth, is happy at Cooper Hewitt in NYC.

I enjoyed getting reacquainted with **Judy Keyserling** who moved to Milwaukee to work for the Milwaukee Symphony. After 21 years at Milwaukee Rep, I've become the institutional history expert. My work with SBC has been very rewarding, and Judi and I want to thank all of you who sent in reunion gifts so that we were proud to be on the stage of Babcock when class participation percentages were announced. I spent the summer in Cleveland with my mother during her final days. It was a privilege to have that special time with her. Send your news at any time since it can be submitted for any issue of the Magazine. If you send me your email, I'll be happy to send an email reminder for news.

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The news from our class this year covers a wide spectrum—from marriage to a new baby, from grandchildren to the loss of family members. **Anne Billings McDougall** is working with husband Ed on a new real estate and web business called KeyNites. Ed teaches part-time at U of FL where he is co-director of the Center for Real Estate Studies. Anne does volunteer work with her church and the school. Her daughter Maggie is a junior at Davidson and is studying in Sevilla with the SBC Spain program. Anne thinks, "It's cool that she will be a SBC alum." Her son Jim is a H.S. senior and lacrosse player who is thinking seriously about W & L for next year. Anne had lunch with **Carol Ann Provence Gallivan** in 2001 and they caught up on the last 30 years. **Michelle Brown Badcock** joined the ranks of 50 year olds last October and celebrated in Naples, FL with her sister who lives in VA. Michelle has a new job working as the community development manager for the local Council of Voluntary Services and enjoys a five minute commute. Simon, 26, is settled but Douglas, 23, has his first "real" job as manager of a surf clothing outlet. Heather, 20, has completed her first year at Swansea (Wales) U. doing sociology (memories of Ed Drayer!) and development studies. To celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, Michelle and Michael went to Scotland. Michelle reports that she considers them, "lucky beyond measure—it has been a wonderful adventure." **Freida Carpenter Tucker** is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Hannah Elizabeth Simpson, born Sept. 6, 2002. **Creigh Casey Krin** and John celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to Mexico with John's brother and wife. In May daughter Lindsay will receive her diploma from Bucknell after 3 years and then is on to graduate school. Heather is a junior at UConn majoring in math and finance. Creigh divides her time between teaching 5th grade math, head teacher, 5th grade team leader and district test coordinator. Named Teacher of the Year for 2002–2003 in Thomaston, CT, she is back

in graduate school working on her administrator's certificate. John is the CFO of a local company. Creigh talked to **Jane Garland Lucas** recently and writes that she "still misses her after all these years." **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** reports that her 12 1/2 year old daughter, Whitney, was the only girl in her 7th grade chosen to participate in the Red Hot Computer group—at the same time as she plays tennis and wants to buy every new kind of mascara. Peggy loves being the PAST president of both her local garden club and provisional chair of her nationally affiliated garden club. Last December she won another honorable mention in a nationally affiliated judged flower arrangement competition—an arrangement that she says she dreamt about for four months. Peggy reports that **Jane McFaddin** has a newly married child. **Anita Clarendon Ledsinger** and Chuck are living in Washington, D.C. where Chuck is CEO and president of Choice Hotels International. Her daughter Leila has transferred from UVA to Brown. Her interest in international affairs led to the opportunity to work for a congressman on the Hill last semester. Elise is a H.S. senior and is looking at UVA and W & L. Both girls ride competitively and Anita still rides daily. She is going back to graduate school hoping to earn a degree in historic preservation. **Diane Dale Reiling's** older child Steve is in the throes of college applications; her daughter Erica is a H.S. freshman. **Diane and Kathleen Cochran Schutze** went to the Alumnae Council meeting in September and have begun the planning for our 30th. Diane hopes to bring Erica with her to SBC in May. **Sue Dern Plank** and her daughter Elena toured colleges last spring and spent time at SBC. They toured the campus, saw a production of *Tempest* and visited Dr. Elizabeth Sprague in her Lynchburg home. Elena worked for a technology firm, Think One, in Albany last summer. Diane continues to work as an engineering consultant with the Gordian Group as they expand in upstate NY. Sue volunteers in many capacities at Elena's school. **Christine Eng Leventhal** is teaching freshman biology at Greenwich H.S. for a semester filling in for a maternity leave. She has not taught since her student teaching requirement for her master's and reports that, "I am working hard and loving it." If nothing opens up for second semester, she hopes to find a full-time position for next fall. In her limited spare time, Christine trains some of her older clients and teaches one body-sculpting class a week. Perhaps we can sample this at our reunion! Peter continues to run his health food store as well as doing nutritional counseling and teaching martial arts. He stays active playing basketball, biking and,

"enjoying life." Amy is at UVM, Nick is finishing high school at Wilton H.S. and Norwalk Community C. and Jon is a sophomore at Wilton H.S. Christine spoke with **Alison Fifer Stonecipher** in the fall and says that Alison is fine and living in Santa Barbara. **Lisa Fowler Winslow** continues her work as a law librarian at a large firm and is a docent at the Getty Museum. Having just turned 16, daughter Suzanna is driving everywhere. As a high school, junior she is an editor for the school newspaper as well as being heavily involved in dance. She and Lisa went to Kauai, Hawaii just before Labor Day and learned to windsurf having, "a wonderful time bonding and surfing." Russell is a senior at Berkeley and is applying to law schools. He spent last semester in San Sebastian, Spain and loved the experience that allowed for travel and surfing through Europe. Lisa and Suzanna visited him over spring break and were able to include visits to Paris and London. **Robin Harmon O'Neill**, who writes that, "life is wonderful," has begun painting portraits, something she started while living in Providence. She is still Field Master of the Camden Hunt and fox hunts twice a week in addition to playing tennis. Daughter Robin ("sweet and fun," writes her mother) is a 16 year old 10th grader, who at 5 ft 10 inches, plays varsity tennis and basketball. Robin wrote with the tragic news that **Susan Craig's** brother Michael was killed in a car accident this fall in England. He was a furniture designer and craftsman whose client Donald Trump sleeps in one of the beds Michael designed. **Emily Garth Brown** and Lisa were able to attend his funeral. **Susan Kirby Peacock** has had a full year. She got married in March to Jay Boynton whose 8 year old son joins Susan's daughter Marley, 13. They took a family dive trip to Costa Rica in June followed by a trip to the Caymans in Sept. for Jay and Susan. She is still painting and directing an indigent clinic pharmacy and writes that she is "coming back to life after the death of my son Daniel 3 years ago." **Jane Knutson James** writes that Patrick is in his third year at UCLA and Elizabeth is in her first year at Cal State U. at Long Beach in pre-nursing. Jane has left her job as Instructional Aide at the high school and is working as a substitute teacher. Having stated a preference for high school, Jane may be asked to do kindergarten, a prospect she "cannot imagine." The joy of her new situation is that she does not have to go to work each day. Jane enjoyed a summer trip to an island in Ontario as well as a trip to Yosemite to climb the dome and to see the beautiful valley. Jane concludes with, "All in all life is wonderful, we're healthy and happy with each other. Our children love us so what more could we want?" As far

as I know, the winner of the last class of '73 baby goes to **Magee Leigh**. Ana Marcia was born 02/02/02 in Guatemala and Magee hoped to have her at home by June. Magee joked that, "she may be the first baby arriving from a developing country in need of dietary restriction." Apparently **Betsie Meric Gambel** thinks that Ana Marcia looks like her mother. We can look forward to her college accomplishments and wedding! **Linda Lipscomb's** job was eliminated after the September 11th attacks. After taking a few months off to perfect her skiing and hiking skills in Utah and cruise through Norway, Linda is the director of marketing and strategic development for a non-profit agency in Dallas that serves mentally ill substance abusers. "A big departure from what I was doing at American Airlines," Linda comments. "We're all great," reports **Lisa Marshall Chalmers** from Atlanta where she is still painting. Elizabeth is a senior at Westminster and is applying to college. Marshall has been in Russia since June studying in St. Petersburg and is making his way home slowly through Europe doing research. He is due back in the States in November '02. David is busy with land sales. **Emily Garth Brown's** daughter Emily has moved to Atlanta so Lisa gets to see her often. **Marion McKee Humphreys'** oldest child started law school this year; her younger child is a sophomore at SMU in Dallas. They are building a lake house in Arkansas and looking forward to Thanksgiving there. Marion sees **Charlotte Battle Robbins** often ("at yoga, I might add," says Marion) and talks with **Cathy Blackburn Helwick** in Houston on a semi-regular basis. Marion writes that, "I feel like I could step back to the '70s and SBC years and never miss a beat with any of our friends." **Chris Mendel Prewitt** is stationed at the Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany where she is the installation commander; a job that she says is, "challenging, especially since September 11." Having been there for one year, Chris has one year to go. Her daughter started school at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL this fall. The two boys are both in school in Germany where they play soccer. Darwin is still commuting back and forth with Northwest Airlines. **Betsie Meric Gambel** is traveling more and more with her PR job with Logan Marketing and Communications. Their new niche is continuing care retirement communities nationwide, "so appropriate (and interesting) as we approach 'that age'." Betsie is scheduled to speak at a seniors' conference in Oct. of '02. Gregory was married in August and is working as an attorney in Bucks County, PA. Meric is a junior at Clemson U. and spent last summer in

Charleston, SC. Betsie spent July 4th with Meric. **Jane McFaddin** and her sister Margaret (a SBC alum) at Pawley's Island. Many of Meric's friends were there and Betsie said, "It was heartwarming to see him create traditions much like the ones we as SBC students had created at Pawley's Island almost 30 years ago." **Sara Meyerdierts Hillgrove** is still teaching a communications course at the U. of Richmond as well as writing, designing and editing for her ice rink management company. Her oldest daughter Katherine was married on September 28, 02. The "mountain of minutiae" that planning a wedding brings about the bride lives elsewhere has overwhelmed Sara, a self-described non-detail person. She was pleased to hear that **Barbara Livingston** was coming to the wedding. Sara's approach with her younger daughters, ages 10 and 12, is to run, "subliminal audiotapes in their bedrooms all night long that repeat, 'elope, elope, elope!'" Her email ended with the following message: "Hope you're well and that you have only sons." **Trish O'Neill** and Mike moved from San Francisco to HI two years ago where he is the chairman of the Bank of HI. Trish remarks that, "We love living here (who wouldn't?)" Their older son is a junior at the Kent School (CT); the younger is a H.S. freshman in Honolulu. **Jean Platt Spencer's** daughter Jessica, 21, was married during the summer of 2001. She is finishing at Mary Baldwin and living outside of Charlottesville. Katie is at Clark U. in Worcester, MA and loves being close to Boston. Last spring Katie so enjoyed her first time skydiving that she would like to be certified. Jean's question is, "Wonderful??" As of September Jean is legally single after 22 years of marriage. **Kathy Pretzeldeers Steele** and Dave are adjusting to having an empty nest along with paying two tuitions. Tracy, 22, graduated from U. of Notre Dame in May and is a first year law student at Pepperdine U. in Malibu, CA. They vacationed in CA before Tracy started school and found LA to be "a great big highway" but loved Malibu. Kelly, 19, is a sophomore at Fairfield U. (CT) and swims on their varsity team. **Nan Robertson Clarke** and Hal have an empty nest as well. Jarrett (formerly known as Boo) is teaching 9th and 10th grade English and coaching field hockey at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg. Toby is a junior at Princeton and Charlie and Robbie are a sophomore and freshman respectively at W & L. Nan wanted to highlight their wonderful vacation last summer to Ireland, Scotland and London since, "with 3 college tuitions it is unlikely to happen again." Hal works for the Legal Division of Wachovia and Nan is "slowly starting to look for a part-

time job" to begin when some home renovations are complete. Despite the current financial market situation, **Renee Sterling** continues to think that her job managing money for family foundations and high net worth individuals is fascinating. This year she enjoyed vacations in Paris, Vail and Aspen. **Jenny Stockwell Ferguson** finds life in California "more mellow and relaxed" than in the East and is adjusting to having no children at home. Sarah is working in Boston in media marketing and Ian is an environmental engineer in San Francisco. Gillian, the youngest, is a sophomore at NYU who arrived at school 2 weeks before the September 11th attacks that, Jenny writes, she "is only just beginning to understand." Dan's employer, Catholic Healthcare West, has restructured four times in his 3 1/2 years there with his duties growing with each change. Jenny worked part-time for 9 months but the job and the hours did not suit her lifestyle. She gets to Atlanta several times a year and sees **Carter Heyward Morris**. **Lee Addison Sanford**, **Lisa Marshall Chalmers**, and **Blanchette Chappell Maier**. In a small world scenario, Blanchette has moved next door to Dan's brother. Jenny had a visit with **Lee Brennan Kidd** when their time in Atlanta coincided. Jenny reports that, "No one looks anywhere close to fifty! Those dates on the calendars we use are just a nasty hoax." **Betsy Thayer Clough** writes from Freeport, ME that her oldest child Kristi started at Connecticut C. in September. **Candy Sheffield Nielsen** lives nearby which has allowed Betsy to visit with Candy and her family. Betsy is adjusting to having just her 13 year old daughter at home; that, she says, "is quite interesting." I ran into **Lucinda Young Larson** on campus last week at her son Andrew's 4th team football game. He is in 7th grade at Milton Academy. Her news is that she and Richard bought a house in Charleston, SC. They are there only intermittently but hope to see some of our classmates when they are there more often. **Kathy Waters Marshall** wrote with the awful news that her husband Lawson—whom she met on a blind date during her freshman year at SBC and married right after graduation—died on April 19, 2002 several days after suffering a heart attack. "Our children, family and community have been lifesavers for me," writes Kathy. She sold the newspaper business in June and took the summer off. Living in Richmond, daughter Jesse is married and teaches in Henrico County, VA. Laura is in her last year of a master's program in elementary education at VA Tech and John is a sophomore at William & Mary. As one of many, Kathy, let me express my condolences. And I, **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin**, am doing

the same job at Milton Academy with the new title of associate dean of students. Alexa is back at the College of Wooster, OH, to get her BA (at last). Blake is in his second year at Clare C. in Cambridge (UK) and applying to Ph.D programs in the States, and Christopher is a junior at Cornell. Bob's business is thriving and, fortunately, he seems to love juggling a client overload. As I write this, our 30th reunion is only 7 months away and I hope that our class turns out in record numbers.

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Most of us are in such a busy, crammed-to-the-eyebrows space in our lives. I'll get my news out of the way: Ranch life is busy, and stressful just like everyone else's job. Our family is thankfully healthy. Our year's biggest project ended the day after Election Day, when the vote count finally came in, finding that my husband, John Cobb, lost his bid to our state's public utility commission by a very narrow, less than 1% of the vote, just missing the level required for a recount. Losing gracefully is even more important than winning gracefully. C'est la vie...

Dede Ryan Ale writes that all is well with them in Houston. Husband John joined the NY firm of Skadden Arps last year. Other than a twice-broken arm for son Matthew, 13, all is well with them. Son John, 14 attends the Taft School in CT, and Dede is busy with life and looks forward to our next reunion.

Trish Cassidy Higgins is still Dept. Co. Attorney in Westchester Co., NY prosecuting child abuse/neglect, child support enforcement, and juvenile delinquency cases. She has enjoyed seeing SBC'er **Merrin Sweeney** (Charlotte, NC) in Nantucket, and a visit from **Kari Andersen Shipley**. Her son Timothy is at Lawrenceville School in NJ, and she attended **Kate Kelly Smith's** father's funeral, a "moving tribute to a lovely man."

Liz Farmer Jarvis reports that her

book, *Chestnut Hill*, an Images of America book published by Arcadia Publishers, has come out. It's a pictorial history of 250 years of Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill area. She is currently researching the Delaware Valley, and is doing a companion work for an exhibit. She and her family are doing well in Philadelphia.

Sally Old Kitchen's SBC daughter, Mariah, is a junior now, with her dedicated parents returning to SBC for frequent visits and to field hockey and lacrosse games. Sally looks forward to our class's 30th.

Teesie Costello Howell of Richmond, VA has a former babysitter who now plays field hockey at SBC her freshman year. She reports that she hears more high school young women talking about SBC, and that investing in athletics seems to be paying off. She is still a mortgage banker, and has been very busy of late. Her son Jackson is a HS freshman, her daughter is in jr. high school, and her husband Chris works for Dom. Resources. They all enjoyed a family vacation in NYC.

Ann Works Balderston, living in her hometown of Pittsford, NY, writes that her family is her top priority. Daughters Sarah, 17, Maggie, 14, and son John, 10, all attend Allendale Columbia School, where Ann began a term as president of the Board of Trustees. She and husband Biv and children enjoyed family vacations on Lake Champlain and at Biv's family's ranch at Moose, WY.

Treacy Markey Shaw of Atlanta writes that her eldest, Morgan, is applying to colleges—a soccer player, and on student council. Son Mark plays football and son Clay plays baseball. Volunteer work, tennis, and bible study keep her busy when not attending sports. She keeps up with (Dr.) **Terese DeGrandi Busch** and **Kate Kelly Smith**.

Cynde Seiler Eister is still running her retail store and is working on a web site. She and her family live in Williamsport, PA, where daughter Sarah is a HS senior making college choices and captain of her soccer team, and younger daughter Laura plays soccer & piano. Son Ron is in his first year at Randolph-Macon in Ashland, VA, and husband Ron is thinking of going into missionary work after the kids are finished with college.

Gina Spangler Polley of Lookout Mtn, TN and family moved into their newly renovated old house—a much bigger project than anticipated. Son Franklin is now in 9th grade. Gina finished a successful show season with their horses, but on a sadder note her 100-year-old mother-in-law died this past summer. Christmas '02 will see a full house of company at their "new" house.

Lynn Kahler Rogerson's darling

little daughter turned 4. Lynn and family went to Hawaii on a business trip, where her daughter fell in love with hula dancers. Lynn is busy organizing museum arts exhibitions, and gets to travel to Europe several times per year. They are all doing fine in Mason Neck, VA.

Sue Verbridge Paulson and family still live in Colorado Springs, CO, where Sue is enjoying teaching 8th grade English. Her daughter Christina is a sophomore at Tulane, and son Danny is a high school junior.

Maggie Milnor Mallory wrote a really nice note with news of her midlife crisis solution (which fits living in the music capital of Memphis): she joined a swing band as their pianist. As if there isn't enough to do teaching piano, and with all the activities associated with a husband (Bart is still general counsel for Terminix Internat'l) and 17 and 15 year old boys, the oldest of which is looking at college in England. They will be visiting there this summer, and she welcomes any knowledgeable advice.

Debbie Mutch Olander of Tallahassee, FL not only completed her 2nd Master's in Creative Writing/Poetry, but is working on a piece to be nominated for the prestigious Push Cart Award. She is also extremely busy teaching at both college and AP high school level, and applying for various fellowships. She anticipates that 2003 will be a major turning point—we all wish her the best.

Patti Sullins Miller wrote from Great Falls, VA! Patti graduated from Emory & Henry, worked as a legal and technical recruiter before marrying and starting a family with husband Leo Miller. They have two sons, Matt (b. 1984) and Chris (b. 1990). She is a homemaker, frequent world traveler, plays tennis, is a community and church volunteer, and is happy with life. Our condolences for her family's tragic loss of her brother on 9/11 in the WTC.

Karina Schless, Phoenixville, PA, has been in Human Resources at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for 22 years. She vacationed in Jackson Hole, WY, bought a beautiful 11 yr old black QH gelding, a former ranch horse (the best!) and had him shipped back to PA and rides cross country and participates in lots of riding events. Next year she is taking a riding vacation in Provence, France with friends.

Melanie Coyne Cody of Winnetka, IL says that both children are doing fabulously well, Caitlin a sophomore at Kenyon, and younger daughter Sarah a junior at North Shore Country Day, looking at colleges (even SBC). Caitlin is into music, writing and riding, and Sarah spent the summer in an immersion program in Spain, loved it, but returned with a new appreciation for the USA. Melanie is busy, bik-

ing and literally "on the run," works as a recruiter, volunteers as a church vestry member, and also as a Board member of the Winnetka Community House.

Felice Ludington, living and working in Corte Madera, CA, is now independently employed as a paralegal, and finds herself in constant demand. She is able to work from home, daughter Leslie is 14 and a HS freshman, and Felice is able to be pretty much home when her daughter is, and to "schlep her to dance classes 4 days per week." Felice also sings a fair amount, permitting her to be the "world's oldest bridesmaid and wedding singer" this Memorial Day weekend. Life is good.

Pattie Hudson Burgh moved back to Lynchburg after living in Charlottesville, VA, Michigan, N. Carolina, and Massachusetts. She is Assoc. Director of Development at Virginia Episcopal, with both children, Stuart, 17 and Mary Ashton, 16, as seniors at VES. She anticipates "empty nest syndrome" in a big way next year. She still rides, and has gotten to know Shelby, SBC's new Director of Riding, when she exercised horses at SBC every summer's dawn two years ago—a great way to start the day.

Ann Kiley Crenshaw is still "commuting between Winchester and VA Beach" and busy with trial work and family activities. Son Clarke Jr. graduated from Woodberry Forest, and is a 1st year at UVA—in the same class as Melanie Holland Rice's son Tripp, as is Lisa Nelson Robertson's daughter Elizabeth. Ann's son Gordon plays soccer, is applying for admission to Woodberry Forest, and both Ann and husband Clark are dreading "empty nest." Ann chairs son Gordon's school's Board of Trustees.

Andie Yellott, residing in Lutherville, MD, really likes her job as the supervisor of a "big bunch of writing tutors in the J(ohns) H(opkins) Gifted Kids program.... surrounded by some of the finest teachers I've ever met—and they think I'm in the in charge." Son Benet, 13, is the 8th grader at Ridgely Middle, Drew is 9 and a 4th grader at Ridewater. Benet is into art and Japan, and Drew into skateboarding, and a garage band—music draws "fame, fortune, & the chicks." Andie is training a German Wire Haired Pointer, still riding, and still married to husband Ben, who also teaches at JHU.

Melanie Holland Rice's (seems too young for this) daughter Carrington is a senior at Wake Forest and has been awarded a full scholarship to Wake Law. Son Tripp is a 1st year at UVA (along with the aforementioned SBC son and daughter). Melanie begins a new career in real estate, so anyone considering a move to VA Beach, VA, please contact her...

Gail Ann Winkler's daughter Laura

is studying at a new 21st century boarding school in No WI, the Conserve School, emphasizing technology, innovation, and environment. Son Will is a freshman at Xavier. Husband John is still making wooden trusses for the construction industry, and Gail Ann still plays tennis, golf, and volunteers. The family enjoyed a great trip to NYC, but anticipate future vacations as oriented to college searching. They live in Neenah, WI.

Sharon Ruvane lived in Stowe, VT for 17 years, and moved to Avon, CT in August of '01. She golf's regularly, and is a member of CT Women's Golf Assoc. She is a speech language pathologist, specializing in middle school and high school people, in private practice. Daughter Gretchen graduated from Choate Rosemary and now studies at the Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland, (lucky mom accompanied her and took a side trip to London) and son Harry is a sophomore at Avon Old Farms School in CT.

Marsha Horton of Dover, DE is an educational consultant whose primary contract is with the Feds, serving as the "coach" to help various state coordinators in NAEP testing, AND teaches at Delaware State and Wesley College. Son Samuel is now 3 (and I betcha a turbulent storm of energy), husband Bobby works for the Dept. of Natural Resources as a case manager, and Marsha is so busy, she counts on sister SANDRA, '74, to keep her updated on SBC.

Peggy Weimer Parrish in Richmond works for the Federal Reserve Bank. Older historical home renovations have also kept her and family busy, as does Scouts and soccer with her two sons Jay, 13, and Alexander, 9. She went to Wales with her son Jay, and will be returning to England over Christmas '02 to celebrate her parents' 50th. She has seen **Mary Beth Hamlin Finke**, **Sally Old Kitchen**, and **Nursat Aygen** at Alum College, and exchanges emails with **Tessie Costello Howell**, working with Wells Fargo in Richmond. She hasn't seen **Elliott Graham Schoening**, but knows that her daughter, Sarah, is a freshman at Christopher Newport University.

Catherine Adams Goshorn, the Plains, VA writes that she and family are busy with their growing business, and had just returned from a trip to San Francisco.

Meg Shields Duke writes from Denver that she caught up with news from Mary Beth Hamlin Finke at the board meetings at Sweet Briar in spring, '02. Meg's son Jamie, sophomore at Middlebury College, won his first NCAA D-3 National Lacrosse Championship. Daughter Margo will be attending Dartmouth playing lacrosse, and daughter Caroline is now a HS freshman. Meg's license plate reads: "LAX MOM."

(Dr.) **Marian Dolan** teaches at

Candler School of Theology of Emory University in Atlanta, and as a classmate informs me, is the first woman to achieve a Ph.D. in Choral Conducting, granted by Yale University. Congratulations, Marian!

Robin Rodger Heller of Grosse Pointe Farms is busy with her family, and hopes that everyone is well.

Sally Berriman and husband **Steve Brown** have bought a new house edging a golf course in Denver, should be moved in by the first of the year, and are looking forward to the open green space.

Public apologies are due to the following two classmates, who were incorrectly identified in last year's notes (please be sure to please always **sign your class notes legibly with full names**):

Phyllis Schulman Bell, living in Orlando, FL for 14 years, works in an investment/real estate company. Her husband, Chuck, is a land planner/landscape architect, with a global clientele. He travels frequently, and Phyllis gets to accompany him on some trips. This year they are vacationing in the Caribbean.

Shelton Caldwell Lindau actually lives in North Carolina, but does not live in the Tri-cities, nor does she have any medical practice involving herbal or alternative medicine. She can't believe how much time has passed since graduation, and hopes that all of us are doing what we want to be doing, as "the future looks a lot less endless than it used to."

We are now of an age where the deaths of loved ones occur all too frequently. Our class's deep condolences for **all** the classmates and families who have had personal losses in the past year. We are so regretful for your sorrow:

Beth Bates Locke, her husband Claude and daughter Becky, of Dallas, lost Matthew, age 15, Dec. 23, 2001 due to a car accident. Matthew was also **Cissy Humphrey's** godson.

Tennessee Nielsen, in Dallas, and family visited Elgin Plantation in Natchez, MS, and were delighted to discover that it is the home of another SBC alum, **Ruth Ellen Calhoun**. Tennessee reports a time of difficult transitions. Not only had her daughter, Kelsy Indorf, left for her freshman year at Wake Forest, but also sadly her mother died that same week after a long illness.

Marian Dolan, Atlanta, whose father died after a long bout with emphysema.

Kate Kelly Smith of NYC who lost her father in the past year.

Wendy Bursnall Wozniak of Denver died suddenly at home October 11, 2002 of an embolism. She is survived by her husband, Mike, and three daughters, Aubrey, 20, Allison, 13, and Whitney, 11. Wendy was working on a series of children's

books in addition to being very active for SBC, especially in the Denver area. "In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested. Wendy's beloved alma mater, Sweet Briar College....in Wendy's name."

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Those of us who attended reunion last spring had a great time seeing each other and catching up. We have a great class and hope those who couldn't come this time will make a special effort to attend our 25th—even if you didn't stay all four years! Thanks to everyone who wrote in with notes. Be sure to read this first one from Deborah.

Deborah Price Bowman wrote on 9/13/02 that she couldn't help but reflect on the fact that a year and 2 days before she had prevented her husband Jeffrey from going to work in the WTC by hitting his car! [Wouldn't you like to hear the whole story?] She,

Katie (6) and Kessler (2) continue to feel blessed that he was spared. Debbie is active with Jr. League, the SBC board and NJ Club.

Lucie Stephens Holland is still in Alexandria volunteering at Carter's school and involved with the Colonial Dames, the Garden Club of Virginia and church. Her family was featured last spring in the Alexandria paper because her husband Steve was the host of the annual press corps roast for the U.S. President. Steve continues to serve as the White House correspondent for Reuters.

Jennifer Rae enjoys living in the Washington, DC area with all it has to offer culturally. She has spent a lot of time with the now grown children of the late Professor Judy Elkins. They are her second cousins. Judy's vibrant spirit is missed by all.

Rolfie Joyner DeShazor writes that her oldest daughter Carrie is graduating from SBC early in December so she can work a year in Germany before returning to the US to get her teacher's license and teach German. She has loved SBC and been very involved. Rolfie's boys are at VMI this year. Another daughter will likely attend Salem College in the fall. That will leave them with Maggie (13), at home. Rolfie is working full time for a local investment counsel. She spends most of her free time with the kids' sports or college activities, but still finds time to sew and get to the local Y to work out.

Betty Hull Stacy has recently moved to Martinez, GA. She had her first baby at 40 and now has two little boys! She would love to hear from SBC friends.

Monika Kaiser and family spent 6 weeks in Europe where they had lots of fun. They went to Germany and France to see their families and then to Brussels, Brugge, and London. Alexa (12) is now in 7th grade and Julius (7) is in second grade. She and Richard have been renovating their home.

Beth Sheets Reed writes that she and daughter Kate (16) loved being at the 20th reunion. Although "Kate believes we are all crazy" (I'm taking that comment as a compliment). Kate and her brother Matt (14) were the trip takers this year. They both traveled to Australia and New Zealand for 3 weeks with People to People Student Ambassadors while their parents stayed put at home. It's a wonderful program!!! Meanwhile for Beth, life goes on; with two teenagers she's just happy when she can fit some tennis into the week.

Charlotte Prassel Fitzgerald had a visit from Gracie Treadwell Schild and her son Christoff while they were in the States. They enjoyed catching up and talking about the fun of the recent 20th class reunion. Gracie lives in Bonn but her husband Georg some-

times has lengthy assignments in the US and they also come back to visit Gracie's family.

Torie Lee Adams, her husband Henry and their boys George (11) and Will (8 1/2) spent a day in July in Highlands, NC visiting with **Diane Dunaway** and **Sally Shapard Peek** and her family.

Mary LaVigne Fletcher runs Dreamcatcher Stables in Shreveport. Her girls Eugenia (7) and Henly (5) love riding and soccer. Mary hopes to see **Leisa Seay** this fall.

Leisa Seay is in the Birmingham, AL area and works on a research team that is concentrating most of the research at this time on prostate and breast cancer.

Libby Lee Castles wrote that she is keeping very busy with household management and you can understand why. She has Guy IV (9), Mary Etta (8), and Gantt, Ray and Clara (all 5 and 1 1/2)! Her favorite activity is playing with her children.

Lorie Teeter Lichtlen celebrates 20 years in Paris on April Fool's Day 2003. "Never thought I'd be here so long! I came over for a 6-month internship! I married Dominique 12 years ago and we have a son, Nicholas (he turns 10 in March), and a daughter, Lauren (6 in January). Both kids are bilingual but need to get over to the US more often." In 20 years she's worked for 10 different companies, first in journalism and then in corporate communications. She is currently head of the media relations practice for an international financial and corporate communications firm in Paris; Dom is a lawyer, specializing in European corporate law. She'd love to hear from classmates if they're in Paris or located elsewhere in Europe. She'd also like to catch up with **Claude Becker Wasserstein**, now that she lives in London.

Liz Kaufman greatly enjoyed a summer trip to Fenwick Island, DE. She is looking forward to racing a new filly and says we should be on the lookout for the pink and green silks!

Leslie Hertz Firestone and Bob missed reunion because they were in the midst of "retiring" from their jobs and moving to Las Vegas. Give her a call if you're headed that way!

Leslie Taylor Kavanaugh and Richard (Colgate & SBC winter term!) still live in West Chester, PA. Their son Ryan is at Va. Tech studying mech. engineering. Ann Marie is a Sr. looking at colleges for next year to study nursing and their youngest Charlotte is looking for her first Children's Hunter horse. Leslie is working in Thorndale as a Controller for a Chrysler Jeep dealer.

Rosemarie Hardy is in Kansas City and is working in elementary schools of the Shawnee Mission School District as a Behavioral Specialist.

Patti Snodgrass Borda is enjoying her house in Round Hill, VA along with husband Joe and Virginia (2). She writes that the "working world" was never so exhausting—or rewarding as being the mother of a two year old!

Mary Ames Booker Sheret and her husband are moving to Wilmington, NC! She has accepted a new job as Curator of Collections on the Battleship North Carolina, a WWII battleship museum berthed in Wilmington. By the time our class notes are printed she hopes to be through the moving process and settled in. She lived in Oregon 12 years and worked for the same historical society in Medford for the last 9 years. Ready for a change she looks forward to being closer to SBC pals and other east coast friends & family. "Now I should finally be able to make SBC reunions!"

Heather Pirnie Albert saw her oldest, Rebecca head to Wellesley College in the fall. This left the house a little quieter; however sister Samantha (12) is still keeping life interesting! She and Mike took a great vacation this past summer—11 nights in the Western Caribbean, visiting ports such as Costa Rica, Panama, Aruba and Grand Cayman. "Wish I could figure out how to remain on vacation, yet still get paid!" she writes. Heather is still at H&R Block, and Mike is still working for the Marines. Hopefully he'll be able to get back to IBM in January.

Martha Tisdale Cordell has been busy supervising the construction of an addition to their home. In her extra time, she is still working at the University of Tulsa College of Law and chauffeuring Ryan (age 10) and Mary Louise (age 8) to all their activities.

For **Jennifer Hebb LaRose** the fall was one of transition. Molly (14) started at Gastonbury High School. Sarah (11) started at Middle School and both are playing soccer. She is still working at CIGNA as a paralegal. Any free time she has she spends sailboat racing with her father and recently she began crewing on a friend's JY15.

Alice Dixon is in Richmond, VA keeping extremely busy with the mortgage business, and trying to play golf occasionally. She played in the Richmond City Amateur Golf Tournament this summer and won her flight ("although I won't mention which flight it was"). Also, she sees **Carol Seales Bohrer** and her family all the time.

Jill Maple Fallon just retired from her job with Duracell (now owned by Gillette) in order to stay home with Harrison (4) and Jack (8) while her husband John continues to travel with his job. During the year or two she is home she hopes to consult or begin writing fiction.

Joan Vetter Ehrenberg recently negotiated to work at home and do

contract marketing for her previous employer of 6 years, Grouse Mountain Lodge in Montana. Primarily, she missed her daughter Katelyn (4 1/2) and is delighted to play more of an integral role in her development. She now wants to start a women's job share network to help other women with young children to not have to work full time. She is developing her own company with marketing and meeting planning services "in between fly fishing, huckleberry picking, downhill skiing, music and dance classes with my daughter!"

Liz Hoskinson is working for the non-profit Croton Watershed Clean Air Coalition. The Croton is 1 of 3 watersheds providing water to NYC and lower Westchester Cty. She enjoys riding in the morning before work and the rewards of having a job that makes a material difference in her area.

Anne Goebel Bain reports that it's pretty quiet in Silicon Valley/Palo Alto. She's still at Morgan Stanley but business has been slow this year. She and husband, Mark, are going to Thailand for the Christmas holidays. Picture a grass shack on the beach, lots of Thai food and plenty of snorkeling. She also reports that **Suanne Huskey** is living in Camden, ME with her two young and active sons. **Hilary Herbert** is single and living in Mobile, AL, working for a division of Halliburton. She also heard from **Lisa Hernandez Rooney** who is teaching 1st or 2nd grade in the Bronx, is divorced and raising her 13 yr. old son. Anne says that she sounds quite happy and seems to love teaching and being back in NYC.

Debbie Rundlett has been called to be the Sr. Pastor and head of staff at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church in San Diego. She, Dick, Elizabeth (4) and Rufus the Lab are enjoying the proximity of both the ocean and the desert. Dick plans to continue his law career and is studying to pass the CA bar. Unfortunately there is no reciprocity with any other states.

Rhoda Harris writes that she is super busy with their three boys: Carrick (age 6), Jarrod (age 4) and Quinton (age 2) but has somehow found time to serve as President of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills. She finds the mix of family life and community involvement very rewarding.

Debra Autrey Bock is in Texas. Her husband, David, still works for ATF. Oldest son, Adam will graduate high school in 2004 and younger son, Nicholas, is behind him in 2007. "I'm busy being a mom but I do work as a health clerk at our school district's special needs school. I have been trying to locate Cathy Cook. Any information?"

Lastly, I have enjoyed our move to Statesville, NC where my husband Ben

is the pastor at Pressly Memorial ARP Church. We sometimes get to see **Anne Edmunds Hansen** and her husband and four children when they travel between Atlanta and Lexington, VA where her mother still lives. Peter (6) and Betsy (4) keep me busy, but are a great joy. They loved seeing "Mommy's college" last May.

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Nancy Ness is still living in Chatham, NJ and working in NYC as a marketing director for an optical trade publication. She saw **Ruthann Holland Zins** (living in Cincinnati) and **Dale Banning Banfield** (living in Newport News, VA) this summer at the Jersey Shore for what has become an annual visit, and had a great time! **Renata Davis** writes that James has just entered first grade and spent his summer at sailing and ice skating camps. Then he flew to Orlando by himself to visit his big brother and sister. Andrew is four and has one more year of preschool. She took her stepdaughter to England. They attended plenty of theater in London and caught up with Anna Gawley, the St. Andrew's exchange student at SBC our sophomore year. After spending August at Cape Cod, she has been putting the final phases of a huge fund-raiser together to benefit the local homeless shelter. **Jennifer Campbell** has been living in France for the past 13 years. She is married to Vincent Koehl, and they have three children. Vincent works for The Walt Disney Company, and she works for L'Oréal overseeing their global corporate goodwill/charity programs. They have spent the past ten years renovating their 18th century farmhouse and traveling when time (and children) permit. **Chantal Parrine Sexton** just returned from France where she enjoyed time with family before her cousin's wedding. Bill stayed home with Will (4) and played Mr. Mom. **Janetta Archard McCampbell** writes she had dinner this summer at **Katie Hearn's** new home in Baltimore with **Ann Martin Gonya**, **Karen Gonya '86**, and **Kim Knox Norman**. They had a good ole'

fashioned crab feast on the rooftop deck. She is still working at Amtrak managing the website business.

Debbie Oleisky is still teaching Chemistry and now AP Chemistry at Garrison Forest School. Her daughters, Sarah, 8, and Emily, 4, love living at a boarding school. In the summer of 2002, they traveled to Hilton Head, Vermont, and London and in 2003 hope to travel out west (Utah, Colorado, and Arizona) and to the Caribbean. During the school year they enjoy reading and biking. Emily is riding a 2-wheeler and Sarah is very involved with the barn on campus and rides several times a week. **DeAnne Blanton's** book has finally been published, this month, by Louisiana State University Press! It's entitled *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*. **Anne Case** writes that her husband, John Case class of '86 W&L, is a MD at Merrill Lynch in Real-estate Investment Banking Group. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is 6 years old and in first grade at Sacred Heart. She takes sewing and figure skating after school and son, Jack, is 5 years old and is going through the kindergarten process this year. He plays baseball and ice hockey after school. Anne keeps busy with being a class mom, safety patrol, the junior league and being a Sunday School teacher. **Laurie Limpitlaw Krambeer** writes that daughter Sarah is almost 3. Laura is still doing some research for KU Med. Center. She and Craig just celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary. **Hopper and Bob** are still living in Concord, MA. Bobby (7) is in second grade and the twins, William and Woodard (5), have just started Kindergarten this year. She is in the special events field and gets to DC two to three times a year to work on several large Republican Fund-raisers. She usually makes it to Annapolis to see **Lesly Allen Bell** while in DC and sees **Mary Bliss McGrath** occasionally in Boston. **Suzanne Weaver Zimmer** is still in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Jeff started a computer rental business last year. Joshua (8) and James (5 1/2) keep her on her toes. They are building a house on Mobile Bay in Montrose, AL but they had a BIG delay and won't be in until next summer. **Mary Woodmark Fraser**, NG student from St. Andrews University, is working in the Glasgow community college system as a multi-use staff member, ranging from marking exams to teaching and education committees. Her husband, Alasdair is into computer networking infrastructure/support. **Melissa Schoen Hitt** and Jeff bought a great house in University Park and are hard at work furnishing and decorating it. Jeff is a corporate lawyer with the Dallas office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, a New York law firm. Katie is enjoying third grade, despite the mountains of homework.

In her spare time, she likes to swim, create absurd hairdos, and beg her mean parents for a pet. **Hedi K. Turk** says her 3 little one are growing like weeds. She finished up the horse show season with a second place in the Side Saddle at the Washington International show which was a turning point for her as her horse will have to be retired due to arthritis.

Samira Akil Zaman finished her master's in Library and Information Science this year and is working at Kuwait University Libraries as acting Head of Acquisitions. She is living with her husband and three boys in Kuwait.

Luellen Brooks Meyer and Robert are busy with Vic and Vivian (9 and 11). Luellen is still organizer and Dir. of Music Ministries at their church. She sees **Baba Fountain** and **Ellen Carver Burlingame** annually. Ellen is in Va. Beach where Rebecca started kindergarten this year. Ellen works for the Norfolk public schools. **Dale Banfield Banning** is still in Newport News with hubby Scott, Will (10) and Mary Webb (8). **Maha Kanoo** reports she has been vacationing in Istanbul, Spain, Rome, Hamburg, and Paris. **Kim Knox Norman** reports from Atlanta that Burt is still in film/video work. Sally (6) is in 1st grade and Joseph (3) is in preschool. Kim is a conservation tech at Emory U. She repairs and preserves rare and circulating books. **Barbe Conner** is still consulting with individuals and small companies on time management, organizational skills and goal setting. She can't believe she is the mom of a high schooler (Margaret is 14) and one in jr. high (Kit is 12). In her spare time she is also taking graduate courses at Uva. **Cecily Schulz Banks** is in Roxbury, Ct with husband Jonathan, Angus(3), and Lucie Stuart(9 mths). **Marguerite Germain** is getting out of the Navy and will be opening her own Dermatology practice in Charleston, SC. **Jeanie Guthans Wilkins** reports all is well in Mobile. Richard is 12, Christopher is 9 and Michael is 5. They will be traveling to Hawaii for Thanksgiving to see Alabama play. **Linda Manley Darling** is in Las Vegas and is preparing for Pharmacy school. **Ashby Clark Hopkins** has had a very busy year. She lost her mom in July to cancer. September brought Catherine Clark Hopkins to join Tommy (3) and Eliza (5). **Susan Lazarus Bailey** has moved once again to a new house in Roanoke. She is still riding horses and has one of her own now. They are busy with their girls, ages 4,6, and 10. **Anne Maus** has been busy in Salisbury, NC working on Elizabeth Dole's campaign. **Shanon McKinney Herman** is busy playing tennis and running after 2 yr. old Harry. **Cathy Hubbard Andry** is in Asheville, NC where Michael is with Bank of

America. They have added to the family with Ras (Jan. 2002) joining Becker (2 1/2). They get together with **Jane Cox Murray** and son James for play dates. We have a card from **Laurie Richmond McWilliams**, who went to SBC for 1 yr. and transferred to Alabama. She moved to Atlanta out of college where she met her husband. They have lived in FL, MI, Australia and Japan and are now in Miami with their 3 children.

As for me, things are great in Concord, NC. I did take on a new endeavor—Nursing School. I am in my first semester of full time college, AGAIN. It's tough, but it's really amazing what you can do if you actually go to class and study. John has arranged his schedule to be home with the kids during the week while I'm in school.

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Notes by former secretary, **Eden Zuckerman Brown**: It was so great to hear from so many classmates. There is a great deal of buzz and excitement building about our upcoming 15th Reunion!!

Christine Diver Ans says they have been very busy over the past few years. She is living the happy life of a wife of the Defense Attaché at the American Embassy in Riga, Latvia. She is finally able to put the Russian that she learned at SBC to good use! Her son, Aleks (12), is fully immersed in a Latvian school and her daughter, Amanda (6), attends the International School. She says they welcome any and all visitors and to please e-mail: ubahtla@yahoo.com.

Denise Landau Blind says all is well in New Jersey and that she is looking forward to our 15th! Denise and her husband will celebrate 12 years of marriage with a trip to the Cayman Islands! Her son, Tyler, is in the 2nd grade and is an all-around athlete—very involved in baseball,

football, soccer, and bowling! He bowled a 227 last summer! Chelsea starts kindergarten next year and Denise says she's a handful at age four going on fifteen!! She hopes to get to see **Julie Martin Collins** in Nashville soon.

Lindsey Boswell Carroll is currently living in High Point, NC. She is married and has a daughter who is 6 years old.

Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz is still very involved with the kids' school, St. Thomas Episcopal, and the Auction Committee. In her spare time, she works part-time as the Marketing Director for South Miami Sports Medicine Rehabilitation Center. Kacki (11), twins Burgen and Webb (8), and Chandler (4), are busy with soccer. Kathryn is looking forward to Reunion.

Susan Detweiler continues to enjoy technical rock and mountain guiding year-round. She is scheduled to guide Aconcagua (23,000' and in Argentina) and is also going to volunteer ski patrol this winter near her home in Colorado. She is enjoying being single and is contemplating a move to Jackson, WY to guide in a quieter and wilder place. She is in contact with **Jennifer Roach Childs**, **Cameron Cox Hirtz**, **Wendy Hastings** ('89), **Andrea Fraley**, and **Rob Barlow**. Jr. Susan looks forward to hearing from others: suzndt@yahoo.com.

Laura Dean Goliias married her best friend and soul mate, Joseph Robert Goliias on December 16, 2000. They live in Radford, VA with their five cats. Laura still works in Radford University Printing Services, and takes care of her husband, Joe, who is disabled. She would love to hear from any old friends at gruntgoddess@radford.net. **Stacey Sikkels Heckel** is still working as Director of Advancement for Grace Episcopal Day School, where her children (1st grade and pre-k) go. She is competing on and coaches a national synchronized ice skating team, called Ice Force One. They will go to the Easterns in Charleston, SC in January and hope to qualify for nationals this year in Huntsville, AL. Stacey enjoys serving on several boards, but finds most fulfilling volunteering for Chris Van Hollen running for congress, whom they know personally. Her most exciting news is that she flew to Portland, Oregon to be in a television commercial for Kodak-Ofoto (where she has uploaded over 17,000 photos). She met up with her sister there, who now lives in Seattle. Stacey says she is not a model or actress by any means, but this continues her theme of speaking on behalf of things she cares about. She says the rest of her time is spent doing just plain living.

Susanna Broadus Hickman and Phil are enjoying their second child, Elizabeth Campbell. She was born on July 3, 2002. Her big brother, Hunter

(3), has started pre-school and loves it. In October 2002, Susanna returned to practice law full-time at Geddy, Harris, Franck & Hickman in Williamsburg, VA. Susanna is looking forward to our next reunion.

Cameron Cox Hirtz has been very busy. Her daughter, Grayson, just turned one this summer. Her husband, Tony (VMI '86), is currently deployed in Afghanistan and just before he left they found out that they are expecting their second child. . . . the due date is March 6th! She keeps in touch with a lot of SBC'ers via e-mail, however she is always in contact with **Denton Freeman Kump**. They spent a glorious and fun week in Hatteras, NC in September 2002.

Kate Cole Hite is keeping busy as a stay-at-home mom. She loves the fact that she gets to be with her kids so much more than when she was working full-time. She says she definitely feels more engaged with them and their schools. Chase is almost 7 and is in full swing in first grade. He's an active boy and keeps Kate busy! Mackenzie just celebrated her 4th birthday and Kate is recovering from that. She is totally different from Chase in that she likes to sit quietly and color, or look at books (Kate likes that!). She and Tucker are also expecting their 3rd baby in the beginning of January 2003. Her Tastefully Simple business has really taken off. She loves the products and the business, and especially the extra income! She says she never thought she would have gotten into direct sales, but is glad that she did. She and Tucker are looking forward to the 15th reunion and can't wait to see everyone.

Kelly Meredith Iacobelli has some fun news! She and John had their first baby on July 3rd, 2002. Kathleen Margaret was 7 lb, 3 oz and she is darling. She goes back to work at Coca-Cola in two weeks, so they've started day care part time. Kelly says the transition time is for her, not the baby!

Julie Lindauer Jacobson has been very busy these days with a "labor of love" at Emory's Physician Assistant Program—directing the development of opening a student-run, free clinic. The other half of her week is spent seeing patients at Kaiser Permanente, where she practices in Internal Medicine.

Mariam Khan is an editor at EuropaMedia.net and she says she was in Eastern Europe. **Denton Freeman Kump** has made a drastic switch from research scientist to accessories designer. Her collection, called Poesis, is sold now in over 100 high-end boutiques nationally and internationally. She just opened her first boutique, located in Richmond, VA, and so far, the response is phenomenal. Phoebe carried a Poesis handbag on *Friends* last season, as

did Hilary Duff on *Lizzie McGuire*. Charlie Theron and Ivana Milicevic also carry Poesis purses for their personal use. Also, look for her bags on *Sex and the City* and *The Sopranos* next season! Her website is www.poesispurses.com.

Whitney Bolt Lewis had another baby boy this summer—Landon Grey. He is doing great and she adores him. Her veterinary practice is doing well despite the happenings of last year. Due to a busy chaotic life and not prioritizing better, Whitney says she has only been in touch with **Katie Keogh Snelling** in the past year. She says Katie sounds terrific—running marathons and selling houses like crazy in Delaware. Whitney cannot believe our 15th is just around the corner and says she misses everyone, but especially her close friends and that wonderful Guin building!!

Michele DeGuerin Liu has been living in Houston, her hometown, since she returned from six years of working in DC in 1996. She has been married for four years to Robert Luke. They had their first child, a boy named Elias, in January 2002. She says they are happy and well and would welcome news from other classmates.

Christina Savage Lytle says they are doing well. They had a great summer hanging out by the pool and traveling to the Outer Banks. They've also enjoyed sailing in Florida, Annapolis and Newport this past year with her family. Lucie is now five and started Kindergarten; she is doing great and Mom is adjusting. Leslie is now 20 months and wants to do EVERYTHING her older sister does. They are looking forward to a visit from her sister.

Renee Savage ('92) and her 13-month-old daughter, Campbell. Christina sees **Susan Marshall Lawrence** ('86) and her family often. She is hoping to see more of her SBC classmates. She stays in touch with **Stacey Sikkels Heckel**, **Elizabeth Belser Kistler**, and **Stacy Lee Pae** ('87) via e-mail. JD and his partners just switched firms and are now with UBS Paine Weber. Christina has been volunteering regularly at Lucie and Leslie's schools and started a neighborhood playgroup with a friend last year. She's enjoyed serving on the Vestry of her church, Christ Church, Georgetown. She says it's hard to believe that it was eleven years ago that she and JD were married there. They hope to begin the next phase of house renovations in the next few months.

Cheryl Lynn Horowitz Matheny is now living in Charlotte, NC with her husband, four-year-old son, two dogs and their bird. She is working for DaimlerChrysler in Human Resources. She had a call from **Lisa Fink**, who is also in the Charlotte area—she is married with two kids. They haven't had a chance to get together. Cheryl Lynn

would love to hear from **Laine Lykes**, **Scarlett Roitman**, **Lisa Thompson**, and **Paige Meadows Apter!!**

Paige Shiller Okun is very busy. She is still living in Washington, DC. Bennett just turned two and they have a second baby due in December 2002. She keeps busy with Junior League and volunteering at Bennett's preschool.

Jennifer Pedrick began a new ministry in October 2002 as Rector of St. Michael and Grace Episcopal Church in Rumford, RI. Jennifer, her husband, Michael, and her daughters, Lydia (5) and Isabella (1), will be living at the church's rectory as they begin this new adventure.

Anne Powell has moved to Wytheville, VA and is working as a tax accountant/manager for Henry Schein drug co., as well as helping out on the family farms.

Kathryn Ingham Reese is still having fun in good old Delaware. She and Barton have two daughters, Landon (3) and Elliot (1). They keep her busy as she is still teaching third grade at Tower Hill School. She says she is looking forward to our 15th!

Jennifer Bach Rosen has had a busy year! She and Rob just finished their renovation work when they stumbled upon a new house that "cried out" for them! Of course, it too is in need of work, so there they go again! She says the boys are growing quickly (Matthew is 5 1/2 and Will is 2 1/2).

Mary Halliday Shaw is still living in San Diego and loving it!! The twins (Jack and Mike) are 11, and Kevin is seven. They all love to surf with their Dad, Brad. Mary is still teaching part-time and enjoying it. She says that **Katie Keogh Snelling** came to visit in July '02 and it was great to see her.

Tracy Tigerman Shannon says life is great. She has been in her new house and her new marriage and loves both. She had a baby girl, Kaitlyn Renae, August 1, 2002. Big brother, Ryan, loves having a sister. Tracy says she can't wait until reunion!

Heather Gregory Skeens says that she and Ed (HSC '86) have now been married for fourteen years and have two children—Mckinsey Leigh (11) and Taylor Drew (8). They are living in Greensboro, NC. Heather just finished her MBA at University of MD and is currently working as a supervisor at the Guilford County Department of Social Services in Child Protective Services. Ed is a District Manager for Airborne Express and was recently moved to Raleigh. They will be moving at the end of the school year and Heather hopes to get a "real" job!

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov is still working happily (and busily) in the PR department of L'Oreal in NYC. She is also overjoyed to report that she and Max are expecting their first child in January 2003!

Stephanie Sprouse says that

Dublin is going well though despite major cultural differences. Her family has visited a few times which Steph says is wonderful. They bring her Portuguese rolls. She loves her accounting classes and her job. She says she is looking forward to Christmas in Connecticut and a visit with her brother and his wife, whom she has not seen since June, plus seeing her dad, step-mom, stepbrother and stepsister. She says Jackson is a wonderful 18-month-old toddler who constantly makes her smile. It is a wonderful gift to be his mom. She would love to hear from any SBC'ers at StephanieSprouse@earthlink.net.

Erica Hennig Subramaniam says that she and her husband moved to Asheville, NC last July. They just love living in the mountains. Erica started down a new career path: she is a librarian at a middle school. She says it's a demanding position and she has lots to learn, but she loves working with the children—all 900 of them! Her husband is an assistant professor at UNC-Asheville.

Christina Tellalian says that she still keeps in touch with **Paige Shiller Okun** who is expecting her second child in Dec. Also, she is in touch with **Allison Fuller Nicholson** who is living up in New Hampshire with her daughter, Annie, who is absolutely gorgeous. Chrissy works for Sony. She opened their Washington office in 1998. It is a wonderful company and a great job. She travels to Japan periodically, and just returned a few weeks ago. She headed out to California where they have their movie studio and other operations October 2002. She bought a condo in the heart of Georgetown last year, and is having fun decorating. She had an artist paint a mural on one wall over the summer...very trying as it took him almost two months to complete it. Chrissy says this has been a slow travel year for her...went to Hawaii, the Bahamas, and Miami. She will be heading to Brazil in December for a wedding, and the Turks and Caicos Islands for the holidays.

Grace Quirk Thompson says her girls, Caroline (8) and Georgia (7), keep them very busy with year round swim team, tennis, and ballet! As many mothers do, Grace volunteers at their children's school...and that seems to be a full-time job itself. She misses her SBC friends and wishes they all lived a little closer.

Marjorie Holthaus Tomaso started, three years ago, a company where she designs custom monograms and accessories, called M C Designs. She has opened a store/office in her hometown of St. Louis. She also travels around the country and sells her designs through home trunk shows. She is currently in the process of trying to open stores in Grosse Pointe, MI and Vero Beach, FL

You can see her designs at www.cus-tommonograms.com. Marjorie says that on her travels she visits with SBC Class of '88 girls from all over. She was in Atlanta where she saw

Caroline Reu Rolader (who is doing well with her architecture business and has two adorable sons). Before that she stayed with **Jen Hough Conley** in Wilton, CT. Jen has four children and Marjorie says she looks great. She saw **Gerry O'Brien Jones** in Dallas last spring. She recently heard from **Caroline Trask Wallace** ('87) who lives next door to **Liz Wilkins Tally** in Richmond, VA. She reported that Liz just gave birth to her second son and is doing great. Marjorie reported that she plans to visit Richmond next spring. Marjorie said that having her own business is great because it allows her to dictate her hours so that she can be home with her three children: Charlie (11), Sydney (8), and Sophie (6). She tries to hire other mothers so that they can also have the opportunity to be home with their children. One of the girls that work for her is also a SBC grad, **Ann Keyes Lucas**.

Kelly Brown Varga and her family will probably be in Germany for three more years. She is looking forward to taking **Kim Belcher Harvey** and her three boys to see castles and Christmas Markets when they visit in December 2002.

Nici Fraley Williams had a new baby girl on June 15, 2002. Her name is Julia Fraley Williams and they call her Fraley. She weighed 5.4 lb and was 19" long. Her big brother, Jake, turned four on 9/24/02 and he loves kissing on his sister.

As for Bill and me, we have moved back to Arlington and moved in a great condo. Our condo building is approximately one block from the office, which makes the commute virtually painless. We continue to run our own practice and are thrilled to be back in the city. I can't wait to see everyone at Reunion. Have a safe and healthy year!!!

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It's been another whirlwind year for the class of 1991. Here's what I found out... **Carey Bates** continues to live in Westchester, NY on a lake and goes fishing every day. She is a Senior Information Developer with Hyperion and is considering a Ph.D in communications. She spends time with her nieces and 90 year old grandmother. She is looking forward to an autumn visit from **Amber Vellenga**.

Signee Hoffman passed her Boards and has received the Diplomate of Chiropractic Neurology. She met up with **Curtis Swartley** (SBC 1990 winter in Europe) and they are happily seeing each other again.

Catherine Gostau continues to live in Maryland's Eastern Shore. She has changed careers and is now working as a caterer. She is the proud aunt of 3 nephews. She says she still rides and is still single. She recently spent a weekend with her secret sophomore, **Wendy Stevenson**. She also keeps in touch with **Jill Randles**, **Cheryl Gilman**, **Tammy Fein**. She is looking for **Brice McRae**. **Cathy** is also the SBC Alumnae Riding Recruiter for Maryland. She let us know that **Ashley Cobb-Phelan** just become a mom and is living in California.

Kathryn Hagist Yunk is living in Wisconsin. She and her husband Daniel are planning their fall schedules around the University of Wisconsin football team. They traveled to Australia this summer and had a wonderful time. Kathryn keeps in touch with and hopes to see **Suzanne Petrie** this fall. **Suzanne Petrie Reed** and her husband Paul bought a house in Potomac Maryland. She says the highlight is that it's only a 6-minute drive from her horse, Mojito! **Suzanne** remains a senior director for Latin America for the Secretary of Defense. She keeps in touch with **Kathryn Yunk**, **Kimberley McGraw Euston** ('92), and **Christina Stoltz Feldkamp** ('89).

Gwen Glew is still working as a pediatrician in Seattle. She has enrolled in a fellowship program, which will lead to a Masters in Public Health. She and her husband Rich have a sweet 2-year-old son named Duncan and are expecting their second child in April. **Mary Lanford Price** is the editor of the *Greene County Record*, a small weekly newspaper serving a community north of Charlottesville. Her husband Tim is a computer programmer for Castle Hill Studios.

Mamie Farmer is staying busy with her two children, Miller (3) and Harry (1). They just moved to a new house in Richmond. She is hoping to have **Elliott Pitts** and **Christine Flint** visit in January. She lets us know that **Anne Galanides** is about to have baby #3. **Vickie Campo** is expecting #2, and **Dawn Nelson** is getting ready to move. **Christine Flint Canterbury** has finally adjusted to the rain in Seattle

She is very busy with her two children Joseph (4) and Emma Claire (1 1/2).

Kana Roess Goldsmith is expecting her second son at the end of November. She visits with **Brandi Beck Fowler** ('90) and **Elizabeth Mason Horsley** ('90).

Lara Wohlford lives in West Hills, California. **Karen Holland** continues to work at Sara Lee Branded Apparel as a Manager, Compensation. She finished grad school and is looking for a new project. She has been doing some recruiting for SBC at local college fairs. She has been in touch with **Nicole Gauthier** and **Elise Scott Via**. She is looking for **Mary Wells Hedgepeth**.

Aelica Ingenthorn Orsi and husband Jay have two little girls, Kristen and Laura Katherine. They just moved to a new house in Little Rock. Aelica continues to work as a psychotherapist in a private practice, Jay owns and runs Three Rivers Title Services.

Allene Doudette is now living in Pensacola, Florida and is engaged to a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, so they'll be there until December 2004. They are renovating a 1930's cottage. In addition to Gansett (the 6 year old Boston Terrier she brought to reunion with her) they have a 4 month old Boston Terrier named Briscoe that they acquired in late June. She says that it's not down there but they're very close to the Gulf and some beautiful beaches. She keeps in touch with **Karen Hott**, **Jennifer Gregg**, **Stacey Lee** & **Carlin McKenna Moroney**.

D'Andrea Simmons is working at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. She received a Political Appointment from President Bush a year ago, and is a "Schedule C" with the Bush Administration. She is the only political appointee working in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. She was instrumental in getting the Yucca Mountain Project to pass both the House and the Senate this summer. She sees **Kristin Walberg Urbach** frequently and **Melanie Duke**. They are both doing well. She is trying to get in touch with **Suzanne Petrie**. **Egg (Jennifer Gregg)** reports that she has been busy with a trip to Italy, a complete kitchen makeover project, and oh yeah...she got married. **Egg** and her partner Karen officially got hitched. She says it pays to live in Vermont. The event was held in their backyard where they have a great view of the mountains. **Carlin McKenna Moroney** and **Stacey Lawrence Lee** and her husband attended. **Egg** and **Karen** have an upcoming trip to St John and after that, the plan is to take it easy for bit.

Elliott Pitts is having a great year! She bought her first house and a boat, and traveled to Italy, Germany and the Olympics (where she did NOT buy a берет). But by far the greatest thing

that happened was that two of her favorite friends had twins in May and named them after her!! Sadly, the year was not perfect, as she did not see any SBC friends. SIGH!

Emily Leming LaJeunesse married Jayme La Jeunesse on July 21, 2002, in a small private ceremony in their church's garden. In June 2002, they attended **Arben Bennett's** wedding. **Heather McGown Sanford** and her husband live in Galway, Ireland. They have three great children. They have one precious 11-yr. old boy they adopted from Managua, Nicaragua while they were living there. They also have two beautiful little girls, Hannah 5 and a half, and Abigail 3. **Heather** and her husband are both ordained ministers and pastor a church in Galway. She reports that she has a wonderful life. "We get to serve God and travel the world. Who could ask for more?" She keeps in touch with **Katherine**, **Christine**, **Suzanne** and **Ryanelle**. She asks that if any of her Sweet Briar friends are in Ireland please e-mail ahead and she'd love to meet up with you!

Joan Dabney Clickner is moving to Charlottesville in the next couple of months. Bobby is starting his own practice in Oriental Medicine in downtown Charlottesville, and they're shopping for houses right now. Ian is nearly 14 months old now, and keeping them delighted as well as busy. She is looking forward to being more involved with SBC since she'll only be an hour away!

Shelbie Filson is still working at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center and acting whenever she gets the chance. She got to perform a dream role in a February production of "Communicating Doors," and is currently in rehearsals for "The Rocky Horror Show." She still does her best to spoil her nieces, **Skyler** (5) and **Rylee** (1-1/2). **Stacey Lawrence Lee** and her husband Will moved out to Port Washington, NY a few months ago to see how they would like suburban life. They were up in Vermont for **Egg's** wedding and report that it was beautiful. They took two weeks this summer to sail from Glen Cove to Nantucket and stopped to visit **Carlin McKenna Moroney** and her family in South Dartmouth, MA.

Susan Spurell got engaged in November 2001 (in the Cayman Islands) and then married May 2002 (in Richmond, Virginia) to **Patrick Todd** (ODU '85 and MCV '95). **Melanie Duke** and **Amy Lemieux** were there. She honeymooned in the Canary Islands. They were the only Americans there (and had been for the past year). After the wedding dust settled, they moved to Lynchburg, VA, where Patrick has a dental practice. She was in Manhattan for a brief visit in June.

Suzanne Ziesmann received her

Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology in 2000 at UC Davis, and had the great luck to procure a two-year teaching position in the Dept of Biology as an Assistant Professor at Sweet Briar College. She has just started her new job, which she loves, as a post-doctoral fellow at UVA. She is doing research in a lab that studies the molecular regulation of beta-cell development. This work ultimately leads to understanding and curing diabetes. Her horse Nugget, also an SBC grad, is now 30 years old, will be entered in the SBC competitive trail ride this fall.

Tammy O'Malley Fein has 2 children, **Benjamin** (2) and **Ethan** (1). She has been working part-time as a mental health therapist for children and their families. She saw **Judi Goetz (Kobilska)** '92 in May '02 in the Cape. **Tammy** is also beginning to work one weekend a month for an open horse-show circuit in their office. She just got to ride on the beach for the first time, and says it was fantastic.

As for me, my life is as busy as ever. I am still teaching a self-contained 5th grade gifted class in Brooklyn, NY. I was elected to the vestry at my church and that has kept me on my toes. During the summer, I spent three lovely weeks in the Catskill Mountains. It was rejuvenating! I have been in touch with **Clover Shaman Pitts**, **Kate Haw**, **Carey Bates**, and **Felicia Hill Carmouche** '92. It was great to hear from all of you!

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This has been a great year for the class of 1994! We have lots of new degrees, family additions and even more new husbands! Yay for us! Let's start the roll call:

Katherine Lindsey Auchter says hello from Jacksonville! She is enjoying the love and challenges that two girls under the age of two can bring. **Anna** (22 months) is now a big sister to **Julia**, born 6/05/02. **Julia** is healthy, sweet, and perfect in every way. "I feel so blessed to be a 'new' mommy all

over again!"

Jamee Thompson Briggs is happy to announce the Briggs family's newest addition—**Caroline Wagner Briggs** was born 5/28/02. Her big brother **Jackson** continues to do well. Both kids keep **Jamee** and **John** very busy and yet extremely happy. She continues to work at a Montessori school in Evergreen, CO four hours a day. She writes that Colorado is beautiful and encourages visitors!

Allison Vollmer Douglass and **William** love raising Kate (born 11/17/01) in NYC. Allison is working four days a week at Fitness Magazine as their Business Development Director and **William** is still at Citibank. They keep up with lots of SBC'ers, but she wishes there were more in the area. They went skiing with **Jamee Thompson Briggs** and her family, and enjoyed catching up with everyone at **Robyn Barto's** wedding.

Melissa Thomson O'Toole recently saw **Heather Swenberg** at her wedding in Chapel Hill. The wedding was beautiful and she had a wonderful time. She is in her first year of nursing school, and is keeping up with her two kids, **Marina** (2) and **Conor** (4).

Stacey Eisenberg Payne is living and teaching in Watertown, CT. Her husband **David** works as an attorney for **Timex**. They welcomed a baby boy, **Joseph "Mathes"** in May.

Courtney O'Dea Plaisted and her husband moved to Charlotte, NC "for a quality of life change." DC was getting too congested and stressful. They bought a beautiful big home and love life. **Courtney** works 10 minutes from home in the Pediatric Intensive Care at Carolina's Medical Center. It's very challenging, but exciting. **Larry** is working as an attorney downtown. She sees **Elizabeth Thigpen Landry** and her 2 beautiful daughters often. The two of them took their husbands to San Antonio, TX for **Heather Forrester Russell's** wedding, where they met up with **Erica Clayton Wright**. They had a fabulous time, and **Heather** looked beautiful.

Heather Forrester Russell writes that **Erica Clayton Wright** was one of her bridesmaids, and she was delighted by the surprise appearance of **Rosemary Ratliff**! She reports that she and **Hugh** got married 6/8/02 in Boerne, TX. She loved seeing everyone who attended. She's teaching bilingual pre-K in Amarillo, and says that the kids she teaches are adorable and a lot of fun.

Sarah Evans Stacy and her husband **Chad** took the summer off from their jobs to stay home with their new son **Carter Gerald** (born 5/6/02). **Sarah** was able to scale her work as a financial analyst for **Grubb & Ellis Co.** back to part-time following her return to work. She and **Chad** are also busy renovating their third home in Pittsburgh.

Katherine Schupp has been very busy. There have been a lot of changes for her this year. She is now working for the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans. It's an organization dedicated to historic preservation and neighborhood development. She's the Assistant Director of Development in charge of special events. She manages and organizes all of the major fundraising events. She admits that it's not quite archeology, but it's still rewarding. She finally finished her master's degree in Anthropology with a specialization in Historical Archeology from the College of William and Mary. She is still doing some work for **Lucy Deoliveira Bosworth** for her company, Ascent Consulting Group. She's been traveling, too. She went to DC, Boise, ID and went to **Norah Wagner's** wedding in Martha's Vineyard. In MV, she had a surreal experience—she saw her old Volvo with a Sweet Briar, Hampden-Sydney and William and Mary sticker in the back window!

Ginger Amon White reports that her daughter Natalie Olivia was born 1/22/02. She's enjoying being a stay at home mom. They all just returned from Disneyworld, where Natalie enjoyed all the colors, characters and parades. As a departure from her usual style, Ginger decided to decorate Natalie's nursery with a Mickey Mouse theme, and Natalie went as Minnie Mouse for Halloween. Now who would have guessed that?

Erica Clayton Wright was named Director of Communications for Senator Rick Santorum of PA.

Kim Szuszcwicz Snead reports that PriceWaterhouse Coopers was purchased, so she is now officially an IBM employee. She and John are moving to a new house in December, and her son Cole will turn 1 year old in 04/03. She loves being a mom.

Alex Stewart is planning her February wedding to Adam Manwarren. **Kathy May, Stephanie Pappinkou** and her sister **Nicky Stewart Fowler** will all be bridesmaids. She and Kathy had a great trip to "Lynchvegas" for **Susan Purdue's** wedding in September.

Beth Riccobono Shiffler is now a homeowner in Maynard, MA. She and Paul had been searching for a home for a year. She's now teaching 4th and 5th grade math. It's a big change from teaching high school students, but she's glad she made the change.

Vinca Swanson is still busy with lacrosse. The Seattle Women's team ("Seattle Summer Sweathogs") won the Western States Club Title, playing teams that Vinca calls, "tall, skilled, and tan." She is the president of the Northwest Women's Lacrosse League. Her art shows have been successful and pieces are selling! She had three art shows over the summer and there are some commissions coming in.

She's taking it easy for now, since she's recovering from knee surgery. Seattle should be on the lookout for the Bionic Vinca in 2003!

Kelleigh Smith Sommer is a Pricing Analyst with Clarke-American. She and Richard sold their house, and they plan to build a new one in the next six months. Her son Sam is now 2 and a half.

Caitlin Sundby is planning a spring wedding. Her boyfriend Scott Russell popped the question at a friend's estate in NC. The wedding is going to be 06/07/03 at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, where the couple met, and **Betsy Lanard** is one of the bridesmaids.

Victoria Sevastianova is sad to have left Virginia. She took a job as an Assistant Professor of Russian at Vassar, but after spending the last six years at UVA, she wants to go back.

Amy Ross is working hard, juggling her teaching job in Memphis with her job as a consultant with SGA/McGraw Hill. She is often flying everywhere in the country, helping to train math teachers. She is planning a spring '03 wedding, and hopes to move to NY or SF in about a year.

Heather Roby has been transferred back to DC by her company. She is doing software training and curriculum design for an education company, and she's working out of Alexandria, VA. She sees **Kim Snead** often, and she is training for the Marine Corps Marathon with **Christy Young McCain** and **Dorothy Bailey**.

Shannon Hetcel-Dykes is working on her Masters of Education. She and Jim are preparing to celebrate their 7th anniversary in their new home in AZ. They will be there with Carter for the next 2 years.

Corrine Gaillard helped **Robyn Barto Knauss** get married. She was a bridesmaid and **Liz Gilgan** was the Maid of Honor at her wedding. Corrine reports that Robyn and her new husband Peter are moving to Maine, where Robyn took a job in the Financial Aid office of Bowdoin College.

Amy Biathrow Ross moved in April, to a new house in Raleigh. She and Craig have been having a great time decorating—they have lots of extra room. She started a new job with Red Hat, the company that develops and sells the Linux Operating System.

Liz Gilgan is running a public outreach program for the AIA, where she is spreading the good word about Archeology. Dr. Claudia Chang is one of her lecturers this year. She spent time with **Lia DeSimone Colbert** this summer. Lia's daughter **Amalia Ann Colbert** was born 5/31/02. She was happy to see **Mary Holmes Slusser**, **Erica Clayton Wright**, **Allison Vollmer Douglass** and **Ashley Henderson Swigart** at **Robyn Barto Knauss's** wedding.

Amelia McDaniel Johnson also went to MD to visit with **Lia DeSimone Colbert**. She reports that Virginia Wylly will be 1 on 11/10/02 and she is a wonderful little girl. She's the director of education for Christ Church in Raleigh, and she says there are lots of SBC girls in the congregation. Wooten will be finishing his term as the Southern Desk Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in December, so she's wondering what's coming next.

Betsy Lanard is teaching in the Philadelphia School District. She's finishing her 2nd masters degree. This one is a MA in Teaching. She's enrolling in a Ph.D. program that will combine Special Education with Music. She's currently a part-time music therapist with autistic children. She went to Canada over the summer and did a lot of hiking and mountain biking, and she's looking forward to a return to Montreal for New Years. She's also getting excited for **Caitlin Sundby's** wedding in June.

Amy Loux reports that she's happily living and working in the San Francisco Bay area.

Korina Adkins moved to Sedona, AZ in May, and she set up a website design company called High Sky Design. (<http://www.highskydesign.com>) She's also playing soccer for a women's soccer team in Flagstaff.

Linda Lombardo is enjoying Lake Norman and Charlotte, NC. She started her 6th year teaching and is serving as the English dept. chair. She submits her portfolio for National Board Certification in March, so she asks us all to keep our fingers crossed! Tony is looking for a different career, but Linda figures that a year teaching middle school would cure that. Daniel will graduate this year, and he plans to hike the Appalachian Trail before he continues on to grad school. David is a freshman in college and Michael is in 8th grade.

Kim Bramley-Estep is working for Branigan Capital Markets in Torrington, CT and Scott is a stay at home dad. Morgan turns 2 on 10/10/02 and Raleigh will be 1 on 12/26/02. She is going to be a bridesmaid in **Dawn Baskin's** wedding on 11/9/02. She hears from **Lori Bahret Mote** and **Heather Swenborg** often and exchanges emails with **Amy Eller Lewis**.

Allison Chance is still in Atlanta but she is no longer practicing law. She is working for SunTrust Bank, in estate planning. She is in a supper club with **Amy Waite Riley** and sees her often. She talks regularly with **Wendy Wall Nace** and they're all looking forward to **Tysha Calhoun's** wedding. **Patty Geets** and **Lee McEachern Collins** were in town recently so they got to visit. **Michelle Lee Wallace** had a 2nd child on 10/03/02. Georgia Lee

will be joining an older brother, Jackson. She recently saw **Jane Howard Bolton** and her son Bid. She went to Jackson Hole, WY to visit **Stephanie Dudley** who she reports has bought a condo and is dating a native, so she'll never come back. She would love to hear from **Susan Margaret Barrett!**

Allison Mallory is living in NYC, working for Credit Suisse First Boston in Corporate Events Finance. She has been traveling and she went to her brother's wedding in Memphis.

Chandra Garcia is living in Chicago, IL. She's a 2nd grade teacher on the south side. She loves the kids she teaches but admits that they're a handful. She and her partner Venus are looking into a vacation home in MI. She is hoping to finish her Masters in Education next summer.

Lucia Marks is living in Athens, still working in health care and still working on her house. She spent time in France in the spring, doing restoration work on a medieval village.

Rebecca Baker went on to receive her M.Ed. in Counseling from Lynchburg College in 1998. In her last year there, her practicum was at Miriam's House, a three-year residential program that assists homeless mothers with parenting and life skills. After that, she did an internship with the Child and Adolescent Center at Central Virginia Community Services, as a family counselor and play therapist. In 1999, she was hired by the Virginia Dept of Social Services under a three-year grant to address the increasing number of older children that are stuck in foster care. They renewed the program and now other areas of the state are using this program as a model for their own program. Rebecca says that it's a very challenging job, but very rewarding.

Wendy Wall Nace reports that she and Randy are enjoying the addition they put on their house in Birmingham, AL. She's working towards her LPC Credential. She's still working at the same place, conducting therapy with adolescents, families, groups, and individuals. She recently passed the National Board Certified Counselor's Exam. She keeps in touch with **Elizabeth Thigpen Landry**, **Jamee Thompson Briggs**, and **Allison Vollmer Douglass**. She also is in regular contact with **Tysha Calhoun** and is helping her plan her wedding.

Nicole Streeter is going to receive her Master's degree in Philanthropy from Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis. **Mamie Jackson** ('99) is also in her program. She will return to Houston (and her husband Patrick Scott) to complete her Masters in Public Health at UT and will attend the Univ. of Texas Medical School Familization Program in 2003. She sees a lot of LaQuinta Donatto. She would like to hear from **Janeime**

Asbury Brown, Renee Rose Flowers and **Mesa Cottemond**

Kelly Schmitt Molique reports that on 5/25/02 she married Mark Molique in Phoenix, AZ. **Lauren VanTyle Bartolomei** was in attendance with her husband Jake and two adorable sons Isaac & Graham. Kelly & Mark honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia for two weeks—"it was beautiful and the people are very friendly!" They visited **Lesley Byers Bush** and her husband Jeff as well as their new baby, Bradford Byers Bush in Denver in 09/02. They are expecting their first baby in 05/03.

Lesli Sedwick-Sheusi writes that she is currently working as a mental health therapist in Lynchburg providing counseling to victims and their families. It is definitely challenging, but more rewarding than she could possibly explain. She is also happily married to "a supportive, encouraging, funny, spontaneous... the list goes on" man with whom she shares "a bright, energetic, happy, red-headed girl." She reports that yes, she is still horse-crazy and she's considering the purchase of a "dumb-bush" weanling. **Lesley Byers Bush** and her husband welcomed Bradley Byers on 6/28/02 and they moved into their new home built in 1884. **Kelly Schmitt Molique** and her husband made the trip to Denver to celebrate Lesley's 30th birthday celebration.

Hopie Carter is in training for the NYC Marathon on 11/03/02. Ready to give Kate Spade a run for her money, she is launching HobNob Press, her own stationery line. It will be carried by a boutique in SoHo and she's doing some custom work. She had summer visits from **Ashley Celis Cavalier** and **Beth James Longest**, and they were both expecting at the time. She talks regularly with **Tashie Currier Whipple**. She's getting her Ph.D. in Public Policy and expecting her 2nd baby. She sees a lot of **Kim Clayton** and **Kirsten Osmundsen Boyd** and her daughter Caroline. Hopie is our "15 Minutes of Fame" award winner this year. She was featured as Allure Magazine's SWAT Makeover in the June 2002 issue. (Page 82!) She looks incredible—even before the makeover!

Kathy May has decided that this year has been a whirlwind of weddings. She had a blast at **Susan Purdue's** wedding in August. She's helping **Alex Stewart** plan her wedding and organizing a bridal shower with **Nicky Stewart Fowler**. She and her boyfriend Mark just celebrated their first year together and they share a 9 mo. old Rhodesian Ridgeback named Chloe. Work is keeping her busy, but she's looking forward to some R&R on a trip to St. John in 01/03.

Andrea Buck has recently been appointed the Deputy Director of Development and Corporate

Communications. Head of Alumni Relations and Individual Giving at University College, London, one of the UK's top education institutions. She keeps in touch regularly with **Sisi Zirkle Carroll**, **Birgit Stolle** and **Laurel Knapp**. She's hoping to make a trip to SBC in the next year.

Tysa Calhoun is living in San Marcos, TX with her fiancé Patrick. They are planning a spring 2003 wedding. They've been camping a lot, playing music, kayaking. She's been keeping up with **Allison Chance** and **Wendy Wall Nace**. She's still at Dell, assisting schools with obtaining technology using federal grant money. She says that anyone traveling through south TX should give her a shout. "Now that we're 30, I'm missing the old SBC days!" She's also an aunt times 2!

Katie Blaik is leading a very glamorous life in Oklahoma City. She's very busy since she opened her own law firm. Long hours and very hard work. (However, she still saves some time to forward email jokes.) She's been traveling a lot, and is excited to attend **Alex Stewart's** 02/03 wedding on Jekyll Island, GA.

Carlene Harper Sumner is happy to report that her son Isaac Graham was born 4/8/02. He is very well behaved and she takes him to work with her every day. Motherhood is exhausting, but watching his daily progress is fascinating. She and Richard are still living in Utah, but they're hoping to move back East in the next 2 years.

Katherine Cook adopted a Belgian Malinois (think very energetic, pointy-eared dog) in December. She works at SBC doing faculty tech support. "The dog gets to come to work with me, how cool is that?" Her free time is spent volunteering with the fire company in Orange—where she is the only woman member. She saw **Mehreen Mallal** a couple weeks ago when she passed through Washington DC. She seems to be doing well and is starting a new job with Oxfam in Pakistan. Mehreen was staying with **Nora Oney** so they got to have their own little mini-reunion.

I have been very busy with school. I have changed my course of study yet again. Now I am going into art therapy. I'll be spending the next year at Ohio State taking psychology classes. This summer I made several trips to VA. The first trip was to Norfolk for **Hilarie Wakefield Dayton's** wedding. That was a lot of fun, and it was exciting to see one of Hilarie's creations—her own wedding dress! I spent the next 3 days after the wedding in Chapel Hill, NC with Dana Varnado Campbell and her family. I also met up with my W&L Delt friends at another wedding in Hampton. My boyfriend and I stopped at SBC on the way and I was able to show off the campus. The

new student center is looking great!

I want to thank everyone who sent notes to me this fall. I have had so much fun learning what's going on in your lives! There are new class notes deadlines published here in the magazine. Please keep those someplace handy, since I'll be sending in all the notes I get before the deadline. (The postcards won't be coming from the alumnae office anymore—the pres-sure's on you now.) Keep 'em coming!

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Cameron Theodoros writes from Diablo, CA that she is the Dir. of HR of the Diablo Country Club and is also taking classes towards a post-graduate degree in Graphic Arts. Also west of the Mississippi, **Jessi Livingston** writes that she is getting ready to coach another season of lacrosse, is busy with work, and wants everyone to visit her in AZ. From TN, **Elissa Pugh** is in Nashville going to grad school for English and **Evangeline Easterly** has been busy studying and

researching in TN as well. **Evangeline** recently visited **Amy Hess Snawder** in Fort Polk, LA and as many SBCers did, attended **Amy Scott's** wedding party in Charleston, SC along with **Dina Orbison**, **Kim Leech**, **Germaine Gottsche**, **Abby Schmidt**, **Cara Millar**, **Betsy Bagg**, **Susan Bollinger**, and **Allison Davis**. **Amy Hess Snawder** writes that she is now living in TX with husband Jared in Killen until 5/03 when Amy moves up to VA while Jared goes to Korea for a year. **Amy Scott Huse** is studying molecular biology at the Medical University of South Carolina. She writes, "I am focusing on novel treatments for heart failure and was recently selected as a Presidential Scholar. I have also co-authored a paper in the American Journal of Physiology, which I am sure is leisure reading for all of you!" **Tara Pulegnal** is in Brownsville, TX teaching 9th and 12th grade at her alma mater, a private Catholic high school. Tara stays in touch with many, including **Gregor Lee** who is living in Asheville, NC and running her own business. Gregor got to visit with **Carol Skriffl**, **Susana Bobadilla**, **Katie Wright**, **Ashley Hill** and **Mary Friberg** in 8/02 in NYC. Gregor is still dating Justin and sees **Laurie Evans** who just got engaged. And the engagements don't stop there. **Benedicte Valentin** writes that she is engaged to her childhood best friend, Alexis Lamoth and graduated from Sciences Po and will be studying at a journalism school in Paris until summer 2004. **Jackie Hauslein** writes that she is engaged to Gary Jacob Kruchten Jr and hopes to be married in Summer 2003 with **Katie Wright** and **Emily Pegues** by her side. Jackie is in her 3rd year of teaching art at Leesylvania Elementary school in Prince William County, VA. Jackie's sister, Emily Qualy, gave birth to a baby girl in 9/02 (Jensen Grace). Down in Yorktown, VA **Lindsey Brooker** reports that she was engaged 7/4/02 to Andy Brooks and will be married 3/29/03 and remain in Yorktown. **Amanda Jones** is in VA Beach, VA and is a Case Manager for a homeless shelter and will be entering a program in 1/03 to earn her MBA with a concentration in e-business. **Renee Dupre** is off to law school in 8/03 at LSU and is currently in Baton Rouge, LA. In 11/02 I was able to see **Alissa Harris** who is still in Boston and loving it. Alissa is very busy with two new Boston based film projects. She is working in the art department as well as being in charge of wardrobe for one of the films that begins shooting in 1/03. Alissa is associate producing the second film project which will begin shooting in 11/02. She keeps in touch with **Marlena Koper**, **Jessi Livingston**, **Elizabeth Davis**, and a bunch of 99ers. **Susan Bobb** writes that she is finishing up her MA in Linguistics in Charlottesville and is up

to her ears in busyness. Susan is trying to keep track of her courses, and T.A. her very own ESL writing course for international students on campus. She was able to attend Founder's day in Fall '02 and realized there that the last class she knew, '03, was graduating soon! **Lindsey Custer** reports that in Summer '02 she moved into a new apartment and is still working for Time Life in Richmond, VA. She was promoted to a HR Rep which means she will be handling all employee's questions on HR related matters. Lindsey began volunteering for a Therapeutic Riding Program and keeps in touch with **Kristy Chatham** who is at the U of Florida for her BA degree and **Melanie Naquin** and **Amy Whitney** both from '01. Lindsey also keeps in touch with **Sarah Cunningham**. Sarah is living in Charlottesville, VA but has recently moved into a great place in Farmington Country Club. Sarah is still at SNL Financial and received a promotion in 6/02 to Senior Accounting Analyst. Sarah is volunteering with the Junior League and visits her sister in Manhattan often. **Anne-Ryan Sinnott** writes that she is working full-time at Akin Gump Child Care Center in DC and in her fourth semester at Marymount U. Graduate school. Anne-Ryan is getting her Master's in Special Education and excitedly wrote she only has a couple more years to go. Anne-Ryan says she does not have much spare time but recently ran into **Tina Hansel '99**. **Christine Bump** is at her second year of law school at Emory U. and was named to the Emory International Law Review. In addition to the editing and writing required for the journal, she is one of four members planning a Spring

Symposium. The topic concerns global AIDS and the intellectual property disputes surrounding the distribution of pharmaceuticals in the Third World. Christine is also the chair of the Legal Association for Women Students' annual charity auction. Christine keeps in touch with **Emily Taylor Boatwright** and **Ginny Gilbert**. Ginny is a consultant with Ernst & Young and Emily enjoys teaching high school. **Melissa Fauber Carter** was married on 6/29/02 to Jack Carter H-SC '00 in Amherst. Her bridesmaids included **Carla Fitzgerald '01** and **Tracy Kilchen Harris '99**. Tracy's husband, Jeremy served as an usher. Melissa and Jack have bought a house in Amherst. She is still teaching second grade at Pleasant View Elementary and earned her M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from UVA in 5/02. **Emily Pegues** wrote that she is continuing to work for Art Services Internat'l and has published a second art exhibition catalogue about 19th/20th century French drawings. She is also taking classes to learn to speak Dutch and is working on a children's book. Emily is residing in Alexandria, VA with **Erin Vlasaty '99** and Erin's sister Kara '97. Next door is **Katie Gumerson '97** and **Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98** and **Katie Wright** also lives in the neighborhood. Emily reports that **Holly Wilmeth** just wrapped up her odyssey through eastern Europe and Asia and in Fall '03 will be starting her program at the Salt Institute in Maine. Another double zero who will be leaving the country is **Allison Davis** who has an MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. Allison is joining the Peace Corps in April and volunteering with

the Red Cross. Allison is looking forward to meeting up, at **Amy Scott's** wedding party, with **Betsy Bagg** who is working in Hollywood, CA, **Abby Schmidt**, and **Cara Millar** who is teaching Art History at a college in Southern MD. **Wendy Bramlett** writes that she has a new job at AstraZeneca as a Pharmaceutical Sales Rep selling allergy and asthma medication in Silver Spring, MD. **Torrence Camden** reports that she is in her third year as a 4th grade teacher at Tye River Elementary School in Nelson County, VA and is also a graduate student at Lynchburg College pursuing an M.Ed degree. **Brandy Case** is also teaching 4th grade at Tye River and is really enjoying it. I'm still in Woodbridge, VA enjoying my job with the Department of Interior in security. In Fall '02 I spent a lot of time helping a friend organize a wedding and SBC events in the area keep me busy.

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In the Sweet Briar Tradition: Natalie Roberts Ross '31



Natalie Roberts Ross, Class of 1931, and her husband William Ross III. Mrs. Ross donated five parcels of land in Roanoke, Virginia to Sweet Briar College. Planned gifts of real estate offer an unusual opportunity to support Sweet Briar while also achieving personal financial goals.

Natalie Roberts Ross, Class of 1931, has been a vital member of the Sweet Briar Community, both through her participation and financial support of the College. Her involvement in the announcement and gala celebration of *Our Campaign For Her World*, Centennial, numerous Reunions, and Alumnae Travel Program in Egypt, France and Italy is confirmation of her unflinching loyalty to Sweet Briar and desire to involve herself in the College community.

Both Mrs. Ross and her sister, the late Mary Bess Roberts Waynick, Class of 1933, shared a keen interest in horseback riding while enrolled at Sweet Briar. Since her competition in the 1st Annual Sweet Briar Horse Show in 1928, Mrs. Ross has been a lifelong enthusiast and supporter of the Riding Program. Fittingly, in 2002, she participated in Sweet Briar's 75th Annual Horse Show, where she presented the award to the "Lt. Hatchell" Working Hunter Over Fences.

Recently, in support of *Our Campaign For Her World*, Natalie and her husband William Ross III donated five parcels of land in Roanoke, Virginia to Sweet Briar College. Through this generous gift of real estate, Mr. and Mrs. Ross will make an impact on Sweet Briar well beyond their lifetimes while also enjoying the personal financial benefits that a gift of real estate affords.

When asked in a Reunion survey how Sweet Briar has affected her life, Mrs. Ross comments, "It has made it more interesting and worthwhile by teaching me to make choices and have courage of convictions."

Mrs. Ross's unflinching demonstration of philanthropy does not stop with Sweet Briar. She has also supported many foster children, including five Vietnamese refugees, with several of the children going on to attend college.

When you make a gift of your home or real property to Sweet Briar, you receive an income tax charitable deduction, avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation, and eliminate some costs in transferring the property. In addition, you can make a gift of your home to the College and continue to live in it throughout your lifetime. In some cases, gifts of real estate can provide income to you. There are numerous types of real estate or real property, offering many gift planning opportunities to donors. To learn more about the personal, financial and charitable advantages of making a gift of real property, please contact The Office of Development: 888-846-5722.

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Alumnae TRAVEL

Clockwise from top left:
Blue-Footed Booby,
Machu Picchu,
Johnson family straddling
the equator, p. 49,
Lanesome George,
photos by Anna Pei.

Alumni College in Ireland, July
14-22, 2002

SBC mothers, daughters and sisters,
L-R: Mary Ann Mullen Root
'53; Norvell Jones '67; Frances
Root '80; Norvell Jones I;
Nathalie Ryan Hoyt '72; Kathleen
Ryan '75; Elizabeth Duke Seaman
'59; Katherine Seaman; Jane
Lewis Zollicoffer '50; Fannie
Zollicoffer '80.

A street scene in Viet Nam
photo by Michael Richards.
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As we began to put the winter magazine together, we realized that you will be receiving it at year's end. But this issue is really about beginnings, which abound at Sweet Briar these days.

In May, we sent 143 young women off to seek their fortunes in an uncertain world, confident that they would represent us well. As this goes to press, the class has amassed a remarkable record; 92% of the Class of 2003 had secured jobs or graduate school placements by October, compared to less than 80% for our national peer group of liberal arts colleges. New graduates are doing everything from working for Congress to international marketing. (The Class of 2007 is equally varied and equally accomplished (See p. 4). They are on their way!

This summer we launched an exciting new program for area schoolchildren—Kids in College (KIC), a wonderful complement to our growing Alumnae Colleges. A new Dean of Admissions arrived on August 1st, and our award winning Orientation program reinvented itself with a new series of discussion groups to look clearly at ethical issues.

The beginning of a school year is always exciting—this year especially so. Salman Rushdie spoke to an overflow crowd in September, inaugurating the new International Writers' Series. In October, Associate Professor Jill Granger brought 100 Central Virginia 6th- to 12th-grade girls to campus for a new College Science Investigation program, a day-long chemistry workshop. (Eighty additional registrants had to be turned away, so we hope to repeat the program in February.) November 6th we held a kickoff reception for our two new graduate degrees in education and dedicated the Dorothy Jones Sales Building, new headquarters for the Education Department, the Honors Center, and Computer Services.

Perhaps most importantly, we have begun a new strategic planning activity dubbed the Shape of the Future. The SOF Committee seeks to determine how we can best insure both financial equilibrium and intellectual vitality far into the future. On campus, we have been holding discussions about the Shape of the Future among students, faculty, and staff. The work of this Committee is so important that I have included in this issue slightly condensed minutes from the Committee's last several meetings so all alumnae can engage the issues.

Given the potential of this strategic planning initiative literally to shape our future, I thought you might like to see who is providing leadership for these deliberations (see p. 8). Leadership is a tradition at Sweet Briar. Students learn its value and responsibility from alumnae-in-residence, from faculty and staff, and from their sister students. In fact, this cultivation of leadership is one of the most important roles the College plays in the lives of its students.

As the old year draws to a close, we are excited about beginning a new one—a year that promises to be even more challenging as we go forward with long-range planning. I'll keep you informed, and ask you to send me questions or suggestions. Join us in toasting Sweet Briar's future! And from me to you, a toast to all Sweet Briar Family members everywhere: warmest wishes for much happiness and fulfillment in 2004. Happy New Year!

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Pictured l-r: Honoree Dorothy Jones Sales, SBC Board Chairman Michela English '71, President Muhlenfeld.

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ORIENTATION 2003

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Sweet Briar College's Student Orientation Program provides incoming students an opportunity to become familiar with the Sweet Briar community and the rich traditions of the College. While many orientation programs last from one day to a week, Sweet Briar's has evolved into a full year of helping students acclimate to the experiences of college life while softening the sharp edges of the transition from high school and home. Fall 2003's Orientation combined standard programming and activities, traditionally the hallmark of a college's efforts to ease first-year students into college life, with some new events and activities designed to help strengthen the existing program and to respond to changing needs of incoming students and the College community.

Saturday, August 16, the Class of 2007 arrived on campus. They were met by members of the Nelson County High School football team, who were eager to assist students and their families by moving luggage and belongings from car and van to residence hall rooms. Roaming photographers and a videographer captured the "move-in mania." New students were treated to watching their move-in day Saturday evening during a dessert reception, where they relaxed, met upperclass-

women, and eased into the first night spent as Sweet Briar women.

"Learning on the Land," which was nationally recognized by the *Templeton Guide*, took place on Sunday. While the weather did not cooperate in allowing the 15 group activities to take place outside, the end result was positive as upperclass students, faculty, and staff officially greeted our new family members and welcomed them into the College community. Colleen Karaffa '06, playing her flute, led the closing ceremony of Learning on the Land with its symbolic gesture of passing the torch from the "old" to the "just-arrived" Sweet Briarites.

New to our program this year was a series of small group Discussion Sessions. Co-Curricular Life and Academic Advising spent the spring semester developing a format, evolving from the Campus Diversity Initiative, to help students better understand the cultural and academic environment they were entering. Selected themes derived from the diversity survey were used to write scenarios depicting situations students could find themselves facing. Ten teams made up of a faculty member, administrator, and two student leaders representing the Student Government Association, received training prior to

facilitating a group discussion including 10 to 12 first-year students. The scenarios suggested situations that students and the team facilitators talked through, regarding academic honesty and responsibility, courtesy, and diversity. Each student was asked to complete an "exit ticket" summarizing her experience in the discussion group and her understanding of why these themes are important to the Sweet Briar community, and sharing any specific concerns regarding the themes. The Discussion Groups provided an excellent opportunity for new students to experience early on the unique aspects of listening to diverse points of view, talking through difficult situations that might be foreign to their understanding, and realizing that, while we refer to ourselves as a community, we hold in strong regard the individual's rights. The Discussion Groups also provided first-year students an opportunity to experience faculty, administrators, staff and students working as a team—all openly sharing their viewpoints as they attempted to make clear the message that at Sweet Briar one of our major strengths is respect for each other. The Discussion Groups received strong positive responses from new students and team leaders. We were able to replace the lecture-type assemblies, where



one or two individuals attempted to help new students understand the importance of our Honor Code, academic integrity, and human diversity. By reading the scenarios, then placing themselves in the position of going through the same situations, new students developed a more personal understanding of how they might handle such situations if encountered in future.

Careful use of time is a key factor in formatting an orientation program. Many colleges struggle with the issue of how much a new student should be exposed to during the first days on campus. What are the most crucial pieces of information a student should have access to while adjusting to a college environment and culture? New students are concerned about being able to enroll in certain classes and about getting along with the new roommate. College resources and support services are seldom on a student's list of "most important to see and know."

Sweet Briar has responded to the scheduling crunch and student lack of interest by providing a Resource Fair. Successful collaboration of all campus services and auxiliaries provided a unique opportunity for students to browse through materials and meet personnel and faculty representing a variety of resource areas from across the campus. Academic and non-academic support services shared the time slot to provide information in a less-structured but highly-organized venue. The Resource Fair is held during the morning of the second day students are on campus. The setting is conference-style, in terms of displays and personnel staffing. Students have ample

time to talk with various campus resource areas, select printed information for later perusal, and even make one-on-one appointments for a later date. Through the Resource Fair, multiple support areas are provided an open environment to meet and welcome our newest community members. It also allows students an opportunity to review important campus services while avoiding the sit-down assembly of many orientation programs. "Shop, browse and select based on individual need and interest" has replaced the "one size fits all" support services orientation program.

After a week of major orientation programming, many of our students are eager to look beyond themselves and personal interests. The intense pressure of getting to know roommates, select courses, find classrooms, meet faculty, and decorate residence hall rooms can be overwhelming. We now include a volunteer project opportunity for students needing a focus point outside the College. This year, 76 new students volunteered to work with Habitat for Humanity. Early on a Saturday morning, they piled into college vans bound for Amherst and Lynchburg, where they painted, cleaned glue from newly-laid floors, moved debris from a construction site, and put on a roof. A special semester-long "Women's only Build" was launched that week by Habitat so that our students would be the kickoff college for this project. The weather was a sweltering 96 degrees, not including the usual Virginia humidity causing clothing to stick to the body. However, in true Sweet Briar style, our women sang through hours of painting

porch railings while they chided one another about the previous week of getting to know their roommates.

It was great to watch Sweet Briar bonds developing among the Class of 2007 bonds that promise to last a lifetime. While Orientation is meant to help students acclimate to college life and college culture, Sweet Briar has taken a somewhat non-traditional approach. Because Sweet Briar is unique in its community structure, orientation programming is structured to reflect the importance of strengthening the community. Activities and programs attempt to reach out and encourage new members to recognize the importance of community, beginning the very moment they arrive on campus. Sweet Briar has slowly abandoned the lock-step approach to orientation, where students were expected to be passive members in one-way dialogues regarding the experience they would have as college students. This has been replaced by a dynamic and interactive engagement that more accurately reflects the College's mission.

Orientation has experienced other important shifts as well. An approach that bridges academic and non-academic areas has fostered creative and collaborative efforts on behalf of our newest community members. While Learning on the Land has been a long-standing collaborative initiative, this year's Discussion Groups created a new venue for faculty, student leaders, administrators and staff to work with one accord. The overall results for Orientation 2003 were astounding.



Photos by SBC staff and students

New Dean of Admissions



Ken Huus

Sweet Briar's new dean of admissions, Ken Huus, loves his job, indeed says he's having "a great time" at Sweet Briar. Though his professional schedule is extremely busy, the environment in the office still allows him to be "human," as he puts it, and have a bit of friendly chat with his staff.

Though he has been at Sweet Briar only three months, Ken has already formed some definite new impressions of the College. "I had learned about the academic product at Sweet Briar before even applying for the job," he said, "but now I have learned that Sweet Briar is not all it is cracked up to be—it is much more. This College, though well known in certain circles, is a hidden gem in others—and though that description could be applied to other colleges, let me add that Sweet Briar is at the very top of the list of hidden gems. The growth and development that every student experiences here is truly remarkable. The faculty and staff work with a high-achieving, self-confident student and take her even further; with a shy student, Sweet Briar can draw her out. The College's ability to reach and help different types of students is amazing." Examples Ken mentioned of the close involvement of faculty and staff were the Honors Program and Honors Colloquia, which are "so exciting," and internships, where not only Career Services participates, but also faculty, alumnae, and staff.

"Our admissions philosophy," said Ken, "is to reach students whenever, and however, they want to be reached. This means going beyond the traditional visits to high schools, which we've found don't work for every student, and arranging to meet students in the place of their choice. We call these "Barnes & Noble visits" and we're trying to do more of them. For example, one of our counselors has set up eight appointments with students in a Starbucks in Maryland! We may take that model even further in the future, into home visits, or inviting students and their families to dinner or a special event. Since Sweet Briar has such great strength in the area of individual connections, this approach really fits in well with the College's whole philosophy.

"We see this philosophy reflected too in the willingness, indeed eagerness, of the faculty to help. If a student indicates, for example, that she is interested in dance, riding, and biology—we will work to get her in touch with faculty members in those areas.

Describing his admissions philosophy not as a change, but as "an articulation of clearer direction," Ken pointed out that individual connections work better for Sweet Briar than mass recruiting. But "mass" recruiting is useful too. Ken is known for his adeptness in using technology. "Technology has allowed colleges to describe themselves more inexpensively than by any other means. Tens of thousands of people can learn about Sweet Briar through our Web site. In getting the word out, it is important not just to attract students to our Web site, but also to make it easy for them to get to the pages featuring their special interests. It is also important to have partnerships with the right vendors. Several of our reliable, reputable, vendors are *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, *Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges*, and the *Princeton Review*. Prospective students can consult these in all the right places—high schools and libraries—and copies can be bought by

families. We have also just made an exciting new partnership agreement with the magazine, *Private Colleges and Universities*, an annual that is actually mailed directly to the kind of students we want to reach. This magazine has several specialized issues and because of our strength in the sciences and our new engineering program, we will subscribe to have a listing in the Science and Engineering edition in 2004, as well as the general magazine." Ken is also very pleased that Sweet Briar was selected as one of 150 colleges in the directory, *Colleges of Distinction*. "It is a tremendous advantage to be included in an objective rating like this, an honor we did not lobby for. Parents in particular like to see objective measures like this."

Another wonderful means of connecting students with Sweet Briar is through alumnae, and there is an active cadre of alumnae working as "Alumnae Admissions Representatives." But Ken noted that alumnae can also be an enormous help in their day-to-day lives by simply talking about Sweet Briar, mentioning it in conversations at work (co-workers may have daughters or nieces) or in social and family circles. "All those references to Sweet Briar really do add up," he said, "and a young woman who has heard of Sweet Briar is more likely to open our mail. The more the public is aware of Sweet Briar, the less of a hidden gem we become."

Ken would advise young people looking at colleges to look for the college that is the "best match" with their interests and personality. "Explore as many options as possible, look at large universities as well as mid-size and small colleges, and once you narrow down the possibilities—go find it!" Other considerations that can narrow the choices and help students "zone in" are: location (urban, suburban or rural, distance from home) and the ways in which a student learns best (with distractions or in a quiet place, individually or in a group, in a lecture format or

an interactive class).

Regarding price, Ken would like to point out to prospective students from Virginia and their families an exciting, brand-new Sweet Briar scholarship for students who enroll at Sweet Briar for the first time in August 2004 and who have permanent residency in Virginia, worth \$7,500 per year for each of a student's four years at the College. This would be in addition to the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant, available to Virginia students attending private colleges. Between these two grants, every Virginia student admitted to Sweet Briar will have at a minimum \$9,710 of scholarship assistance for each of her four years.

Ken gives a lot of credit to the Admissions Office staff, which he claims is exceptional, and which makes his job easier. "These women are energetic, passionate about this place, excited about working with students, and really rising to the considerable challenges of their jobs."

Outside the office, Ken and his wife Beth are relishing Sweet Briar and the surrounding area. "Outdoorsy" people who enjoy walking, hiking and day backpacking, they love the mountains and the whole region and appreciate the friendliness of the community. Beth is taking a course in ceramics from Studio Art Professor Joe Monk and enjoys both the course material and the interaction with the students.

Though happy in his new position, Ken is keenly aware of the serious challenges facing education in the United States. "State universities are facing shrinking budgets and private liberal arts colleges will soon be facing serious reductions in the number of families who can afford them. The rich, and the very poor who qualify for federal and state grants, are faring better, but families in the middle are being squeezed and continually asked to do more with less. Federal Pell grants and state need-based programs have fallen behind. Private colleges have had to fill the gap and many are struggling to do that. High schools too are being stretched too thin. Federal and state spending on education in the United States must receive a higher priority if anything is going to improve. This has nothing to do with partisan politics; it is simply what needs to be done.

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Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin

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South Carolina, Tennessee,
West Virginia

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The Sweet Briar College

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sweet Briar Institute was incorporated as a non-stock corporation by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 9, 1901. The affairs of the College are managed by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors consisting of not less than 24 nor more than 32 members elected annually at the Spring meeting of the Board.

At least four of the Directors must be alumnae of the College; three other alumnae members are chosen from successive graduating classes, one per class. Members may serve for a maximum three successive three-year terms.

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The Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Authority: The governance of the Alumnae Association is vested in its Association Board. The Association Board meets twice a year. The Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association is held during the Fall Alumnae Council meetings; the Alumnae Board meets again in the Spring. Other meetings may be called by the Alumnae Board President or upon written request of any three Alumnae Board members filed with the Director of the Alumnae Association.

Number of Members: Not less than 20 nor more than 35 or such other number as from time to time may be fixed by the Association Bylaws.

Composition: The Association Board consists of the Officers, Regional Chairs, Chairs of Standing Committees of the Board (Finance, Nominating, Regional), Association Board members on the College Board of Directors, Members-At-Large, and Ex Officio members. Ex Officio members who are active alumnae of Sweet Briar College serve with a vote.

Eligibility: Any active member of the Alumnae Association is eligible for nomination to the Association Board; also, interested alumnae may nominate themselves for Board membership.

Election: All members of the Association Board except the Members-At-Large and the Association Board members on the College Board of Directors are elected from a single slate prepared by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Board.

Length of Term: Term of office for members, except the President, is two years. No person shall serve for more than two consecutive terms in one position, or more than eight consecutive years in several positions, except in the case of a member being elected President. The term of office for the President is one three-year term. During her term, the President serves on the College Board of Directors.

Members-At-Large: Two Members-At-Large, one elected each year, serve a two-year term. Each graduating class elects one of its classmates to serve in this role. In addition to their duties as members of the Association Board, they serve as a liaison between current students and the Association Board.

Alumnae Association Members on the College Board of Directors:
Any active member of the Alumnae Association is eligible for nomination to membership on the College Board of Directors. No employees of the College or members of their families may serve as Association Board Members on the College Board of Directors.

There are four Association-nominated members on the College Board of Directors, one elected each year to serve a three-year term as defined by the Bylaws of the Board of Directors.

A single slate of not less than three names is prepared by the Nominating Committee to be approved by the Association Board at its Fall meeting. The approved slate is forwarded to the Board of Directors who selects one nominee according to procedure set forth in the Bylaws of the College.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the Alumnae Board includes the Officers of the Association Board; the Annual Fund Chair; the Senior Association Board Member on the College Board of Directors; the Nominating Committee Chair; the Academic Outreach Chair; and the Director of the Alumnae Association, Ex Officio. The Executive Committee has all the powers of the Association Board between meetings.

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Nancy Godwin
Baldwin '57

All alumnae are urged to submit the names of candidates and sufficient information to establish their qualifications for a position on the Alumnae Board to the Alumnae Office. Nominees' files will be kept active for four years. A nominee's file will be considered each year of active nomination; alumnae may be renominated.

Her connection/service to Sweet Briar is: _____

You are welcome to send the Alumnae Office additional material in support of your nomination. Please send it to Ann Carter – Associate Director of the Alumnae Association, by fax at (434) 381-6132, or by mail to:

Boxwood Alumnae House,
Post Office Box E
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Your Name: _____ Your Class Year: _____

THE SENIOR STAFF

The Senior Staff of Sweet Briar College is comprised of the senior executive officers of the following College offices and divisions: Admissions, Alumnae, Co-Curricular Life, Dean's Office, Development and College Relations, and Finance and Administration.

The Senior Staff works with the President and the Board of Directors to keep Sweet Briar College running smoothly.

DR. ELISABETH S. MUHLENFELD, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

Elisabeth "Betsy" Showalter Muhlenfeld became Sweet Briar's ninth president in August 1996. Previously, she was Dean of Undergraduate Studies at The Florida State University in Tallahassee, where she had served since 1978 as Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor of English; as Director of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Associate Chairman of the Department of English; and Chairman of the FSU Faculty Senate's Undergraduate Policy Council. As founding Dean of Undergraduate Studies in 1984, she became responsible for all university-wide academic requirements, including the Liberal Studies Program, the academic progress of 8,000 lower-division students, academic advising, the University Honors Program, minority academic programs, academic support services for student athletes, the Center for Retention and Academic Support, and the offices of Admissions, the Registrar, and Financial Aid. Throughout her administrative service, she continued to teach one or more courses a year in American literature and Southern literature, to direct honors and master theses and doctoral dissertations, and to serve on graduate committees.

Betsy received a B.A. in philosophy from Goucher College in 1966 and an M.A. in English from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1973. Concentrating on Southern literature for her doctorate, she received a Ph.D. in English from the University of South Carolina in 1978. She is the author of four books, including a biography of Mary Boykin Chesnut, a work on Chesnut's novels and an edition of Chesnut's original diaries, co-edited with his-

torian C. Vann Woodward. Mary Boykin Chesnut: *A Biography* was nominated for various prizes, among them the Pulitzer, and was selected by *Choice* magazine as an "outstanding academic book." Since 1992 this has had numerous reprintings in paperback. She also edited William Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom!*, a critical casebook.

Betsy has written dozens of articles and essays and made frequent presentations at state, regional, national, and international conferences and workshops. She often speaks on issues affecting undergraduate education. She is an active participant in numerous literary and language-based organizations. An advocate of women's colleges, she is a frequent commentator in newspapers, journals, and on NPR and C-SPAN.

Recently she was elected Virginia's representative to the 77-member Executive Committee of the Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits approximately 780 colleges and universities throughout the southeastern region of the U.S., and Latin America. She has served on the Board of Visitors for Goucher College, the Board of the Tredegar Civil War Center, the executive committee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, and the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia.

Betsy's husband, Laurin A. Wollan, Jr., recently retired from Florida State. They have four adult children and one grandchild.

DR. LINDA P. SHANK,

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES/ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT/ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

Linda Shank began her work at Sweet Briar in July 1999. She received her B.A. in psychology from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, a Master's of Science in Counseling from Shippensburg University, an M.B.A. from York College in Pennsylvania, and a D.B.A. from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

She previously worked at Wilson College in Pennsylvania as Dean of Continuing Education. In addition, she has worked as Associate Professor and as Chair of the Department of Business and Economics. Other activities she has been involved in include the Committee for Academic Procedure, Enrollment Management Team, Curriculum Committee, Middle States Steering Committee, and Cumberland Valley Women's Conference Chair; along with many other committees and campus governance positions. She has also participated in the College Management Program in the School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University in 1996, and the Institute of the Management of Lifelong Education at Harvard University in 1993.

Linda has three adult children: Kirk, Troy, and Sara (SBC Class of 2003). She and her husband Bill live on campus with granddaughter Belle.



Dr. Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld



Dr. Linda P. Shank



Kenneth T. Huus

KENNETH T. HUUS,
DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Kenneth "Ken" Huus joined the Sweet Briar community as Dean of Admissions in August 2003, with eight years of admissions experience at Earlham College in Richmond, IN, where he served as Assistant Dean of Admissions/Admissions Counselor from 1993-1997 and Associate Dean of Admissions from July 1997-August 1998 and from 2000-2003.

At Earlham, he was instrumental in increasing the diversity of the student body, and successfully fine-tuning recruitment efforts to increase substantially the number of qualified candidates/incoming students. In addition to a strong record in recruitment activities, he has significant experience in geodemographic analysis; he is a strong advocate for the use of data for evaluation of recruiting strategies and for targeting recruitment efforts. His genuine interest in students' academic and personal growth led him to be very involved in the life of the Earlham College community, serving on committees focused on residential life and information technology.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Earlham himself, he earned the B.A. in chemistry in 1993 and an M.B.A. (Quality and Process Improvement) in 2000 from Miami University in Oxford, OH.

Ken and his wife Beth live on campus; Beth coaches volleyball at Heritage High School in Lynchburg.

DR. LAWRENCE W. BROOMALL,
INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION

Lawrence "Larry" W. Broomall fills the role of Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration on a half-time basis while a search for a permanent incumbent is under way. He also serves, in the other half of his time, as the Senior Investment Officer at Washington and Lee University, a position he has held since 2002, having transitioned from his prior position of Vice President for Finance and Treasurer, held since 1986. As the Senior Investment Officer there, he is the chief staff person overseeing the endowment for the University, an endowment

of approximately \$420 million, and all manager and consulting relationships.

He has undergraduate and master's degrees from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in New Jersey and a doctoral degree from Virginia Tech. He held financial administrative positions at Virginia Tech and the College of William and Mary before moving to Washington and Lee.

Larry is married to Donna M. Broomall, Executive Secretary for the Office of Career Services at Virginia Military Institute. They have two sons; Jeff, age 34, is a commercial pilot for Comair, a Delta affiliate, flying out of the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Airport. Todd, age 28, is married with one daughter and works as the Digital Media Specialist for the Journalism Department at Washington and Lee.

DR. VALDIE N. WALKER, VICE
PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS/DEAN
OF CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

Valdie Walker was named Dean of Co-Curricular Life in January 1998 and appointed Vice President of Student Affairs in October 2001. Before coming to Sweet Briar, she was the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs (1993-1997); Director of Transition Program (1996-1997); and Assistant Professor in African American Studies (1993-1997), all at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia. Previously at UVA, she was the Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs and a Guest Lecturer for the General Faculty at the College of Arts and Sciences (1991-1992). She also served a one-year term as Assistant Professor of the Educational Leadership and Policies Studies for the University of Oklahoma (1992-1993). Before her tenure at UVA, she was the Principal at Marshall Junior High School in the Fauquier County Public School System in Marshall, Virginia (1982-1987); Assistant Principal at the Warrenton Junior High School in the Fauquier County Public School System in Warrenton, Virginia (1978-1982); and a teacher at the Cedar Lee Junior High School in Fauquier County (1973-1978).

Valdie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Saint Paul's College in 1973; her Master of Education degree, majoring in administration and supervision, at UVA (1977); and her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy, from UVA (1991). During her career, she has been extensively involved in professional and civic activities; has published many writings; and has made innumerable presentations all relevant to her fields of study. She has been the recipient of a CHEV grant (Virginia Recruitment and Retention Program), several Virginia Foundation for the Humanities grants and also received the Ridley Scholarship Foundation Excellence in Leadership Recognition.

Valdie has a home in Nelson County, Virginia. Her 20-year-old son, Dumont, is a junior at Xavier University, Ohio.

IVANA PELNAR-ZAIKO,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND COLLEGE RELATIONS

Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko arrived at SBC in September 1999 to direct the College's largest-ever fund-raising campaign, announced in October 2002. She and her staff have been recognized for progressive team management and cutting-edge technology in fund-raising, winning a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Region III award for their CD-ROM laptop presentation, *Our Campaign For Her World*.

Former Vice President for Development at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY, she has more than 20 years of fund-raising and management experience. Prior to her work at Wagner in 1997, she held development and campaign positions at Rutgers University. From 1986-1992, she served as Director of Principal Gifts and Interim Director of The Bicentennial Campaign for Carolina at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Earning her Bachelor of Music degree from McGill University, she did graduate study in musicology at Yale, and completed her Ph.D. in musicology *magna cum laude* at the University of Munich in



Dr. Lawrence W. Broomall



Dr. Valdie N. Walker



Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko

1977. Her dissertation was published in 1981 and 1982 in Germany as a two-volume book on the polyphonic songs of Oswald von Wolkenstein, 1376-1445; she has written several journal articles and dictionary entries about this composer and German secular music of the Middle Ages.

Ivana grew up in Prague, Czech Republic (then Czechoslovakia), but came to the USA at age 17. Fluent in Czech and German, she has a reading knowledge of Russian, and some French. She and her husband, Edward J. Zaiko, Ph.D., retired research chemist who occasionally fills in as Adjunct Professor of Chemistry, live on campus at Red Top.

LOUISE SWIECKI ZINGARO,
DIRECTOR OF THE ALUMNAE
ASSOCIATION

Louise Zingaro became Director of the Alumnae Association in July 1991 after having served as Assistant Director since 1984. A 1980 graduate of Sweet Briar, she has completed additional graduate courses in educational administration and supervision at the University of Virginia.

She has served as a member of the Board of the Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, past president of the Amherst Junior Woman's Club, and as District International Affairs Chairman for the Virginia Federation of Junior Woman's Clubs. Louise has also been a member of the Amherst Rotary Club. In 1990, she represented Rotary USA District 489 as a member of a Group Study Exchange team to Argentina. Louise has served on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) faculty by lecturing on topics such as Strategic Planning and Special Events Management.

In addition to her role as Director of the Alumnae Association, Louise has served the College as campus chair for Sweet Briar College's Centennial Celebration, and as Interim Director for Career Services, and Interim Dean of Admissions while searches were held for replacements.

She is married to Scott Zingaro, owner of MW Fire of Virginia. They reside on campus in the Farmhouse with their Cocker Spaniel, Bud. All three love to entertain guests.

DR. JONATHAN D. GREEN, ACTING
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE/ VICE
PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Green was appointed Acting Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs in August 2003. He came to Sweet Briar as Director of Ensembles in 1996 and received the 1999 Award for Excellence in Teaching. He served as Chair of the Music Department for three years and as Associate Dean in 2002-2003.

He received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Fredonia School of Music and a Master's degree from the University of Massachusetts where he was an Ornest Fellow; completed post-graduate studies at Oxford University; and earned a Certificate of Performance from the Chautauqua Institution. He received the Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he was a University Excellence Fellow.

As a composer, Jonathan has received awards from ASCAP, the North Carolina Arts Council, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. He has had numerous commissions from the United States, England, and Australia. His works include many songs, choral works, three piano concertos, and six symphonies.

He is editor of *The Journal of the Conductors Guild*, author of five music-reference books, and a member of ASCAP, the College Music Society (Mid-Atlantic President), the Conductors Guild (board member), and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Jonathan and his wife, Lynn Buck, live in Lynchburg.

DR. STEPHEN ROBERT WASSELL,
PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICAL
SCIENCES/ CHAIR OF FACULTY SENATE

Stephen "Steve" Wassell joined the faculty in 1990; since then he has chaired the Department of Mathematical Sciences for four

years. As Chair of the Faculty Senate, he regularly attends Senior Staff meetings.

He holds a B.S. in architecture ('84); an M.S. in mathematics ('87); the Ph.D. in mathematics ('90); and an M.C.S. in computer science ('99), all from the University of Virginia. His research interests span all three of the disciplines in which he holds degrees. His principal topic of investigation is the relationship between architecture and mathematics—as regards aesthetics, not just architectural engineering. He has given invited presentations at two of the conferences entitled *Nexus: Relationships Between Architecture and Mathematics*—specifically a paper entitled "The Mathematics of Palladio's Villas," at *Nexus '98* in Mantua, Italy; and "Art and Mathematics Before the *Quattrocento*: A Context for Understanding Renaissance Architecture," at *Nexus 2000* in Ferrara, Italy. He also led a three-day research tour of eight of Palladio's villas directly after *Nexus '98*. Steve's overall aim is to explore and extol the mathematics of beauty and the beauty of mathematics.

In earning a Master's of Computer Science in May 1999, Steve researched within the fields of physical design and genetic algorithms. His specialization in mathematics is mathematical physics; he has published papers in the *Journal of Mathematical Physics* and Springer Verlag's *Lecture Notes in Physics*.

He has been awarded three U.S. patents, including one for a solar-powered lawn mower. Steve's hobbies include guitar, weight-lifting, and gardening.



Louise Swiecki Zingaro



Dr. Jonathan D. Green



Dr. Stephen Robert Wassell

THE FACULTY SENATE

**The primary duty of the Faculty Senate is to represent the interests of the Faculty with respect to the governance of the College and faculty welfare. It fulfills these roles by representing the faculty point of view on matters of budget and planning, serving as the chief liaison between the Faculty and the Administration, and through ongoing review of faculty personnel matters and the hearing of faculty grievances. It discusses all matters that are referred to it by the Faculty or by the Administration.*

The members are elected by those entitled to vote at faculty meetings from a slate of tenured faculty. They serve two-year terms, on a rotation in which four will be elected the first year, and three the second year.

Faculty may not serve two full consecutive terms on the Senate, and members of the Senate are ineligible to serve simultaneously on either the Instruction Committee or Personnel Committee, or the Educational Programs Committee of the Board.

* Adapted from Faculty Rulings



Steven R. Wassell



John Gregory Brown



Jennifer L. Crispin

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

**Stephen R. Wassell, Chair,
Faculty Senate/ Professor
of Mathematical Sciences**

B.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.C.S.,
University of Virginia

**John Gregory Brown,
Julia Jackson Nichols
Professor of**

**English/Director of
Creative Writing**

B.A., Tulane University; M.A.,
Louisiana State University;
M.A., Johns Hopkins University

**Jennifer L. Crispin,
Associate Professor of
Physical Education and
Athletics**

B.A., University of
Massachusetts; M.S., Smith
College

**John Goulde, Professor of
Religion/Director of Asian
Studies Program**

B.A., Seoul National
University; M.A., Ph.D.,
Harvard University

**Ronald E. Horwege,
Professor of German**

B.A., University of Kansas;
M.A., Ph.D., Indiana University

**Michael D. Richards,
Hattie Mae Samford
Professor of History**

B.A., University of Tulsa; A.M.,
Ph.D., Duke University

**Raina Robeva, Associate
Professor of Mathematical
Sciences**

M.SC., University of Sofia,
Bulgaria; Ph.D., University of
Virginia



John Goulde



Ronald E. Horwege



Michael D. Richards



Raina Robeva

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

**The Student Government Association, through its own officers, committees, and constitutional procedures, bears responsibility for establishing, maintaining, interpreting and enforcing regulations in the following areas, subject to legal restrictions or stated policies of the College:*

- A. Extracurricular activities
- B. Residence hall activities.

Purpose of the SGA

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Strengthen the sense of individual responsibility implicit in the ideal underlying the foundation of Sweet Briar College, which is to impart to its students such education in sound learning and such training as shall in the judgment of the directors best fit them to be useful members of society.
- B. Promote the highest standards of honor and integrity in all phases of college life.
- C. Coordinate and promote student activity within the community.
- D. Provide a forum for the expression and discussion of student opinions and sentiment.
- E. Complement the educational aspects of student life.
- F. Advance the spirit of loyalty to the College and its undertakings.

Membership

All students of Sweet Briar College shall be members of the SGA. The entire student body shall elect the officers of the SGA.

Executive Board

SGA President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Electoral Officer; Publicity Officer;
Academic Affairs Chair; CEO [Campus Events Organization]
President; Inter-Club Council President; Judicial Committee Academic Chair; Judicial Committee Non-Academic Chair; Day Student Representative; Residence Life Chair; Class Presidents; Class Vice Presidents.

**Adapted from the 2003-2004 Student Handbook*

A message from Kelli Bergmann '04, President of the SGA

The 2003-2004 school year already has been successful for the Student Government Association. The SGA has worked hard to promote community service and to truly be the voice for the students of Sweet Briar.

In September, the SGA collected four large boxes of school supplies and raised \$500 in donations that were delivered to Tye River Elementary School in Nelson County.

The SGA recently held a campus discussion on the Shape of the Future Committee, which proved to be beneficial for both students and members of the Shape of the Future Committee.

In October, the SGA held a blood drive in honor of E. Thomas Brockman, owner of Amherst Ford Mazda.

These accomplishments are only a few of the many that the SGA is working on for this year

OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, 2003-2004

Kelli Bergmann, '04, President
Virginia Beach, VA
Major: Government

Mary Browse Davis '04, Vice President
Charles Town, WV
Double Major: Art History and Arts Management

Michelle Moshier '05, Treasurer
Cherry Valley, CA
Major: Psychology
Minors: Economics and Mathematics

Joyce Scott '05, Secretary
Cottonwood, AL
Major: Business Management
Minors: Psychology and Economics

Amy Walker '06, Electoral Officer
Culpeper, VA
Double Major: Psychology and Business Management

Abby Sills '05, Inter-Club Council President
Las Vegas, NV
Major: Psychology



Bergmann



Davis



Moshier



Scott



Walker



Sills

Kimberly Wilson '06, Publicity Officer
Austinburg, OH
Double Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Minor: Chemistry



Wilson

Jozanne Summerville '04,
Judicial Committee Academic Chair
Stafford, VA
Double Major: Mathematics and Economics
Minor: Dance



Summerville



Bartleson



Scheer

Ashlee Bartleson '04,
Judicial Committee Non-Academic Chair
Powhatan, VA
Double Major: History and Mathematics

Catherine Scheer '04,
Academic Affairs Chair
Highlands Ranch, CO
Double Major: Theatre and Mathematics
Minor: Musical Theatre



Welsh



Farnsworth



Ciric



Pearson

Lyndsay Welsh '05, CEO President
Leesburg, VA
Double Major: History and Economics
Minors: Government and Dance

Grace Farnsworth '04,
Residence Life Chair
Grafton, MA
Major: History

Ana Ciric '05, Day Student/Turning
Point Representative
Host family, Lynchburg, VA (Originally
from Belgrade)
Major: Chemistry



Long



Belcher



Cooper



Vaughan

Laura Pearson '04,
Class of 2004 President
Mobile, AL
Major: International Affairs

Jessica Long '04,
Class of 2004 Vice President
Allentown, PA
Major: Theatre

Sheena Belcher '05,
Class of 2005 President
Lebanon, VA
Major: Government

Hilary Cooper '05,
Class of 2005 Vice President
Richmond, VA
Double Major: Business Management and
English/Creative Writing



Dixon



Lyles



White

Katie Vaughan '06,
Class of 2006 President
La Plata, MD
Major: Mathematics
Minors: Economics and Classical Studies

Tabitha Dixon '06,
Class of 2006 Vice President
Katy, TX
Major: undecided

Ferrell Lyles '07,
Class of 2007 President
Warrenton, VA
Academic Interests: International Affairs,
French, Economics and Government

Amelia White '07,
Class of 2007 Vice President
Wichita Falls, TX
Academic Interests: Communications and
English

The Shape of the Future **UPDATE**

Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld, President

In the last issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, I introduced you to the Shape of the Future Committee, appointed in May by Michela English, Chairman of our Board of Directors. I promised then that I would update you on our progress. I had intended to write a fairly brief update for this issue of the magazine, but when I shared the minutes of our meetings to date with the Alumnae Board during the November 8-9, 2003, meetings, the Board members enthusiastically requested that I share them with you, even though they are lengthy. They argued that these minutes clearly outline our process and the breadth of our discussions.

So here they are, condensed only slightly. If, after you have read them, you have questions, comments, or ideas to share, please send them to us via "snail mail" or e-mail at alumnae@sbcc.edu. The SOF Committee is committed to considering every idea that comes to us from students, faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends.

The Shape of the Future Committee is, as we go to press, still very much in the mode of gathering ideas, collecting and analyzing data, and carefully exploring all of our options. Many extensive discussions have been held with faculty, staff, and students, and the dialogue will continue throughout the year. On campus, the process of looking into the future has been an energizing one; it has caused us to imagine different ways in which Sweet Briar might grow with the new century. Further, it has required us to think carefully about all of those hard-to-quantify elements of the College that are so special.

With this issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, we invite alumnae and friends of the College to join in this important strategic exercise. Sweet Briar continues to be vibrant and impressively effective, stronger academically than it has ever been. Our challenge now is to explore how best to enhance that strength and yet widen our appeal to prospective students, while at the same time carefully preserving the best elements of our distinctive education.

Our present timeline calls for us to present recommendations to the Board of Directors at their April 2004 meeting. I will continue to update you on progress through my *President's Newsletter*, the *Alumnae Magazine* and the Alumnae Office Web site at www.sbcc.edu/alumnae/.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Faculty and Staff

FROM: On-campus members of the Shape of the Future Committee

DATE: July 7, 2003

The Shape of the Future Committee met for the first time on July 2nd in Washington, D.C., at the home of Michela English. All members of the Committee

were present except Madeleine Green, who was abroad.

The meeting had an ambitious agenda:

- (1) to set background and context,
- (2) to explore with a broad brush ways to bring our educational programs (and the academic and administrative support functions necessary to sustain them) into alignment with our anticipated financial resources on into the future,
- (3) to determine a realistic timeline and to discuss process,
- (4) to discuss communication with all constituencies and to get input from interested parties, and
- (5) to determine the agenda of the August 11th meeting.

Chairman Ginger Collier began by emphasizing that everyone in the room was there because of his or her investment in Sweet Briar, and that our common purpose was to create the best possible realistic future for the College. She urged strongly that every member of the Committee speak honestly and freely, and cautioned particularly against harboring unvoiced ideas and opinions that might be important to the discussion.

Perhaps most importantly, she noted that although the Committee has been given a serious and ambitious charge, there are no predetermined solutions. Any and all options will be appropriate for discussion. She emphasized several times throughout the day that no solution will work well unless there is general support and understanding from all areas of the College for the work of the Committee, and particularly for the recommendations it will ultimately make.

Michela English spoke about the purpose and charge of the Committee. She began by stating clearly that in her view—and the view of the Board—this committee does not exist in response to a crisis, though she was aware that it has been interpreted by many as just that. Rather, we have a problem of long standing that we have been unable to solve by incremental measures. Our task as a committee is to balance both financial realities and our commitment to providing an excellent education that will meet the needs of our students.

Sweet Briar has a good track record over the last several years of strategic planning and assessment. This is an opportunity to step back and rethink where we are going in light of the national economic context. Our financial base will not allow us to sustain, for the long term, business as usual, particularly if we experience repeated periods of poor economic climate. The College has for more than 15 years—and probably for much longer than that—drawn more heavily on its endowment than is prudent. As costs continue to rise, Sweet Briar's ability to remain healthy far into the future must inevitably become weaker unless we make some changes.

Betsy reminded the group that the immediate catalyst for creating a committee dated to our presentation of the 2003-2004 budget to the Finance Committee just prior to the April, 2003 Board meeting. The budget was a stringent one that contained no raises and significant cuts in the operating budget, but the Finance Committee asked for substantial additional cuts. The administration argued that the requested additional cuts could harm the College unless they were made thoughtfully, with a clear sense of

direction. It was out of this discussion that the SOF Committee emerged.

She further noted that it had been more than eight years since the College began its last major strategic planning initiative—one that has borne impressive fruit. Much has changed in that time, not only in terms of the economy, but at least as importantly, the “face” of our faculty, and to a significant degree our educational philosophy (we are as a faculty, for example, much more cognizant of the fact that our students are more career-oriented, and anxious for our teaching to prepare them for the careers they seek; we are as a faculty more interdisciplinary; we are more committed to “hands-on” learning, independent research). Thus, even if we had no economic challenges, it would be appropriate to think about how to shape the future.

The next hour or more was devoted to an overview of the College’s budget and its financial situation over time—and particularly from 1991 through 2004—a period of 13 years. The overview evoked a good deal of discussion. The most important messages of the presentation were three:

- (1) the major driver of increased costs over the last 13 years has been financial aid. Fewer students have paid full tuition, decreasing our net tuition percentage each year, and we have funded much of this aid from our endowment earnings,
- (2) today’s problems are of very long standing—our spending rates from the endowment have been high at least since 1990-91, and
- (3) unless we reverse this trend, we will erode the spending power of the endowment. In a “very bad case scenario” by 2020 our endowment, although having 49% more actual dollars, would, given inflation, be worth \$15 million less than it is today if we continue to do business as usual.

The context-setting segment of the meeting ended with Marshall Acuff discussing the future of the economy, and what we can reasonably expect in terms of endowment performance. The Chair noted that we must proceed carefully so as to balance the necessity of reaching our financial targets with the need to emerge as a healthy college.

The second part of the meeting focused on possible solutions, and is far more difficult to summarize. The Committee’s discussion was wide ranging, touching on many of the factors that are of major concern to various constituencies (e.g., the College’s concerns over the last 20 years with enrollment, the fact that we have a change in admissions personnel, marketing challenges, the endless reviews and planning exercises that seem to be a routine in academic life, concerns about retaining our outstanding faculty and staff, and of course the difficulty of proceeding without a permanent dean).

The Chair called for the group to suggest possible solutions, and “alternative blueprints.” Michela English reminded us that some alternative blueprints might look very much like the *status quo* on the surface, but behind the scenes might be radically different from our current structure. We might, for example, develop extensive “back-office” collaborations with other institutions to manage some of our operations such as library, purchasing, or student services.

Several possible "alternative blueprints" were posited. Those that seemed most worth considering further include:

A. Status quo or "business as usual," maintained through more cuts on the one hand and, on the other, better enrollment through improvements in marketing and other refinements.

This approach seemed most attractive to the Committee at first, particularly since we have approved a number of new programs that have not yet been tested in the marketplace. But as we discussed it further, the sense of the Committee seemed to be that it is probably not workable over the long term; we have been in a "no new money" mode, doing more with less, for a long time, such that today, no program on campus is really funded generously—making it difficult to achieve sustained excellence. These notions will be tested in future meetings.

B. Remaining a women's liberal arts college, but restructuring both academic and administrative programs to be more efficient and focused.

This approach has not yet been refined, and the concept of "restructuring" is still vague. It could involve, for example, transforming our traditional departmental organization into something more fluid, and/or academic collaborations with other institutions.

C. Remaining a women's college but refocusing on professional programs (a much heightened "outcomes" approach, incorporating additional programs of particular interest to women—e.g., nursing).

This approach struck us as unique; we are aware of no other women's college moving in this direction. It could lead to expansion to a university model.

D. Becoming coeducational (this option was presented in terms of a coeducational liberal arts college, though other models might also be considered). The Committee did not dismiss this out of hand, but it did bring up the financial costs associated with such a move, the radical shift in mission, as well as the communication challenge such a shift would require, particularly with students and alumnae. It was agreed that we would not be likely to propose this solution unless we had compelling evidence to support it (i.e., evidence that remaining a women's college is not financially feasible or that women's colleges cannot survive into the future).

We concluded that regardless of which of the four options listed above we look at, we will need detailed analysis of our current array of academic and co-curricular programs and administrative support offices.

It was the Committee's consensus that we will not be able to complete the entire process by the November Board Meeting—the timing called for initially. We must, however, have budget parameters for the 2004-2005 academic year by November. Therefore, we will need to have a general direction ready by November, with details to be completed no later than the April Board Meeting.

As the meeting moved to a close, Chairman Ginger Collier assigned tasks for the next meeting. We will provide information about other women's colleges that have shifted to coeducation, case studies of institutions with interesting alternative academic

structures and curricula, and examples of successful collaborations. A small subcommittee will develop a set of criteria for evaluating alternative blueprints, in preparation for the next meeting of the Committee in August.

The next meeting of the SOF Committee will be on campus, to coincide with the August meeting of the Executive Committee and the Finance and Investments Committee of the Board of Directors. Since most members of the SOF Committee will be on campus, we decided that we will have an informational meeting to update the campus community, probably on the evening of Monday, August 11th.

In the meantime, the College community is urged to forward to the President's Office any ideas—including additional alternative blueprints and/or examples of colleges and universities that have developed interesting curricular or structural approaches—that might be helpful as we continue our work. It is the intention of every member of the Committee that the process be open and interactive with the community as a whole.

MINUTES :

MEETING OF THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

WITH THE SBC COMMUNITY, August 11, 2003

Forty-six members of the SBC community and 12 members of the Shape of the Future Committee attended this meeting, which followed the second meeting of the SOF Committee held during the afternoon of August 11.

President Muhlenfeld called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and introducing the members of the SOF Committee. Committee Chairman Ginger Collier reviewed the reasons for the formation of the Committee and its charge, emphasizing that to date there have been no substantive decisions made. An e-mail address will be established to receive input from members of the community.

Board of Directors Chairman Michela English encouraged everyone to engage in the process undertaken by the Committee. President Muhlenfeld discussed the process of the Committee that will include meetings with the community within the next six to eight weeks. Each department will be asked to create a catalogue of programs within the department. This information will be reviewed and used in the development of alternative blueprints for the College.

Before opening the floor to questions, Ginger Collier cautioned that information may be misunderstood or misinterpreted at times. There already have been instances of widespread misinformation being distributed. The Committee maintains an open policy, will share all decisions with the community, and welcomes the opportunity to clarify any information or misinformation that presents itself.

Question: In the modeling process, has the spending rate been set for the future? Are all aspects of the College considered for review when determining where spending reductions are to be made?

Answer: It is the goal of the Board of Directors to achieve a 5% spending rate by 2006-2007. If the rate of return on the endowment continues to be low, that

spending rate may need to be even lower. All areas of the College, including operations and educational programs, will be evaluated during this process.

Question: Has the SOF Committee considered restructuring the administration to make it more efficient and cost effective before considering alternative blueprints?

Answer: The College will indeed be restructuring to maximize efficiency, but we cannot solve our problems by restructuring alone.

Question: In budget presentations, one model suggests a \$600,000 annual cut which has been equated to faculty positions. Have decisions been made to cut faculty positions to achieve this reduction?

Answer: In an attempt to illustrate the impact of a reduction of \$600,000 for each of the next three fiscal years, the administration was asked to equate that with a number of faculty or staff positions that would need to be eliminated. There have been no decisions at this point on how much the budget will be reduced for 2004-2005, or where those reductions will be made.

Question: In past years, the number of staff members per student has increased drastically. Has this been considered by the Committee?

Answer: The Committee has information dating back to 1990-91; in comparing it to today's staff FTE the figure remains constant. The perception that we now have more staff may be caused by the reallocation of positions that has occurred as various needs arise.

Question: Will programs not used by students be reviewed?

Answer: If faculty or students are aware of programs that are not beneficial or are underutilized, the Committee welcomes that input.

Question: In discussing enrollment increases, the addition of 70 students is often mentioned. Why are we limiting ourselves to that figure, why not try to increase enrollment further?

Answer: The College is currently capable of increasing our student body by 70 additional students without building new housing. However, higher enrollments would be welcome if achievable. Creating strategies to benefit students is a crucial objective of the Committee.

Comment: Information from Project DEEP was received recently: one perception of the College is that it is a Liberal Arts College first, not a Women's College first. This could be a useful marketing tool.

Question: Has the experience of peer institutions such as Mt. Holyoke been considered in this process?

Answer: Most women's colleges are facing challenges similar to Sweet Briar's. The Committee welcomes any input concerning success stories of other institutions.

Comment: Mt. Holyoke has increased enrollment in recent years by seeking a niche market such as athletics.

Comment: Sweet Briar has a great deal to offer. Capitalizing on the international

programs would be an initiative that most other institutions do not offer.

Comment: In prior years, round table discussions have been arranged which included all facets of the community. Excellent ideas and suggestions came from these exercises.

Comment: Increasing enrollment should be a priority based on prior studies of this type at Sweet Briar.

Comment: Coeducation should be a serious consideration, as many excellent students will not consider a single-sex school.

Response: The Committee appreciates and encourages all comments and suggestions.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Faculty and Staff

FROM: On-campus members of the Shape of the Future Committee

DATE: October 10, 2003

The third meeting of the Shape of the Future Committee was held September 28, 2003 in Washington, D.C.

The meeting began with updates from the campus about the various brown bag meetings (monthly lunchtime sessions held in the Chapel for faculty and staff), Betsy Muhlenfeld's meeting with the Student Government Association (139 students participated), and responses to our SOF e-mail address (sof@sbcc.edu).

At this meeting, the Committee began to narrow down options, considering five basic alternatives.

Alternatives 1 (status quo with across-the-board cuts) and 2 (remaining a women's college but realigning academic and administrative programs to be more focused and efficient.)

The Committee agreed that Alternative 1 should be eliminated as an option. Sweet Briar has been on this path. It has proven ineffective in allowing us to reach our targeted long-range financial goals.

The Committee decided that Alternative 2 should be revised as "restructuring academic and administrative programs to be more focused and efficient". All agreed that such restructuring is important but not likely to make a significant difference in any but the short run. As Madeleine Green put it, Alternative 2 is really only "the intelligent version of Number 1." The Committee decided that Alternative 2 should be part of whatever blueprint we decide upon.

Alternative 3, collaboration

In the August meeting, President Muhlenfeld had reported briefly on collaborative options. Most coordinating programs, consolidations or consortia do not save money (in fact, they often cost money). Coordination among two or more colleges is generally undertaken to enhance academic programs. Formal consortia typically exist either to increase academic options or to create back-office efficiencies, as with technology or libraries. In all cases where sharing academic programs is involved, close proximity

seems to be a necessity for long-term success.

Her August report concluded that in general, the only collaborative programs that provide significant savings are mergers. In most merger situations, one college is stronger; one weaker. Seldom does the weaker retain its original identity. The Committee considered various possible collaborations that would be significant enough to be alternative blueprints. It was decided that right now, no attractive collaborations appear to be potentially good blueprint possibilities. Such alliances take a long time to develop and execute. It was decided to remove collaboration as a viable alternative blueprint for the short term, but (1) to continue to explore the kinds of back-office and academic collaborations that can provide efficiency or enhance our curricular offerings and (2) to keep the door open should attractive possibilities present themselves later.

Alternative 4, focusing on professional preparation:

Liberal Arts in Action, an approach developed in discussions of the on-campus SOF members, was presented. This approach, which evolved from Alternatives 2 and 4, involves shifting the current mission to embrace overtly the College's role in preparing women for professional life. "Liberal Arts in Action" might be interpreted as a refocusing on first principles (i.e., Indiana Fletcher Williams' exhortation to prepare women "to be useful members of society").

Questions that emerged centered on whether this approach could be called truly distinctive. Most coed liberal arts colleges—except the top tier colleges—would say they have been doing this for at least a decade. But certainly at every women's college of which we are aware, majors designed to prepare students for careers exist as "stealth majors," deliberately kept below radar because they are not "pure liberal arts," despite the fact that preparation for careers is by far the most frequent reason given by students for going to college, and by most parents for investing in college.

The Committee felt that the approach would need some "razzle dazzle" features that would stand out and help to differentiate it very clearly. A guarantee of internships, a focus on international careers, insurance that students would emerge with clear career alternatives and action plans by the end of the sophomore year, or internships abroad were suggested as possibilities. As one Committee member put it, "We need to do this PLUS." The faculty's role in developing academic and graduation requirements was reiterated.

The Committee decided that Alternative 4 should be broadened and reworded as follows: "Refocusing the academic program." "Liberal Arts in Action" is one such refocus and should be considered carefully. The Committee hopes that other ways of refocusing significant enough to be considered alternative blueprints will emerge from the faculty and staff in the next few weeks.

Alternative 5, Coeducation: President Muhlenfeld distributed information about the coed option, including data comparing Sweet Briar to several schools that have taken this route. She spoke briefly about follow-up studies done by Skidmore and Connecticut College. Skidmore went coed in 1971, and did a follow-up study in 1981; Connecticut College became coeducational in 1969 and did a follow-up study in 2003.

Both institutions examined whether men had changed the campus in ways detrimental to women. In both institutions, coeducation improved social life on campus and marked the “end of the suitcase college phenomenon.” Both saw the size of the applicant pool and the student body increase. Both reports also spoke of gendered student leadership (with male students holding almost all leadership roles), an increase in the percentage of male faculty members, gendered choice of major, and a campus culture drawn to men’s athletics, despite the fact that Connecticut College has no football team.

After much discussion, the following “blueprints” currently remain under study:

1. Refocusing the academic program.
 - “Liberal Arts in Action”
 - a. As a women’s college
 - b. As a coed college.
2. Becoming coeducational.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Committee would like to capture other ideas from the faculty and others on campus, not only to flesh out the above blueprints, but also to come up with additional blueprints. It is assumed that with these and any other blueprints to be suggested, a restructuring of academic and administrative programs will ensue (former Alternative 2), which will result in a more focused, efficient, productive organization.*

It was decided that the on-campus members of the SOF Committee would lead focus groups through the fall and invite comment. Any additional alternative blueprints that emerge will be discussed in the next SOF Committee meeting (November). As the academic blueprints are fleshed out through a consultative period on campus, the on-campus members of the SOF Committee will develop a briefing paper for the full Committee on each blueprint.

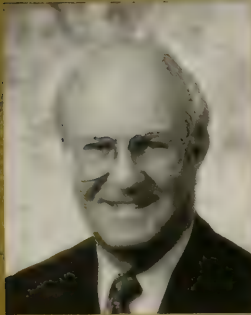
The Need for a Consultant: The question of whether the Committee needed a consultant was discussed at length. After much debate, it was decided that at this point we do not need a consultant, though we almost certainly will want to engage someone to do market research on selected options this winter/spring.

[Final Note: On November 6, during the November meetings of the Board of Directors, the SOF Committee held its fourth meeting. The first half of the meeting was devoted largely to three issues: (1) a discussion of the campus’s response to the deliberations to date, including ongoing communication with students and faculty; (2) a timeline for the remainder of the Committee’s work; and (3) the general issue of marketing, which had come up again and again in on-campus focus groups with faculty and staff. The last two hours of this five-hour meeting were given to round table discussions with members of the campus community and BOD members. Minutes of this meeting had not been completed by press time, but will be made available to the campus community and alumnae when completed. The next meeting of the SOF Committee will be in mid-January.]



Dr. Ginger Collier '72, Chair

The Shape of the Future Committee Membership



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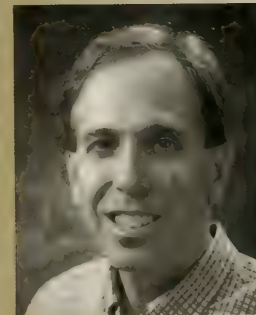
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Dr. Madeleine Green (advisor)

Kids in College (KIC) Program

June 23-27, 2003

Sweet Briar College hosted its first annual "Kids in College" Program June 23-27. The "KIC" Program is a summer enrichment curriculum offering an invigorating exploration into topics in the arts and sciences.

Directed by Marcia Yochum, assisted by Karen Summers of the President's Office, and led by Sweet Briar faculty and staff, KIC classes provided an in-depth, fun-filled educational summer experience. The organizers were aiming for about 100 participants, but 135 signed up from Lynchburg, and Amherst and Nelson Counties. The children participated in two classes of their choice each morning throughout the week. With small classes, between 10 and 12 students per class, participants received personal attention and guidance through a variety of fascinating topics.

The topics, and their instructors, are included below:

All About Light – Grant Denn, Ph.D., Physics Research and Teaching Fellow

Español Para Niños – Celeste Delgado-Librero, Ph.D., Spanish Instructor

Creative Writing – Carrie Brown, M.F.A., Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Animal Behavior – Brian Cusato, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology

Chess – Scott Hyman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics and Tom Loftus, Foundation Grants Officer

Chinese – John Goulde, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Asian Studies

Art and Architecture – Christian Carr, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of Arts Management, Acting Director of the Sweet Briar Museum

Creative Choreography and Dance – Liz Waring '02, Dance Instructor

Pinhole Photography – Nancy B. McDearmon, Registrarial Assistant, Sweet Briar Art Gallery (former art teacher)

Knights, Ladies, and Castles – Karl Tamburr, Ph.D., Professor of English

World Music – John Gregory Brown, M.A., Associate Professor of English

The week's classes cost \$75; Sweet Briar was able to provide scholarships for more than 30 children. President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld provided the "seed money" to get the program started from her discretionary fund but the program sustained itself.

"One of the things we're trying to do is just to get them [kids] excited about college—for them to have a good experience on a college campus, with college faculty," explained Director Yochum in an interview with the *Lynchburg News & Advance*. "We're going to have another next year, it's been such a success."



Children enjoy the variety of "KIC" courses
(photos by Charles Grubbs)

Photo by Charles Gubbis



A record attendance – this group is 44 strong!

Back row, l-r: Megan Butt Glover '99, Darelle Pfeiffer '98, Betsy Muhlenfeld, Larry Wollan, Bill Crowder, Steve Bragaw, Polly Plummer Mackie '49, Vaughn Meglan, Miriam Washabaugh Meglan '71, Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, Ed Zaiko, Josiah Rowe (Parent '79, '80), Al Martin (Parent '03), Eric Casey, Tony Churchill (Parent '05).

Middle row, l-r: Audrey Lahman Rosselot '48 (Parent '75), Edgar Terrell, Kelley Dize Anderson '99, Herman Playforth, Jim Holloway (Parent '70), Elizabeth Holloway Playforth '70, John DeVogt (Parent '86), Ann DeVogt (Parent '86), Peggy Weimer Parrish '76, Jay Parrish, Cathy Gutierrez, Jane Street Steele '56, Henry Steele, Joan Churchill (Parent '05), Melissa Coffey '98.

Front row, l-r: Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, Martha Mansfield Clement '48 (Parent '75, '78, '80), Patricia "Pat" Hassler Terrell '47, Katherine "Kay" Holloway (Parent '70), Emily Pegues '00, Nannette McBurney Crowder '57, Linda DeVogt '86, Ann MacDonald Carter '97, Jaimie Del Monte Galbreath '92, Rob Galbreath, Anne Wilson Rowe '57 (Parent '79, '80), Margaret Towers Talman '49, Iris Potteiger Hinchman '56, John Vassallo.

Parents, Alumnae, and Friends Attend Alumnae Colleges: April 11-13 and June 22-27, 2003

By Ann MacDonald Carter '97, Associate Director of the Alumnae Association, Director of Alumnae College Programs

The year 2003 was a record-breaking one for the Alumnae Association's Alumnae College program, boasting the highest Alumnae College attendance to date. Dr. Stephen Bragaw, associate professor of government, chaired two Alumnae Colleges on the same topic, *"The Rivalry that Shaped America,"* which explored the dramatic rivalry between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson, and the election of 1800. In response to scores of requests, he and his faculty teammates (Dr. Eric Casey, assistant professor of classical studies, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez, assistant professor of religion, and Dr. Barbara Perry, professor of government) offered a condensed weekend Alumnae College Seminar in addition to the traditional weeklong session.

The Florence Elston Inn comfortably accommodated the 34 weekend seminar participants, some of whom were current or past parents, or members of the College Board of

Directors and the Alumnae Board. June Alumnae College attracted a more traditionally-sized group of 17, mirroring the College's faculty-student ratio. Both sessions offered elegant, gourmet meals designed with historical flavor by Timothy Foster, Sweet Briar's Catering Manager. Recipes of Thomas Jefferson's creation were adapted to fit modern preparation, and were served not only to deepen participants' learning, but also to celebrate the wonderful culinary delights of the early 1800s. June participants enjoyed an optional excursion to Poplar Forest where they walked in T.J.'s footsteps and saw a 19th-century plantation come to life before their eyes.

Professor Bragaw will continue his Alumnae Colleges abroad when he leads Sweet Briar's tour, *"Paris: In the Footsteps of the Founding Fathers,"* May 19-27, 2004. Visit www.sbc.edu/alumnae/travel_abroad/0504france.html, or contact

Noreen Parker, Tour Coordinator, by phone (434) 381-6131 or e-mail nparker@sbcc.edu for more information.

Plans are under way for an Alumnae College Seminar on March 26-28, 2004, and a Family Alumnae College on June 20-25, 2003. To learn more, visit www.sbc.edu/alumnae/alumnae_college/ or contact Ann MacDonald Carter '97, Director of Alumnae College Programs, by phone (434) 381-6242 or e-mail acarter@sbcc.edu.

Professor Bragaw is also Director of Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal, which was recently selected by the American Bar Association's Public Education Division and a consortium of civic education associations to be the Law-Related Education Center for the Commonwealth of Virginia. To learn more about the Center and this important campaign initiative, visit: www.civicrenewal.org and www.lrvirginia.org.

Photo by David Abrams



Eager participants gather to start the week!

Back row, l-r: Melissa Coffey '98, Betty Morice '72, Frank Walker, Mollie Johnson Nelson '64, Liz Homoki Titus '94, Paul Titus, Eric Casey, Steve Bragaw, Susan Esslinger, Jim McFarland, Ann MacDonald Carter '97.

Front row, l-r: Alice Russell, Jane Tatham Walker '60, Diane Dalton '67, Bud Herbruck, Cathy Gutierrez, Jack Wechsler, Andrea Denson Wechsler '62, Dorothy "Muff" Marks Herbruck '51, Beth Stookey Sargent '88, Cecilia Moore '88, Louise "Weezie" Aubrey McFarland '54, Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80.

LIFELONG LEARNING ges "The Rivalry that Shaped America"

What Participants Are Saying About The Sweet Briar Alumnae College Experience

"An outstanding weekend! This gives parents of graduates an excellent opportunity to continue their involvement with Sweet Briar."

Dr. C. Allen Martin, Jr., parent of Kimberly Glynn Martin '02

April Alumnae College Seminar

"Combining a return to campus, academic stimulation, and interaction with faculty, staff, and fellow alumnae provided the perfect opportunity to feel like I was a Sweet Briar student all over again."

Dr. Darelle A. Pfeiffer '98

April Alumnae College Seminar

"A wonderful experience with many facets...the beauty of the campus, the expert management of the seminar... the food—the greatest surprise...then, the joy of learning renewed. I only wish I could come back for the full week."

Dr. and Mrs. James B. Holloway, Jr., parents of Elizabeth Holloway Playforth '70

April Alumnae College Seminar

"I have not been back to SBC since 1968 and felt so welcomed. It was so educational – it was a real SBC experience as it has sparked my curiosity to read and investigate more about the subject explored. You are doing a great job!"

Elizabeth Holloway Playforth '70

April Alumnae College Seminar

"What more could you ask? A knowledgeable faculty, interested participants, great food, and a beautiful campus. Perfect scenario for a successful weekend of intellectual discourse and delightful social gatherings."

Dr. John F. DeVogt, parent of Linda DeVogt '86

April Alumnae College Seminar

"We thank you for giving us one of the most enlightening and delightful weeks we've ever had. Every alumna should make it a "must" to attend an Alumnae College. One has all the advantages of experiencing Sweet Briar and its professors.. but without the exams!"

Andrea Denson Wechsler '62

June Alumnae College

"Alumnae College couldn't have been any better – the whole plan for the course was excellent and, of course, the faculty superb. We keep trying to talk to everybody about it – the food was perfect, and even the weather managed to do the same. I am particularly glad that my husband enjoyed Alumnae College so much. He has loved Sweet Briar, but this was the icing on the cake. We look forward to coming back for many more."

Louise "Weezie" Aubrey McFarland '54

June Alumnae College

"The recent Alumnae College was a complete and total delight! We enjoyed every bit of it—the readings, the lectures, the discourse, the food, the Florence Elston Inn...all was absolutely first rate!

W. Gibbs "Bud" Herbruck and Dorothy "Muff" Marks Herbruck '51

June Alumnae College

"You're never too old to learn. Sweet Briar's Alumnae College offers intellectual stimulation, camaraderie, and the perfect environment to enjoy it all."

Diane Dalton '67, President of the Alumnae Association

June Alumnae College

"One of the most rewarding experiences at Alumnae College was being in an SBC classroom again as a student. I felt I had excellent professors in the 1980s, and now as a college teacher myself, I more fully appreciate all that they did for me. It was great to see a cadre of young, dynamic, inspiring, and humorous scholars in action at today's Sweet Briar, and I made some new SBC friends across the generations too!

Cecilia Moore '88, Alumnae Board Region 6 Chair

June Alumnae College



Spotlight

Anne Little Poulet '64 Named Next Director of The Frick Collection

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Anne Little Poulet, Curator Emerita of the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston, will join The Frick Collection as the next Director, effective October 1, 2003. Ms. Poulet will be responsible for the overall vision of The Frick Collection, which includes the Frick Art Reference Library.

"We are delighted that Anne Poulet has accepted the directorship of The Frick Collection," said Helen Clay Chace, President of the Board of Trustees. "Anne brings qualities of leadership and connoisseurship to her new assignment at The Frick Collection. She is a highly esteemed and respected museum professional and possesses strong scholarship and experience in areas of art history, including sculpture and the decorative arts, that are deeply relevant to The Frick's collection. We certainly are fortunate to welcome Anne – her energy, dedication, and relationships within the museum community are extraordinary," Mrs. Chace added.

Ms. Poulet has had 30 years of experience in the art world. For two decades she ran the MFA's department of European Decorative Arts and Sculpture, of which she is currently Curator Emerita. While at the MFA, Ms. Poulet was responsible for a number of important acquisitions for the collection and was instrumental in bringing to the museum the Firestone Collection of French silver; the Frits and Rita Markus Collection of European ceramics and enamels; the William A. Coolidge Collection of European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts; and the Edward Pflueger Collection of European ceramics. In addition, eight catalogues of the permanent collection were published under her direction.

Ms. Poulet was co-author of the important catalogue *Clodion (1738–1814)*, published in conjunction with the exhibition held at the Louvre in 1992. More recently, Ms. Poulet has received great recognition and praise as a curator and author of the exhibition catalogue *Jean-Antoine Houdon (1741–1828): Sculptor of the Enlightenment*, which opened in May at the National Gallery of Art in Washington,

David Barnes



D.C. It is slated to travel to the J. Paul Getty Museum in November 2003 and to the Musée de Versailles in March 2004.

"I look forward with great anticipation to working with the Frick's staff, Board of Trustees, Council, Young Fellows Steering Committee, members, volunteers, and other supporters," said Ms. Poulet. "I first collaborated with The Frick Collection when I organized and wrote the catalogue for its exhibition *Clodion Terracottas in North American Collections*. I am thrilled to be working again with The Frick Collection as its new Director." Ms. Poulet added.

Ms. Poulet received her Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Sweet Briar College in 1964 and a Master's degree from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, in 1970. She was the recipient of a Ford Foundation Grant in Museum Training, was a Kress Fellow at the National Gallery of Art, and received a certificate of graduation from the Museum Management Institute, Berkeley, California, in 1993. In 2000, she received the Iris Foundation Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Decorative Arts. Ms. Poulet is co-founder and vice chairman of the board of the American foundation The French Heritage Society, a post she has held since 1982.

About The Frick Collection

Henry Clay Frick (1849-1919), the coke and steel industrialist, philanthropist, and art collector, left his New York residence and his remarkable collection of Western paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts to the public "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a gallery of art, [and] of encouraging and developing the study of fine arts and of advancing the general knowledge of kindred subjects." Designed and built for Mr. Frick in 1913 and 1914 by Thomas Hastings of Carrère and Hastings, the mansion provides a grand domestic setting reminiscent of the noble houses of Europe for the masterworks from the Renaissance through the nineteenth century that it contains. Of special note are paintings by Bellini, Constable, Corot, Fragonard, Gainsborough, Goya, El Greco, Holbein, Ingres, Manet, Monet, Rembrandt, Renoir, Titian, Turner, Velázquez, Vermeer, Whistler, and other masters. Mr. Frick's superb examples of French eighteenth-century furniture, Italian Renaissance bronzes, and Limoges enamels are celebrated as well. The galleries that contain these works are beloved by the public for their special ambiance, while the interior and exterior gardens and the amenities created since the founder's time in the 1930s and 1970s contribute to the serenity of the visitor's experience. The Collection is renowned for its small, focused exhibitions and for its highly regarded concert series, lectures, and innovative education programs. The Frick also operates the Frick Art Reference Library, founded by Henry Clay Frick's daughter, Miss Helen Clay Frick, located in an adjoining building at 10 East 71st Street. Both a research library and a photo archive, the Frick Art Reference Library is one of the world's great repositories of documents for the study of Western art. It has served the international art world for more than seventy-five years.

For details about visiting the Frick Collection, contact the museum: General Information Phone: (212) 288-0700. Website: www.frick.org E-mail: info@frick.org



Betsy Parker McColl '63 Wins Tennis Honors

Betsy Parker McColl of Columbia, SC, was named the Southern Tennis Association's Female Player of the Year for 2002. The award is given to the player who has an outstanding record in competition within the nine-state Southern Section, and who demonstrates sportsmanship both on and off the court.

Betsy was recognized at a luncheon at the annual meeting of the STA in Atlanta on January 18, 2003. Her accomplishments in 2002 included a national ranking of #7 in 60-and-over singles, #9 nationally in 60 doubles, #1 in the South in 60 singles and doubles, and winner of a rare "triple" in the South Carolina State Championships: 55 singles and mixed doubles, and 60 doubles.

A native of Franklin, VA, Betsy was introduced to tennis by her parents when she was eight years old. During her family's annual vacation trips to Charlottesville, Betsy's mother (Alice Dabney Parker, '32) encouraged her to take lessons from Farmington Country Club's legendary pro, Mike Dolan. That happy teacher-pupil relationship lasted throughout Betsy's years at Sweet Briar.

Betsy has fond memories of her four years of varsity tennis competition at SBC. Her doubles partner, Allison Jennings McCance '64 of Dover, MA, "always beat me to a pulp" in singles, according to Betsy, but the two teamed up to win the prestigious Middle Atlantic Doubles Championship for three straight years and retired the bowl for SBC in 1963.

Betsy says of Allison, "No one could ever have hoped for a better doubles partner. Winning that third Middle Atlantic title and

getting to go to Nationals in St. Louis with Allison is still one of my happiest tennis memories."

Since moving to South Carolina in 1966, Betsy has won the following number of titles: 26 Southern singles, 28 Southern doubles, 33 South Carolina State singles, 48 SC doubles, and 12 SC mixed doubles. She was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame in 1992.

Betsy noted that the support of her husband, Jim McColl, "an excellent golfer who understands competition," has contributed greatly to her success over the years.

Billy Williams, the director of tennis at Forest Lake Club in Columbia, wrote the following in the club newsletter regarding the Southern Player of the Year award: "Betsy's dedication to the game and her humble attitude are two of the traits that I have personally admired during my years at Forest Lake. She is as gracious in defeat as she is in victory. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this award, or of anyone who better represents professionalism and sportsmanship in the great game of tennis."



Betsy Stevens Prioleau '64 Authors Book about Seduction

Betsy Stevens Prioleau's new book, *Seductress: Women Who Ravished the World and Their Lost Art of Love* (Viking; October 2003) not only debunks the traditional stereotype of a seductive woman as a "brainless blond bombshell" but claims that "the seductress" is the perfect role model for postfeminist young women today. "Young women

don't have to sacrifice their brains and ambition," said Betsy. "They can have success with men and also in their professional lives—love and work, they can have it all."

The publisher's description of the book states, "In colorful stories of more than 50 seductresses, Prioleau analyzes their secrets of erotic conquest. The answers are surprising. Instead of servile, coy maneuvers, seductresses bewitched men through their strong characters and a forgotten love artistry that dates back to prehistory when men worshipped sex goddesses. According to Prioleau, that's what men still want: a queen bee who seduces them the old way and gives them a goddess to serve and adore."

"Whether one buys her argument or not, it's wildly engaging reading and faultless scholarship," states a review in *Publishers Weekly*.

The women in *Seductress* range from such household names as Wallis Simpson ("known for her harsh, unlovely features") and Cleopatra ("a cool political operative") to Lou Andreas-Salome, a pupil of Freud who counted Nietzsche among her conquests. Included in the book is "a checklist of how these women enthralled men and took command of their erotic destinies." *Seductress*, says Betsy, "is a thinking woman's how-to—a master plan for full female entitlement in the twenty-first century: women in charge erotically and professionally, holistic happiness, and the best men under their spell."

Publishers Weekly predicts, "The hip and happening presentation primes her book for college classrooms as well."



During her one year at Sweet Briar, from 1962 to 1963, Betsy won the Jean Besselièvre Boley Prize for writing. Betsy credits Sweet Briar with being very instrumental in her life, and remembers that English Professor Robert Wallace was a particular inspiration. She went on to earn an M.A. in English from UVA and the Ph.D. in English from Duke University. A full-time writer now, she was previously associate professor at Manhattan College and is the author of numerous scholarly articles and the book, *The Circle of Eros: Sexuality in the Work of William Dean Howells*, published by Duke University Press in 1983.

Betsy lives in New York City with her husband Philip, a dermatologist. Their daughter, Phoebe, 20, is a student at Stanford University. "This book was inspired by Phoebe," said Betsy. "I wanted her and her generation to realize that the smarter you are, the more attractive you are."

The book is available from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; e-mail: bookshop@sbc.edu)



DeAnne Blanton '85 Coauthors Book on Women Soldiers in the American Civil War: *They Fought Like Demons*

The jacket of the hardback copy of her book, which DeAnne Blanton presented to the Sweet Briar Library, contains the following description:

"Popular images of women during the American Civil War include self-sacrificing nurses, romantic spies, and brave ladies maintaining hearth and home in the absence of their men. However, as DeAnne Blanton and Lauren M. Cook show in their remark-

able new study, that conventional picture does not tell the entire story. Hundreds of women assumed male aliases, disguised themselves in men's uniforms, and charged into battle as Union and Confederate soldiers—facing down not only the guns of the adversary but also the gender prejudices of society. *They Fought Like Demons* is the first book to fully explore and explain these women, their experiences as combatants, and the controversial issues surrounding their military service.

"Relying on more than a decade of research in primary sources, Blanton and Cook document over 240 women in uniform and find that their reasons for fighting mirrored those of men—patriotism, honor, heritage, and a desire for excitement. Some enlisted to remain with husbands or brothers, while others had dressed as men before the war. Some so enjoyed being freed from traditional women's roles that they continued their masquerade well after 1865. The authors describe how Yankee and Rebel women soldiers eluded detection, some for many years, and even merited promotion. Their comrades often did not discover the deception until the 'young boy' in their company was wounded, killed, or gave birth.

"In addition to examining the details of everyday military life and the harsh challenges of warfare for these women—which included injury, capture and imprisonment—Blanton and Cook discuss the female warrior as an icon in nineteenth-century popular culture and why twentieth-century historians and society ignored women soldiers' contributions."

The book has garnered the following comments:

"Various histories have alluded to women's roles in combat during the War Between the States, but none have made so detailed and convincing a case as *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*—article by Robert F. Howe, in *Smithsonian*, October 2002

"This book breaks new ground on this important issue....the authors show that courage and honor under fire were shared by men and women alike."—James M. McPherson, author of *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*.

A "meticulous and compelling book...will find a wide audience."—Catherine Clinton, author of *Fanny Kemble's Civil Wars*

"...a wonderful achievement and promises to be the reference book on Civil War

women soldiers for many years to come."

—Elizabeth D. Leonard, author of *All the Daring of the Soldier: Women of the Civil War Armies*

DeAnne Blanton is a senior military archivist at the National Archives in Washington D.C. She lives in Arlington, VA with her husband Marc Wolfe and their son Sam, 5.

Her book, *They Fought Like Demons* (Louisiana State University Press, 2002; ppk Vintage Books, 2003) is available from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; e-mail: bookshop@sbc.edu)

Elizabeth Pinkerton Scott '36 Honored by the University of Virginia's Miller Center

Elizabeth Pinkerton Scott was recently acclaimed by the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs, a research institution that studies and informs the national and international policies of the United States with an emphasis on the American presidency. Describing Elizabeth as "one of its most loyal friends and energetic supporters," the Center presented her with an award for exemplary community leadership and dedicated its new Terrace Gardens in her honor earlier this year.

Sweet Briar is very proud of Elizabeth for winning this accolade from the prestigious Miller Center. But it comes as no surprise, considering the pattern of participation and generosity that she has followed since first entering Sweet Briar College. As a student, she was thoroughly involved in campus life, serving as freshman class president, house president all four years, a member of Tau Phi and assistant editor of the *Sweet Briar News*.



Elizabeth Scott chats with Ken Thompson, Director Emeritus of the Miller Center of Public Affairs

She graduated with honors in English and over the years, has been an active volunteer for the College: she was a member of the Alumnae Association Board from 1944-46, president of the Alumnae Association from 1946-48, member of the Board of Overseers from 1960-64 and a member of the Campus Committee on Plans for the Chapel. A generous donor to the College overall, Elizabeth is a Life Member of the Boxwood Circle and has given special support to the Refectory renovation, the Honors Program and Friends of the Library of which she is a Life Member. She served as Co-Chair for her class's 50th Reunion in 1986. During the Campaign for Sweet Briar College in the early 1990s, she served on the president's Campaign Advisory Council and hosted—in her home—and underwrote the kickoff dinner for the Charlottesville Community Campaign. On behalf of the Charlottesville Alumnae Club, she was co-sponsor of a Sweet Briar presidential lecture in Charlottesville and participated in a presidential dinner focusing on strategic planning for the College. Recently, she became one of the first members of the new Sweet Briar gift society, the Oak Society. Elizabeth has remained loyal and generous to her alma mater, even while compiling a remarkable record of civic contributions to her hometown of Charlottesville.

Elizabeth has many family connections to Sweet Briar: her late brother-in-law, Buford Scott, served on the Sweet Briar Board of Directors; his three daughters are alumnae of the College—Margery Scott Johnson '57, Mary Denny Scott Wray '61 and Elisabeth Scott Porter '64; another niece, Isabel Scott Anderson Fitzgerald, graduated in 1955; and Margery Scott Johnson Springer (daughter of Margery Scott Johnson '57) attended with the class of 1983.

The Governing Council of the Miller Center passed a resolution which in itself is a beautiful, moving tribute to Elizabeth. With the Center's permission, we are proud to reprint it here:

"WHEREAS, Elizabeth Pinkerton Scott was a member of the Miller Center Governing Council from 1987 to 1996 and a steadfast supporter of the Miller Center for many years in countless ways, serving on building, landscape, interior furnishings, and renovation committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott has been a generous friend of the Miller Center and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott has been a tireless volunteer and spirited leader in the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott has even on occasion personally weeded the Miller Center's grounds; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott is a good and kind friend to every one she meets and we remain indebted to her elegant taste and vision for the sparkling beauty of these grounds and buildings;

RESOLVED that the Miller Center Governing Council hereby dedicates the Elizabeth Scott Terrace Gardens at the Miller Center in her honor, and further recognizes her as the first recipient of the new Miller Center of Public Affairs Exemplary Leadership Award."

Brava, Elizabeth!

Lucretia Bock '97 Appointed General Manager of Ford Mercury Dealership

SEGUIN, Texas. Lucretia Bock has been named general manager of Seguin Ford Mercury, making her one of the youngest female GMs of a Ford Mercury dealership in the United States.

Ms. Bock, 28, is the third generation of the Bock family to direct the dealership in its 44-year history. She joined the dealership in May, 2000 and had been serving as Assistant

General Manager since January, 2002.

Before joining Seguin Ford Mercury, she worked at Ford Motor Company in sales and service, primarily as the customer service manager for dealers in areas of Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

"I'm proud to announce Lucretia's promotion and excited about the future of the dealership under her direction and guidance," said her father, Bennie Bock, owner and president of Seguin Ford Mercury. "Her experience at Ford and the expertise she acquired have been invaluable to this dealership."

Ms. Bock, who is fluent in Spanish, graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1997 with a B.A. in international affairs and a certificate in business management. She also graduated from the National Automobile Dealers Academy in McLean, Virginia.

"I'm excited to assume the role of general manager and look forward to continuing the success Seguin Ford Mercury has achieved during the past four decades," she said. "We're proud of the longtime service to Seguin and the surrounding communities and I hope to expand our level of service and commitment in the future."

Ms. Bock's grandfather, Ben W. Bock, started as a Ford dealer in New Braunfels, Texas in 1944 and later began Seguin Motor Company in June, 1959.

Seguin Ford Mercury was awarded The President's Award—Ford Motor Company's



Lucretia Bock '97

highest award—in both 2001 and 2002. The dealership has 47 full-time employees, some of whom have been with the company for more than 30 years.

Margaret Stuart Wilson Dickey '41

Margaret Stuart has a long record of devotion to her alma mater. She served for 12 years on the board of the Alumnae Association, most recently as Chair of Region VIII from 1992-96. A member of the Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will, she was a member of the Reunion Committee for her class's 50th and 55th Reunions. For many years she was president of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of New Orleans, spearheading events and hosting visitors from the College. She completed a term as Class Secretary and contributed to the Alumnae Association's former fund-raising project of selling bulbs, for which she was named Top Seller in 1982. In all her work for Sweet Briar, Margaret Stuart has received strong support from her husband, Kenneth, who was named an honorary member of the Class of 1941. The Dickey's' two daughters are Sweet Briar alumnae and Eugenia, who graduated in 1965, was, from 1995-1999, an alumna trustee on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors. Margaret Stuart is also an outstanding community volunteer, especially in the area of historic restoration. She received an award for volunteerism from the Governor of Arkansas.

Sweet Briar is proud to salute Margaret Stuart, one of the College's most ardent supporters, and to wish her many more happy celebrations.

Mimi Garrard '58 and Her Husband Win Lifetime Achievement Award

The Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters gave special recognition to Mimi Garrard, Sweet Briar Class of 1958, and her husband, James Seawright, with a Lifetime Achievement Award, presented in Jackson, Mississippi on June 15, 2003. Mimi is the artistic director and choreographer for the Mimi Garrard Dance Company which has performed throughout the United States and in South America. Her husband, a sculptor, has had numerous group and solo exhibitions of his work and his pieces are included in public collections such as that of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Both Mimi and her husband are natives of Greenwood, Mississippi.



The photo above was taken in New Orleans in March 2001 at the 80th birthday party of Margaret Stuart Wilson Dickey. Celebrating, left to right, are: Annabel Pagan Blakey '61; Margaret Stuart's daughter Paula Dickey '69; honoree Margaret Stuart Wilson Dickey '41; her niece Penny Burkitt; and her daughter Eugenia Dickey Caldwell '65.

Mimi, who was a Dean's list student, earned her Sweet Briar degree in psychology. In 1963, she received a certificate of professional status as a dancer, teacher, and choreographer from the Henry Street Playhouse in New York City, where she studied with Alwin Nikolais and performed her first concert. From 1963 to 1965, she choreographed for the Chameleon Dance group, as well as performing in the Nikolais Dance Theatre and the Murray Louis Dance Company. During that time she formed the Mimi Garrard Dance Company, which first appeared at the Henry Street Playhouse in 1965. The company has intrigued and delighted audiences across the United States and has, as *The Los Angeles Times* put it, "opened eyes, caused laughter, and provoked thoughts."

The Mimi Garrard Dance Company has appeared in a number of prominent festivals including the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in the United States and Danza Nueva festival in Lima, Peru. Mimi Garrard's repertory of over 90 dances is one of the largest of modern dance choreographers.

In the late 1960's Mimi choreographed and performed for the following television productions in collaboration with James Seawright: "Medium is the Medium", WGBH, "Enigma of Scriabin", CBS Camera Three, and "Boston Symphony Experiment", WGBH. Considered by many in the dance community to be ahead of her time, Mimi was experimenting with the spoken word, film, and various forms of mixed media in the early 1960's. The Mimi Garrard Dance Company, in collaboration with James Seawright and Emmanuel Ghent, designed

and built the first computer controlled lighting system. The first work for the system, PHOSPHONES, had its premiere at the Henry Street Playhouse in 1970. Anna Kisselgoff of *The New York Times* said the work showed that Mimi Garrard and her collaborators "have gone beyond mixed-media efforts of the past."

The Mimi Garrard Dance Company has performed in Mississippi on numerous occasions. Frank Hains of the *Daily News* called the company's performance in its April 1972 appearance at the Arts Festival in Jackson, "the most valid attraction in Festival history". The company was able with Frank Hains's support to fill a 2000-seat house for 5 nights. Modern dance companies rarely expect that kind of audience!

Most recently Mimi is experimenting in new ways, creating dance for video using digital techniques to transform the dance material. She has created over 150 dances for



Mimi Garrard '58

video. Her work in this area is unique and is gaining increasing attention. She has a monthly program on Manhattan Neighborhood Network, and has recently been sponsored by Channel 13 on its Metro Arts Channel. Her video work has been seen in Turkey, France, England, Germany, Ecuador and Peru. She participated in her first visual arts show, **WOMEN ON TOP: BREAKING BARRIERS, RESISTING LIMITS** in the spring of 2003 at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange, New Jersey.

While a student at Sweet Briar, Mimi was active in the Dance Club and was Oratorio choreographer; she was also a member of the May Court, a Senior Page, and served on the Campus Chest Committee. A very loyal alumna, she came back to the College to give a performance and workshop in 1976; her most recent performance at Sweet Briar was in 1997. During several Winter Terms, she invited Sweet Briar students to New York to participate in her company's workshops. She has given a number of residencies at Sweet Briar and at colleges and community centers throughout the United States. To the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of New York, she has offered generous hospitality by opening her loft for a benefit performance.

Sweet Briar is proud of Mimi—congratulations to both her and her husband for winning this tribute to their lifetimes of contributions to the arts.

For more information visit the company Web site at www.mimigarrarddance.com

Anne MacClintock '65 and her Husband Jerry Mashaw Publish Book about their Year at Sea

Seasoned by Salt: A Voyage in Search of the Caribbean (Sheridan House, 2003) is a narrative of exploration and adventure written by Anne MacClintock '65 and her husband, Jerry Mashaw. It is a memoir structured around a year's cruise on a 38-foot sailboat that takes them from their home in Branford, CT to Grenada, by way of Bermuda, and back, island hopping through the Lesser Antilles and the Bahamas, as they return. It is a book written in two voices, allowing the tale to unfold with the perspectives of both spouses intertwined. Anne's pen and ink sketches lend an additional personal touch.

The backbone of the narrative is a sailor's story, of a voyage from high anxiety to reasonably-calm competence, of adventures (nearly losing their boat twice) and comedic misadventures (their relationship with most



Anne MacClintock '65 and her husband Jerry Mashaw

customs authorities, diesel engines, water pumps and other things mechanical and electrical), of fear and discomfort (the dominant features of offshore sailing) and bliss (the open ocean on a gentle night or a brilliant day, landfall almost anywhere from Bermuda through the West Indies).

Within that basic narrative are three others: a love story, theirs, and the relationship of their romance to sailing and the sea; a search for personal meaning, why this trip was undertaken, how it affects them, what it portends for reentry into conventional pursuits when they return; finally, *Seasoned by Salt* is a meditation on the history of the route they took and the places they washed up—their developing understanding of the “Isles of the Caribbees” and of things that bind North America and the Caribbean together, particularly the colonial past, with its legacy of slavery and racial division, that the two areas share.

The multi-layering provides richness and a set of universalistic themes, a textured fabric woven from the varied threads of the authors' experiences and reflections.

After Sweet Briar, Anne went on to UVA where she earned an M.A. in English in 1966 and, some years later, a J.D. Her husband teaches law at Yale University Law School. In the spring of 1999, Anne happily retired from her legal career specializing in telecommunications and regulation. Jerry had a year's sabbatical, and the two spent a year on a sailing trip that was unlike anything either had done before, despite years of coastal cruising. Their growth as offshore sailors together is a background theme in what turned into a sometimes joyous and sometimes hair-raising adventure.

Following are excerpts from several reviews:

“Mashaw and MacClintock convey much Caribbean history along with their highly personal account of mastering the technical skills of sailing while hearing ‘the seagull’s shriek and the breaker’s roll.’” —Prof. David Brion Davis, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author of *Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery*

“...an intelligent and lyrical account of a journey through the Caribbean in a small boat...the islands are seen through the eyes of the only people who can understand their essential nature: sailors from afar, tired and sunburnt and feeling like the very antithesis of a Club Med poster. Mashaw and MacClintock’s understanding of the place flows from this perspective, and is persuasive.” —Kevin Patterson, author of *The Water In Between*

“*Seasoned by Salt* captures the feel of sailing among the Caribbean islands and realizing what matters in life.” —Daniel Hays, co-author of *My Old Man and the Sea* and author of *On Whale Island*

Seasoned by Salt is available from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; e-mail: bookshop@sbc.edu)

In Memoriam

Mr. J. Wilson Newman Former Chairman, Sweet Briar College Board of Directors

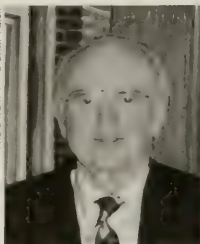
It is with deep sadness that we report the death of a long-standing member of the Sweet Briar community. Mr. J. Wilson Newman, 93, died in Charlottesville, VA July 8, 2003. He was the father of Clare Adelaide ("Ginger") Newman Blanchard '60, and Mildred Bledsoe ("Bee") Newman Thayer '61, both recipients of the 1994 Outstanding Alumna Award. His grandson Wilson married Ashley Flynn Blanchard '90, and his niece, Christie Newman, graduated from Sweet Briar in 1995.

Wilson Newman served on the College's Board of Directors from 1960-1970 and as chairman from 1963-1967. As chair, his leadership and unwavering support had a profound effect on the future of the College, bringing it successfully through one of the most tumultuous periods in its history—the 1963-67 effort to reinterpret the will of Indiana Fletcher Williams. He was at the forefront of the legal battle to allow Sweet Briar College an unrestricted admissions policy, enabling it to enroll African-American students.

Wilson Newman stands at Indiana Fletcher Williams' side as a founder, for his stalwart direction and stewardship ensured the continuance of her dream—an institution the general scope and object of which "shall be to impart to its students such education and sound learning, and such physical, moral and religious training as shall...best fit them to be useful members of society."

He served as a member of the President's Parents' Council while his daughters were students. At Commencement in 1960, he gave an address entitled "*Fair lady, face up.*" Sara Finnegan Lycett '61 clearly remembers this address and states: "His point was that the then-fair ladies of SBC were going to have to change from being stay-at-home mothers and dutiful wives to take their places in an emerging world in which the old boundaries were being swept away. I was a rising senior at SBC and was at that Commencement to hood

Photo from 1995 Burr Patch



Wilson Newman

family established the Dr. Guion Excellence Fund in 1965 to support an award given to a member of the graduating class for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College. In 1975, the Newman family established the Kenmore Fund to award a scholarship at Opening Convocation each year to a junior or senior who maintains a 3.3 grade point average and who is recognized by the faculty of the government program for academic excellence.

In April 2001 during the Centennial Celebration Weekend, Wilson Newman received the Centennial Award, recognizing faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends of the College "who through their dedication and commitment have had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar Community." Each recipient was honored with a bronze medal in the shape of the College's centennial logo. President Muhlenfeld noted, "Only 22 of these have been struck; there will never again be Centennial Awards given."

Beyond Sweet Briar, Wilson Newman was the former chief executive officer of the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation for 16 years and chairman of the Finance Committee for 12 years. Born in Clemson, SC in 1909, he graduated from Clemson University in 1931 and received his law degree from New York University Law School in 1937. Following a brief experience in banking, Mr. Newman joined the R.G. Dun Company in 1931 as a credit reporter shortly before that company's merger with the Bradstreet company. He became a vice president in 1946, president in 1952, and chairman and chief executive officer in 1960. Retiring in 1968, he remained chairman of the Finance Committee until 1980. Under his

my big sister, Julia Scott Todd, who was graduating that year. His talk made a huge impression on me and all of his predictions were right on the mark."

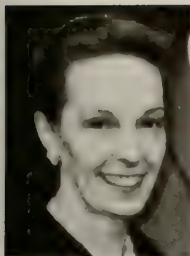
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leadership, the company substantially expanded revenues through growth and diversification of services, as well as modernizing systems and facilities.

Participation in numerous governmental activities included membership on the United States Price Commission ('71-'72) and the Commission on Bankruptcy Laws ('70-'73). He was chairman of the U.S. President's Task Force on improving small business opportunities in 1968 and was associated in various capacities with the American Bar Association; the Committee for Economic Development; the New York Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee; and the English Speaking Union in Charlottesville, VA. Numerous board memberships included: The Atlantic Companies; Chemical Bank; Consolidated Edison; International Paper; AT&T; General Foods Corporation; Lockheed Corporation; and the New York Stock Exchange.

His public service activities in addition to Sweet Briar were numerous. He served the Clemson University Foundation; New York University and its Law School Foundation; Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia (chairman); The Brookings Institute, Harvard University; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and the President's Council for the Arts, University of Virginia. He was specifically honored by Clemson University; New York University Law School; South Carolina Business Hall of Fame; Sweet Briar College; and the Miller Center of Public Affairs. The author of numerous articles, he published two books, an autobiography entitled *For What Do We Labor?* and *The Private Sector*.

Wilson Newman was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Clara Collier Cox Newman. He is survived by four children: his two Sweet Briar daughters and two sons, James Wilson Newman, Jr., and Charles Carter Newman; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Hilda Hite

Hilda Gray Hite 1909-2003

Former Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the President

We share the sad news that Hilda Gray Hite, former SBC staff member, died at the home of her daughter in Boulder, CO July 25, 2003 at the age of 93.

Hilda graduated from the University of Rochester and Eastman School of Music, with majors in liberal arts and music and continued her studies in Munich, Germany as the recipient of an exchange fellowship through the Institute of International Education in New York City. She took musicology courses at the University of Munich, studied pianoforte with Frau Maria Landes Hindemith and August Schmidt Lindner, and traveled extensively in England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Hungary and the Greek Islands.

With the outbreak of World War II in Europe in 1939, she returned to the United States for further graduate work. She taught German Language and Literature at Columbia University in New York City and during the war years, also taught German at the University of Rochester.

Hilda married John Hite in 1941, later moving with her family to Princeton, New Jersey where she served as head of correspondence at Educational Testing Service,



John Rice

while her husband taught at Princeton University.

In 1957, she moved with her daughters to Sweet Briar, to serve as executive secretary and administrative assistant to President Anne Gary Pannell from 1957-71 and to President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. from 1971 until her retirement in 1975.

She is survived by two daughters, Virginia "Ginger" Hite of Boulder, CO and Aprille Hite Deacon '64 of Buxton, Derbyshire, England, and a niece and nephew.

Interment and a private ceremony will follow at a later date at the Sweet Briar College Columbarium on Monument Hill.

Dr. John Thomas Rice Former Assistant to the President

We have been notified of the death of Dr. John Thomas Rice of Staunton, VA, on August 3, 2003 at age 64, after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Rice led a distinguished career in higher education for more than 32 years, fulfilling leadership positions at many esteemed institutions along the Southern Atlantic Seaboard. He came to Sweet Briar as assistant to the president (1972-1974) and was also a part-time lecturer in the Sociology Department. From 1974-1976 he served the College as dean of student affairs. In 1976, he left Sweet Briar to become the tenth president of St. Mary's College in Raleigh, NC.

Subsequently he was the first dean of men at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA and the first head of the combined St. Anne's/Belfield School in Charlottesville, VA. He served as vice president for institutional advancement at Mary Baldwin College, and as executive director of the Curry School of Education Foundation at the University of Virginia. Prior to his death, he was vice president for Wingfield Ministries, Inc., where his duties included fund-raising, public relations, and financial management for the ministry.

An honor graduate and president of his class, he earned his undergraduate degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1961. He received his M.A. in sociology from the University of Tennessee in 1963, and held the degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia and Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. He also served two years of active duty and four years of reserve duty with the U.S. Army.

Dr. Rice is survived by his wife, Grace Arendall Rice, four children and nine grandchildren.

Recent Deaths

1913	Frances Summers Mrs. N. R. Bardwell September 1980	1933	Lucy Moulthrop Mrs. James H. Alexander May 28, 2001	1946	Anne Stuckle Mrs. David T. Houston May 23, 2003
1923	Corine Walton Mrs. Corine W. Hess April 16, 2003	1933	Susie Nash Mrs. Susie M. Holt July 27, 2003	1947	Cecil Butler Mrs. Ernest G. Williams February 28, 2003
1925	Clara Frank Mrs. Perry E. Bradley August 21, 2003	1934	Uarda Garrett Mrs. Emmet Coley Date unknown	1947	Barbara Golden Mrs. Murphey Pound, Jr. June 26, 2003
1925	Edith Read Mrs. George B. German December 2002	1936	Mary Elizabeth Hesson Mrs. Thomas W. Pettyjohn August 7, 2003	1948	Jeanne Morrell Mrs. Henry F. Garlington August 28, 2003
1926	Helen Carter Mrs. Walter H. Bailey July 18, 2003	1936	Margaret Mencke Miss Margaret J. Mencke October 24, 2002	1949	Catharine Hardwick Mrs. James S. Johnston March 20, 2003
1928	Dorothy Bunting Ms. Dorothy Bunting February 2003	1937	Margery Cruikshank Mrs. Holmes M. Dyer July 13, 2003	1949	Marie Musgrove Mrs. Richard T. McCrone September 14, 2003
1929	Frances Guthrie Miss Frances Guthrie September 15, 2003	1938	Betty Dail Mrs. Harold Windeler October 18, 1996	1951	Nancy Merchant Mrs. Nancy M. Henry Date unknown
1929	Dorothea Paddock Mrs. Dorothea Seeber August 20, 2002	1938	Barbara Ferguson Mrs. Lawrence C. Hill August 9, 2003	1952	Betty Brooke Morris Mrs. Brookie Morris Parrott August 25, 2003
1929	Katharine Whaley Mrs. Gordon R. Willey Date unknown	1938	Lucile Sergeant Mrs. Earl A. Leonard November 4, 2001	1952	Sandra Zelie Mrs. Stephen Mulinos November 15, 2002
1930	Charlotte Brown Mrs. Phillip B. Harder May 15, 2003	1939	Mary Hedges Mrs. Herbert L. Oakes November 11, 2001	1957	Joan Ault Mrs. Dale E. Vance December 3, 2002
1930	Ruth Keeler Miss Ruth Keeler September 1, 2003	1939	Clotilde Palmer Mrs. Clotilde P. Baker June 13, 1999	1958	June Berguido Mrs. June James Date unknown
1930	Mildred Pickett Mrs. Cecil C. Bost May 30, 2002	1940	Anne Waring Mrs. Mills B. Lane Jr. June 27, 2003	1969	Josie Winn Miss Josie P. Winn August 4, 2002
1930	Sally Reahard Miss Sally Reahard July 15, 2003	1941	Linda Boyles Mrs. Lyle M. Richardson, Jr. Date unknown	1976	Debra Vatterott Ms. Debra Vatterott July 8, 2003
1930	Eunice Watters Mrs. Richard W. Coolbaugh December 1996	1941	Adela Diaz Mrs. G. Vernon Eads July 8, 2003	1978	Joanne Johns Mrs. Chester B. Carnes May 13, 2001
1931	Mary Riheldaffer Mrs. Thomas C. Kuhn April 14, 2000	1941	Bette Fawcett Mrs. James B. Collier III April 25, 2002	<i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address</i>	
1931	Martha von Briesen Miss Martha von Briesen July 3, 2003	1942	Martha Buchanan Mrs. Joseph A. Wadsworth August 6, 2003		
1932	Caroline Foy Mrs. F. Berkeley Robins June 18, 2002	1944	Anne Hynson Mrs. Ellis S. Rump, Jr. June 5, 2002		

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They're On Their Way!

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Correction

"The Business of America is *Women's* Business," inside front cover, Fall 2003 magazine incorrectly states that Sarah Porter Boehmler '65 was the first woman to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Sarah was the first woman to hold a seat on the American Stock Exchange. We apologize for the error!



Travellers on the Sweet Briar tour, "Alumni College in the Italian Lake District for Families," July 21-29, 2003

L-r: Three children in front row: Mary Kate Pennell, Marcus M. Pennell IV "McKinnon" Pennell, Anne Pennell (all grandchildren of Lucy Canary Church '61 and Randolph Church).

L-r: Rest of group: Mrs. Earl Holliman; Col. Earl Holliman (parents of Sandy Botton); Cathy Weiss Thompson '74; Richard Lee Pfeil; his mother Christine Weiss Pfeil '74; Leah Thompson; Suzanne Thompson (both daughters of Cathy '74); Betty Weiss (mother of Cathy & Christine & grandmother of Richard, Leah & Suzanne); Linda Shank, Sweet Briar representative; Leslie Pennell (daughter of Lucy & Randolph Church & mother of Pennell children); Molly Wingerd (grandaughter of Jane Wingerd); Jane Steiger Wingerd '43; Lucy Canary Church '61; Marcus Pennell III (Churches' son-in-law & father of Pennell children); Randolph W. Church.

Not pictured: Dr. & Mrs. Jacques Botton (Sandy, Mary Baldwin grad, is on SBC Development staff) and their son Peter Botton



Sweet Briar Alumnae on the Spain tour:

Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57 (Outstanding Alumna award, former Alumnae Association president, former Alumnae Board & SBC Board); Mary Beth Halligan Hibbard '70; Ruth Faulkner Howe '48; Sally Croker '92; Faith Rahmer Croker '54 (former Alumnae Board); Barbara Jastrebsky '87; Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 (former Alum. Board & SBC Board); Margaret Street Wilson '64; Yung Shin Kim '57.

Travellers on the Sweet Briar tour, "Alumni College in Spain," September 30-October 8, 2003

The group in Segovia in front of the 2000-year-old aqueduct:

L-r: Back row: Ellen Cate; Sally Croker '92; Beverly Shivers, SB JYF '54-'55; Faith Rahmer Croker '54; Mollie Johnson Nelson '64; Barbara Jastrebsky '87; Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57; Rev. Robert McEleney. Front row: Pamela DeWeese, SB representative; Alice Russell; Lin Shivers; Gregory Armstrong; Edna Armstrong; Bill Crowdus; Margaret Street Wilson '64; William C. Wilson.

Not pictured: Ruth Faulkner Howe '48; Yung Shin Kim '57; Ken Hibbard; Mary Beth Halligan Hibbard '70; Natalie Marable.



Class Notes

1929

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620 Ridgewood Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47906-2367

1930

Miss Elizabeth Gorsline
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1934

Mrs. W.F. Stohlmann
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Newtown, PA 18940-2401

Among other things, being ninety means lacking the oomph to dispatch forty-two postcards; changed policy of Alumnae News means doing that if I want word from 1934—which I do, but I am.

Alas! Alumnae with whom I've corresponded during the years are almost gone. I'm not a phone talker and without e-mail I'm really unconnected. **Helen Bean, Margaret Ross, Helen Hoeffcker and Tinka Strauss** are within driving distance but the inclination to get at the wheel seems to be waning. If you would write to me I'd be gloriously happy.

As for me, I got to Puerto Rico in February, with a boost from my daughter Suzanne (ex '72), and went to her in Maine, blessedly missing by two days the drama of Aug. 14 at Eastern airports. A brief visit to the hospital brought me a pacemaker and, now that the spectacular heat is abating, I sit happily on my shady balcony reading books by Queen Noor, Meg Greenfield and Anne Fadiman (whose *Ex Libris* is a gem).

1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr. (Juliet Halliburton)
4100 Well Spring Dr. No. 2305
Greensboro NC 27410

1936

Mrs. Franklin P. Parker (Katharine Niles)
Send news to daughter, Mrs. Anne P. Schmalz
22 Ashland Street
Dorchester MA 02122

1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr. (Frances Bailey)
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450

Alas! No one in our class responded to our 65th Reunion invitation, so we didn't have anyone to celebrate this special occasion. George and I had hoped to attend, but two grandsons were getting graduate degrees, and we are a bit limited in how much hopping around we can do. Open heart surgery and a hip replacement in less than a year have slowed me down considerably, though I am recovering very well.

Now that the Alumnae Office is no longer mailing out double postcards for news-gathering, there is no class information coming to me, and I have only sad items to report. News has been received of the deaths of **Kate Sulzberger Levi** on March 13, 2003 and of **Sigur Moore Whitaker** on March 16. A card from Rosemary Reese informed me that her mother, **Barbara Cross Reese**, passed away on April 25. The families of these classmates will be receiving letters of sympathy from the Alumnae Office at Sweet Briar, and their names were read at the Alumnae Memorial Service held during Reunion in May.

No trips for us during the past year, but we are planning to travel with the Virginia Historical Society along the Lewis and Clark expedition trail with cruising on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in September and October.

Please send me some news about yourselves and family activities for the Alumnae Magazine. The next deadline is December 15.

1939

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1940

Mrs. L.C.A. Schwartz (Ruth Mealand)
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For Dec.15 deadline, send news to Secretary pro tem: Mrs. James A. Glascock (Adelaide Boze)
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Richmond, VA 23227-3324

Notes from Ruth: This is written in July, much ahead of our usual deadline, because of two things. One is

that the Alumnae Office just notified me of a new deadline date, that being September 1st this year. The other is that I have asked for a year's "sabbatical" from being your Class Secretary. That is because we have now, this month, decided it is time to downsize and sell our house with 30 years of our treasures and accumulations, and then move down to Florida and into what our daughter and her husband call their "in-law" suite in their lovely spacious home. I know many of you have gone through this traumatic ordeal: my husband and I have been asked to do it as of 'now'...or at least by the time the snows fly up here in Cleveland Heights, OH. It will be a joy to be on one floor soon and away from our snow and ice...but best of all, it will be wonderful to be with such loving family. Our son and his family will still be here in Ohio, but he is busy and our daughter-in-law has her parents nearby. So they are busy. But who gets busy these days?

Though at a slower pace for those of us around our age!

Therefore, the Class of '40's New Notes for this publication are gleaned from the much appreciated cards and letters I have received since last year's October's deadline.

Marjorie Lee Stock Clemens enjoys her family, too, so she left her home in St. Joseph, MI to be with a son, Joe and his family in Bethlehem, PA for Thanksgiving '02. In August

'02, Marge was with her daughter, Mary and husband, Jim, in northern MI.

Hortense Powell Cooper in Shelbyville, TN, says that her son John's wife is a good friend of our former SBC's Chaplain, Susan Lehman. Hortense was therefore able to return to campus a few years ago with her daughter-in-law for a visit while Susan Lehman was still on campus. They both enjoyed seeing it again. All of Hortense's sons live in nearby Nashville. One, Jim, was reelected to Congress from that urban district lately.

Clara Call Frazier writes that she and Bill have sold their home in Richmond, VA as of August '02, and moved to the countryside out of the city, to Rockville, VA. They have since been adding onto this smaller "cottage" for visits from their 7 children and 8 grandchildren...from California, Oregon and Montana. Clara sees **Polly Boze Glascock** often, as nearby Richmond has a good Alumnae Club for get-togethers. The Fraziers were expecting a granddaughter in February '03: here's hoping all went well.

Adelaide ("Polly") Boze Glascock has become my most faithful correspondent about Class affairs. Polly is a retired "Million Dollar Sales Club" reaktor from the Northern NJ area, and then while still "on duty", she and Jim downsized to a beautiful and most comfortable retirement village in

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Issue	Deadline
Spring/Summer '04	December 15, 2003
Fall '03	April 15, 2004
Winter '04	July 15, 2004

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Richmond, VA, where they still are today...and are so glad to be there. Polly sent an obituary of **Anne Waring Lane**, who died at her home in Savannah, GA, in June '03. She sent another "obit" later, that of **Anne (Annie) Cooke Gilliam** who also passed away in her home in Virginia Beach. Anne had become very interested in gardening and in the several big public gardens around her and Bill's home and in Norfolk, VA. She was also active in her Episcopal Church near their home. Polly sent those clippings after returning from a trip to London earlier this year. She also had a wonderfully long telephone visit with **Jane Bush Long** in Augusta, GA in June. Jane was preparing to go on an Elderhostel trip to London. In one of Polly's letters very recently, she enclosed a photo of a very chic young lady walking her dog (that young lady of course, being Polly herself with her beloved dachshund named "Seigfried"—"Siggy" for short—on a leash). So she could easily pass as a senior on SBC's campus!

Rosemary Bjorge Johnson wrote me a little after Christmas, actually in February '03, as she had just moved into an assisted-living apartment in Middleton, WI, after selling her house in Madison. She had spent Christmas in Minneapolis with her daughter and family; a grandson of that family is in 1st grade while his sister is in the 4th grade. Last year was a good year for Rosemary (quoting her) as in May '02 she had a wonderful family reunion in Door County in WI on Lake Michigan. Son, Bruce, and his wife Kyong, and daughter, Carolyn—an Amherst College graduate, now living in Boston writing book reviews—and another daughter, Sarah, a Williams College student; and another one, Susie from Denver, plus Minneapolis crew, were all together.

Margaret Dowell Cochran Kearney, another faithful correspondent, doesn't let her macular degeneration keep her from writing or traveling from her apartment in McLean, VA. She uses an Optelec as her visual aid. Her travels often take her to Florida, to visit one of her sons.

Martha Janney Smith McGowan is still living in Rialto, CA. A McGowan lives in Orlando, where the McGowans usually visit each summer; however in '02, this year, Mary Alice, went West to visit her Mother. Mary Alice is a teacher-principal of a Christian Middle School in Orlando: two computer photos were enclosed of still young-looking Mother and daughter. Martha received a computer a year ago and is enjoying it immensely now that she has learned to send E-mails to her friends and family. But her favorite past-time is her 2 1/2 year old grandson. He lives about 25 miles from his grandmother, who says he is

so full of funny remarks that it's pure fun just to be around him.

Mildred Moon Montague of Lookout Mt., TN, has been trying to get in touch with **Estelle ("Tell") Sinclair** but without any good results except that "Tell" was no longer in Monroe Township, NJ according to the USPS. If anyone can help Mildred locate "Tell," she would appreciate it. Mildred did add that "Tell" had gone through a bad divorce. Mildred keeps in touch with Polly and remarks that Polly is about the only one left in our Class for her to still write to from her recent new abode in a retirement home.

Jeann Tyree Oseth still leads an active life in the Olde Towne of Alexandria, VA continuing to help out in the Archives Dept. at the Smithsonian.

And it is wonderful to hear that **Cynthia Noland Young** is still active, too, enjoying her life, family and home on the Intercoastal Waterway at Southport, NC.

I have given you an up-date of my "doings" already and I have resigned from all my historical writings (of our neighborhood and of my garden club) and other activities in order to concentrate on moving, etc. But I do expect to pick up writing '40's Class News Notes again later in 2004. So PLEASE do keep on writing to me...I'll be sending out my new address after settling in our new "home". I will be able to see some of my longtime friends already settled in the towns surrounding Orlando, and in several other Florida towns, such as Naples, which is called "Little Cleveland" (in the winter).

So...Aurevoir...Adios...Aufwieder sehen. Until next year.

1941

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As **Janie Loveland Byerts** put it, "My news does not change much from year to year". Maybe that's why I only received nine responses to the seventy cards I sent out! Or maybe the double postcards, which certainly made it easier to dash off a note to the class secretary, spoiled us. However—we soldier on, with heartfelt thanks to those classmates who took the time to write. Janie is happy to be in good health, keeping busy with volunteer work and helping to raise her youngest grandchild, as well as receiving frequent visits from the others. She sends love to all. **Judy Davidson Walker's** husband, sadly, has had a stroke and is in a nursing home. Her grandkids are scattered in eight states across the country, making their visits infrequent. She says she misses Anita (don't we all!). **Edie**

Vongehr Bridges-Cone writes from Palo Alto, CA that, although Eastern colleges are little known in the West, she was able to attend Sweet Briar Day in San Francisco. She does see Jackie Sexton Daley ('40) occasionally. She, like Janie (and others of us, I'm sure) volunteers at the hospital, plays tennis, travels some, and enjoys visits from children and grandchildren, of which there are twelve. She is proud of her "only child in the East", son Tyler, who is a political reporter for the *Miami Herald*. He published a book last year about politics and gambling in New Orleans, *Bad Bet on the Bayou*, and recently moved to Peru. Her other six children live in California. Although John and I are only in Virginia in the summer months, we manage to have a visit with **Margaret (Craigie) Craighill Price**, who lives in a retirement home in D.C., but spends as much time as she can on her farm near Sperryville. Although macular degeneration keeps her from driving, she spends many days working on her family history, a monumental task. **Helen Ann Littleton White** is happy living in a retirement home in Pennsylvania. She recently had quite a Sweet Briar reunion, at Jackie Hauslein's wedding in July.

Mary White Miller and Ann Potterfield came. They were in a group picture with many of Jackie's Sweet Briar classmates from the class of 2000. H.A. is also afflicted with macular degeneration and has had to give up driving and most of her art work. "**Butch**" **Gurney Betz** has a mini-reunion every summer at a camp in New York, where she sees **Decca Gilmer Frackelton and Mary Scully Olney**, as well as **Nickey Gockley McLellan** and her husband, **Shirley ("Shirts") Shaw Daniels** find life pleasant in her retirement home in Newtown Square, Pa., where she plays quite a bit of bridge. On the "outside" she is still involved in Garden Club, Book Club and a sewing group. It sounds as if Shiris is happy in retirement "for an old lady", as she says. Does anyone have any news of **Ann Borough O'Connor? Pat Sorenson Ackard** and I visited her last spring when she was in a nursing home in Florida, year iii. She left there, and we have not heard anything more. Pat and I, with the help of the Alumnae Office, have been giving a luncheon for Sweet Briar alumnae in the Naples, FL area for the past several years. **Angela (Edge) Cardamone O'Donnell**, who also lives in Florida, had a very sad year, losing her 59-year-old son (her second loss in five years) just before Christmas. Edge ended up in the hospital for twelve days, and has spent the rest of the year recovering. I'm sure we all send our sympathy to Edge. John and I are quite well (for "old people"), enjoying

our winters in Bonita Springs, FL, and our summers near our family in Leesburg, VA. We are happy to be near children, grandchildren, and "greats" in the summer and to welcome them in our Florida home in the winter. I plan to attend a luncheon at Sweet Briar next week. I always love being back on campus. They have re-routed Route 29 since we were there last. I hope I can find the gate!

1942

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1944

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Connie Budlong Myrick deserves our heartfelt thanks for having served as our class secretary for so long. She's a hard act to follow, but we will do our best to keep you up to date on the class of '44. Many thanks to all of you who responded to our appeal for news. This year has been or will be a significant milestone for most of us so we have had many accounts of "significant" birthday celebrations. Congratulations to all of us in the Class of '44 for our stamina and continued activity. We always were a special class!

Janet Staples Munt was re-elected to the Vermont State Senate for a third term. With a Republican governor for the first time in 11 years, she says that the scene there is quite different. "But I am raising as much hell as I can!" She is vice chair of both the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. She also serves on Rules, Health Access Oversight and Interstate Affairs, all issues of great interest to her. She says it is pretty busy, a lot of work and sometimes even fun! During the week she lives with three younger women, reminding her of living with **Brad (Norma Bradley Arnold) and Peggy (Peggy Gordon Seiler)** when they were in the WAC and living with a family in Baltimore during WWII.

Peggy and **Bob** celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary in Richmond last October at a reception given for them by their children.

Paulett Long Taggart and Ganson came down from Winchester, MA for the occasion. Peggy and Bob also made a couple of trips to Savannah, one to celebrate the 80th birthday of Peggy's cousin and our classmate **Anita Lippitt Clay**. "Neat", who is still a member of the "Crabettes," displayed her musical talent by playing her accordion for her guest.

After visiting in Richmond, Paulett and Ganson went to Sweet Briar and had lunch in the newly renovated dining hall and then were escorted by Lee Taylor to the dance studio. There they watched Mark Magruder's students perform works-in-progress for an upcoming dance concert. Paulett was asked to describe to the students her 40's dance experience with Frances Davies Wessells, a colleague of Marks and a good friend of Peg and Bob Seiler's. Frances is still on the staff on VA Commonwealth U. in Richmond.

Helen Canley Woodbridge and Wes still live in Charleston, SC. They visited their three children last summer in CA, NY, and MA, with a stop in Richmond to the Seilers. They are still active in the Foreign Affairs Forum, enjoying talks by both US and foreign ambassadors—"with varied viewpoints!"

Louise Smith Barry had a wonderful visit with **Alice Johnson Fessenden** last fall when they drove together from Dulles Airport to Sweet Briar for the fall symposium. Louise's travels took her to Baton Rouge twice to see her son George and then to Hilton Head, Sedona, AZ, and Charleston, plus a hiking trip to VT and a cruise from Venice to Rome. Louise's neighbor, **Yd (Sydney Holmes Bales)**, says that it's a real blessing to have her five grandchildren living close by in Long Island.

Hannah Mallory Perkins says that she is now a great-grandmother! The parents are her granddaughter Anne Brooke Raynal and her husband Charles Ray who live in Atlanta. A new award at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, VA has been named in honor of Hannah—"longtime SMS English teacher and distinguished alumna." Hannah was on hand to make the first presentations of the Hannah Mallory Perkins Outstanding Service Award. Congratulations, Hannah!

We are sorry to hear from "Weezie"—**Louise Konsberg Noll**—that her husband Bill died of a heart attack on May 29, 2002. She sold her house to her oldest grandson and his wife and moved into an apartment at Winchester Gardens, a retirement community in Maplewood, NJ.

Pat Whitaker Waters writes that

they had a Riverboat Trip through Provence last fall and loved it. They went to the opening of their son John's Broadway production of his movie "Hairspray." Pat also accompanied John to London earlier when he was a guest of the BBC and enjoyed staying at the Dorchester.

Fence (Betty Williams Gookin) and **Alice Lancaster Buck** had a visit with Pat in DC when they were the guests of **Tee Tiff Porter** at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Tee was visiting her three children who all live in the area. Alice and Pete had another visit with Tee in the fall when they went to a family wedding in Atlanta. They had a wonderful time visiting and reminiscing with **Longe (Frances Longino Schroder)** and Tee when they had dinner together. Longe writes that their so-called sewing club (who have not touched a needle since their children grew up, but have been meeting for 50 years) met for lunch at **Betty Haverly Smith's** new home. Betty and Alex moved from their home of more than 50 years to a beautiful condo on Peachtree Road—all on one floor and with a lovely view. Longe added that Betty's lunch was delightful! Longe also belongs to another group that began back in the mid 60's as an investment club called—"The Shady Ladies" (although they long ago gave up investing). Their next meeting was to be at Tee's house. Their program always includes a speaker on some current topic or book review, often by Catherine Simms, former Dean of Sweet Briar.

Phyllis Tenney Dowd writes from their retirement community in Chapel Hill that they enjoy life there with a wonderful group of people, and survived the big ice storm last fall, though 5 days without power or heat was stressful! She and Herb had a visit to their daughter in Washington state last summer with a detour to Alaska.

Jean Blanton Stein and Chuck had a wonderful month in Canada, (in between back surgery and pneumonia), driving through Quebec and the Maritimes, staying in a time-share on the St. Lawrence for two weeks and returning via the Maine coast. They enjoy summer vacations on Hatteras Island, NC, and now have a granddaughter in the 9th grade in Alexandria. They had a visit with the Seilers at the Spring Lectures at VTS in October. Chuck took Jean to the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond to celebrate her birthday and on the way they had a visit with **Grace (Hoppy) Woodward Wysor**.

It was great to have a note from **Florence (Babe) Loveland Swanbeck** from Middlebrook, VA. She says that she and Ray are fine, the farm trees are growing tall and the deer are thriving. Their four grandchildren range in

age from 3 1/2 to 35, and three great granddaughters are 5, 3 and 18 months, and are now in Australia for two years where their father is an engineer building an oil refinery. Frances, their brain-damaged child, is at a great place in Florida. Babe sent her horse there to join their program for handicap riders. Their second son is serving as "Mr. Mom" at the moment and daughter Ann is a fish and wildlife biologist in Colorado with a 3-year-old son and a hunter husband! They are all great and make their life interesting. Babe says.

Muriel Abrash Schapiro writes that she continues to enjoy books, music, English as a 2nd language, bridge and family. Her most exciting news involves the adventures and creative endeavors of her 3 older children who grew up in Richmond. Lander, who attends VCU, is involved in a video taping business. He has a web page about an adult scavenger hunt with a prize of \$1000 (www.cbr4.com). Daniel, who got his Master's in Business at ECU in NC, is in Syracuse, NY putting a complete computer system in the hospital and doctors' offices affiliated with Syracuse U. Granddaughter Anna, who graduated with honors from U. of Vermont, is working in the Federal Court of Appeals in Richmond while applying for law school in Atlanta, GA.

Harriet (Hatty) Tavenner Owens and Bob had a cruise to Bermuda last June, and on the way home spent a night with Hannah Perkins in her lovely apartment overlooking the Rappahannock River. In early December they had two weeks visiting friends and traveling by train, first to New Orleans, then Santa Barbara, and home by way of Denver. The scenery was gorgeous, Hatty said.

Marty (Martha Falk Vallery) writes that she sold the big old lake house where she and Val lived for all of their 55 years of marriage. She is delighted that her oldest grandson bought the house so it will be staying in the family. She is moving 30 miles north this summer to an apartment she has owned since 1983 and is looking forward to redecorating (though not going through an accumulation of 57 years!) Her whole family came down in January to help her celebrate the "Big One." After that she left for a week on St. Thomas with her cousin who owns a condo there. Marty says she sees **Norma Bradley Arnold** often.

All of you movie fans will be interested to know that **Emily Ann Wilkins Mason's** husband Tom has a part in one scene of the Civil War movie, "Gods and Generals." He plays the part of "an old white man" who can't find his house after the destruction of Fredericks. The beard and mustache are really his, Em says, not a product

of the make-up department! Her daughter and son-in-law still live in Amherst County and love being connected with SBC (he is on the Library staff). Em has conversations now and then with **Anne Woods Guzzardi** who lives in Charlottesville. So sorry to hear that Walter died last year.

Pat (Gene Patton Odell) writes from Maine that her husband Don was able to live independently with her until the day he died in April '02, and that they had been very happy living there at Carleton-Willard Village. She is still there living just 10 miles from daughter Lauren Huyett, SBC '79, and her five. Her Kate, and Donny's son Sean, are both sophomores at Dartmouth—close enough to visit. Phillip Huyett will start at UVA in Sept.—"that beautiful campus we visited in bygone days." Pat is still chair of the library committee and now secretary of the Residents Assn. She sends love to all and a reminder to keep singing. Pat added that we might be interested in her song-writer son's website.

(www.APocketofTUNES.com <<http://www.v.apocketoftunes.com>>) He's a child psychologist, she said, but the songs are his first love—"wouldn't you know!"

Helen Gravatt Watt and Bill are enjoying their retirement community in Lexington, VA. They had a wonderful trip on the QE II last fall, "Gravy" says that she was lucky enough to see **Ellen Boyd Duval Miller** and **Billy, Peggy Gordon Seiler** and **Bob, Carlisle Morrisett Branch**, and **Alice Lancaster Buck** and **Pete** early in 2003—a great way to start the New Year! Alice and Pete enjoyed celebrating Helen's birthday in January at Alice's sister's house in Lexington (Libby Lancaster Washburn '41).

Marion Shanley Jacobs writes that she and Bill had a great cruise last fall, leaving from Boston, where their son and family live, and following the coast of Canada, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, around to Quebec City and then back to Boston. At the time Marion wrote they were temporarily housebound because Bill was recovering from blood clots in his lungs and kidney failure. They were hopeful of more traveling again in the near future, including an SBC symposium in the spring.

During the East Coast winter storm **Brad (Norma Bradley Arnold)** enjoyed Florida's warmth and sunshine, while recuperating from "a small heart attack," and the insertion of a pacemaker on December 13th. Brad says she feels so good now and managed to do so for her son's wedding at her house on Dec. 19th. She was also able to help Marty Vallery celebrate her 80th at a lovely birthday dinner in January. Brad has a grand-

son who is a 2nd Lt. in the army stationed in Hawaii. She added, "We need a Mini Reunion." A great idea!

Ricky (Murrell Rickards Werth) and Matt attended his class reunion at Princeton in May and had a glimpse of **Dottie Ayres Baldwin** while riding through campus in a golf cart. They also saw **Anne Guthrie Ayres Yokana** and her husband Lucien ("a charming Egyptian"). Last summer they spent 6 weeks in Woodstock, VT and Bolton Landing, NY (a lovely resort on an island in Lake George managed by her son Lee Bowden). While in Woodstock Ricky had a "mini-stroke" but thank goodness it only damaged the functioning of three fingers on her right hand. (She was still able to write us a wonderful long letter). In September, she and Matt had a luxurious three week trip to northern Italy, and in November Matt and her two sons celebrated her 80th with a big party in Norfolk. Ricky added that an article and some beautiful pictures of her town house garden in Norfolk were published during the winter in a *Better Homes and Gardens* supplement.

Jane Rice McPherson wrote from Indianapolis that it's hard for her to travel these days but she sends her love and "hugs" to all. And "Goodie" (**Eleanor Goodspeed Abbott**) says that she enjoys keeping up with the 44 lively grandmothers via email.

We (**Betty and Alice**) thank you so much for sending all the above news. We close by adding some of our own. Betty and Richard started the year 2002 with a marvelous Sweet Briar trip to Cuba to study art and architecture. They enjoyed being with Louise Zingaro who took care of all their needs and with the Sweet Briar professor Margaret Stanton who gave them valuable insights. They celebrated Betty's "big" birthday at Homestead, Hot Springs with two daughters and husbands. In May the Middleburg Garden Club had their first live show at The Oaks, Betty and Richard's home in Warrenton. Last summer they had their usual family trek to Cape Cod, and in September they opened their home for a party to promote the local orchestra. In December they joined Alice and Pete Buck for a fun trip to Florida where they braved the Everglades and the alligators, played tennis, boated on canals, ate in wonderful restaurants and had a super time. Betty and Richard both serve on boards for preservation of Weston, an old farmstead nearby, and the Spilman-Mosby planned to have a special program at The Oaks in April entitled

"Experiencing the Architectural Legacy of Thomas Jefferson." With many interests and running a large house and grounds, Betty added, "We stay busy."

As most of us, I (Alice) love to travel and Pete and I have had some wonderful trips during our "retirement years." One of them was to the Grand Caymans for the wedding of our grandson Ben Harrison, an F-16 fighter pilot and the son of our daughter Dorsie, SBC 73. We also went on cruises to the Caribbean and the Canary Islands. The rest of the time we've been busy with church activities and family and friends and lots of tennis and golf for Pete. During February's snowstorm we had an opportunity to do a lot of reminiscing about our college days when our youngest grandson, 16 year old Phillip Gray, interviewed us for a school project about how WWII had affected our lives. It made me realize once again how living through those war years at Sweet Briar brought us closer together as friends and helped make us the very special class that we are today!

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Harriet Hazen Harnack helps her church minister once a week doing anything she can. Her daughter lives in Sacramento. She had twins, one of each. Variety is the spice of life they say. Living in Boulder City, Nevada has helped conquer a perpetual cold she had when living in Florida.

Ruth Long Skellon still lives in Houston where three of her four children are located with the other one in California. Her granddaughter is a senior in High School, plays softball with a team that travels to Florida to play.

Alice Edwards Davenport has attended weddings of grandchildren, didn't find out how many. But she said there were 70 who attended family reunion.

Edith Page Gill lost her husband last November. Three of her children are in Roanoke where she is and another only 50 miles away. She has talked to **Mary Kathryn Hemphill**, who lost Sam three years ago. Apparently, things are going better for her now. She has talked to **Jodie Morgan Hartman** who sounds as "cute and bubbly" as ever.

Leila Barnes Cheatham is doing fine, still taking care of her place.

Mary Symes Anderson had a hip replacement in '01 but has recovered nicely. Her daughter, Sara, from NY visited her recently. Her other daughter, Anne, her husband and 2 kids are

on a 40 ft. sailboat in the south Pacific. They have left Tahiti and hope to reach Australia in November. Wonder if they need any more crew?

Lile Tucker Bell is living in Staunton and "still hangin' in there", playing tennis twice a week. She said that Perk had a knee replacement but that is the extent of my information on that.

Jean Ridler Fahrenbach said the best news of her summer was the birth of her 2nd granddaughter, Sierra Marie. It's been a long 15 years between the two. Jean went down to Hopewell Junction for a week to help out. Her travels have included 2 weeks in Ireland in May, an Elderhostel in Syracuse, NY and an upcoming trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos with her daughter, Mary, in October.

Catherine Price Bass said she had no news but after a little prodding let it be known that they are planning a "combination" party to celebrate Bruce's 85th birthday in May, her 80th birthday in November, and their 57th anniversary in September. Three of her children will be able to attend the function. She has 3 grandchildren. One graduated from W&L, and is now teaching in Taiwan. One granddaughter is a sophomore in college, another a high school senior.

Wylene Chapman Saylor and Henry are still perking along in St. Pete. Their 4 sons are doing reasonably well. They evened up on grandchildren, 5 grandsons and 5 granddaughters. They also have one great-granddaughter. Two of her boys live in St. Pete and the others aren't too far away. Three of the boys and their wives went to West Point with them in May for Henry's 60th reunion. They get together with his sister, Dale Saylor Morgan, occasionally. They have spent time with Hilda Hude Chapin and Ed looking for that elusive cure for Mac Degeneration, which both Ed and Henry have.

Jean Moores McCulloch is still on her farm raising cattle. She volunteers at the local historical society.

Julie Mills Jacobsen's husband, Jake, died on July 23rd after 4 days in a convalescent home. A service was held in DC. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on Sept. 15th. He retired from the Navy Reserve as captain and NASA about the same time. Lots of SBC people attended the service. Julie's grandson got married, her oldest granddaughter will graduate in 2004 from Kenyon College, the next one is in 9th grade and wants to visit SBC, the third one is interested, too, in SBC. Julie passed on the news that **Harriet and David Gearhart** have moved to a retirement home. She said Harriet still sounds great.

Not too much news from me. My three boys keep in contact a lot, one

from Colorado, one from Michigan, and one from 500 yards away from us. The latter, Tom, has earned his captain's rating as a pilot in the Fed Ex MD 11. He says it is like making an apartment building fly, slow on take-off, but great when altitude is reached. Gary, a dentist, is cutting back on his hours, leading to retirement. Can't believe he's that old or maybe I'm not ready to be "that old". Pete is enjoying Colorado, fire fighting, EMS work, and a host of other stuff.

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Word has come of the death of **Jeannie Morrell Garlington** from Savannah and we are filled with memories of our Southern belle classmate who did many notable things in her life for her town, friends and family, as well as being a sharp, tuned-in classmate. Word has come that **Liz Hooks Richards'** husband Bill died recently and she is having to make decisions about staying in Key Largo instead of going to Dayton, Ohio for half the year. Liz had been an active citizen there with Junior League presidency and a big part in the establishing of the Children's Medical Center. A note from **Ardis Fralus Porter** from Weymouth, MA saying that her 89 year old husband had passed away last spring after a long illness and she is adjusting by going to grandchildren weddings and playing duplicate bridge with partners all over the world via her new computer. She gives SBC credit for her freshman year exposure to bridge and has found that Tournament Bridge brings new friends and new knowledge. Ardis keeps in touch with **McCall Henderson Revercomb**

Vicki Brock Badrow lost her husband in December '02, but her three children have been warm and supportive. She is especially proud of a grandson who at this time is a Colonel in the Air National Guard flying helicopters in Turkey. Vicki received the NC Governor's Volunteer Award for chairing a campaign, which raised \$50,000 for Habitat for Humanity. **Vicki's** quote about her liberal arts education: "I believe confidence and competence to

go to graduate school and to be involved" were a result. **Martha Davis Barnes** from Atlanta says of her liberal arts education, "It enabled me to explore the world around me and relate to those along the way and to be a good participant in life." **Martha** wrote of her travels in Spain where she walked 8 miles a day on the Camino de Santiago. Her son is an MD specializing in infectious diseases and her daughter trains horses by the special "whisper" method.

Suzanne Hardy Benson brags on husband Cameron who is an active volunteer tutor in reading and math in a local elementary school and her daughters have distinguished careers in the Augusta Ballet. Zanne Beaufort Colston has been described in the press as "Augusta's premier contribution to the world of dance" and is now the Ballet's Artistic Director while her sister Bonne is the Ballet Mistress. Suzanne founded the Borrow-Buy Art Gallery there. Her macular degeneration has unfortunately slowed down her voracious reading habits. **Judy Blakey Butler** may be our class traveling queen since she is heading to her 7th continent—Africa in December. She has "done" Antarctica on an ice-breaker and collected rare mushrooms somewhere (?). Judy's thoughts on her liberal arts education: "I guess it did help—every little bit helps. It certainly did enrich my life intellectually and socially." **Meon Bower Harrison** and husband Arch have shared volunteer commitments of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Charlottesville. Meon says they have 4 children "whom I like as well as love!" Her granddaughter Olivia is healthy after her brain tumor treatment. Meon says her liberal arts education opinion is, "You bet! I am amazed at what I still retain—of course I still forget names now and then."

Kitty Doolin Dickey writes that her grandchildren are "outstanding" and she is grateful that her SBC education helped the quality of her life "to be sure." **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** has had some health problems but she looks lovely with her good posture and slender frame. At our reunion she was asked to describe the work of the Kelly Foundation which her husband Dan and family have set up to improve the living conditions of native Americans in Montana and Wyoming. They are involved in everything from building straw houses to gathering clothing, scholarship money and medical supplies. Her description of work on the Crow reservation in the Little Big Horn area was fascinating. **Caroline Irvine Forbes** did not come to reunion because of degeneration of her eyesight in both eyes but she manages to stay busy since Wendell's death a few years ago by focusing on her church which will celebrate its 300th anniversary

in 2012 and she is the church historian. Caroline says she has a big screen and an e-mail address which has the battle cry of the Forbes clan in it "lonach"—jwlonach@msn.com. **Eve Godchaux Hirsch** has long been a worthwhile citizen of New Orleans with her long career in education as Registrar at Neuman School and as Assistant to the dean at Newcomb College of Tulane University. She is also on the Board of Visitors of Trinity School. She is proud of her son who is president of his own firm, Hirsch Investment Management.

It's always great to be at reunion with **Martha Mansfield Clement** because she remembers and knows where everything is on campus and she keeps in touch with so many of us. She has a granddaughter in the Class of 2006 at The Patch. She says of her college education, "It gave me confidence and competence. In fact it still enriches my life!" It was good to have **Wayne Stokes Goodall** on hand to make us sign "O Evelu," more or less together.

Audrey Lahman Rossetlot added lots of fun to the reunion. **Josephine Neal Peregrine** did not come from Frankfurt, MI because her husband was having hip replacement. She has 3 grand boys and 5 grand girls, which are the "joy of our lives." Jo has loved teaching 7th and 8th graders and agrees that she has benefited from her SBC education and that she has "beautiful memories of Sweet Briar days and friendships dear." **Helen Pender Withers** from White Stone, VA describes how wonderfully supportive her 3 children have been since Burks' death in 2000. Two have moved closer to her and the California daughter writes and calls frequently. Helen is still a May Court beauty with pure white hair and becoming pastel clothes. She planned to go over to Charlottesville for her granddaughter's graduation that she would share with Taz and **Marguerite Rucker Ellett**, the other grandparents. Torrential rains changed her plans. **Marguerite** did not come to reunion but sent scrapbook news saying she spent her time knitting and baking cheese biscuits. The Elletts moved last April to Westminster Canterbury on Westbrook Ave. in Richmond.

Judy Perkins Llewellyn says that her SBC education was meaningful. "Absolutely—my SBC experience gave me invaluable insights!" The Llewellyns have traveled the world over but they now focus on seeing children in Charlotte and Salt Lake City—as well as living part of the year in Avon, CT and part at Kiawah Island. **Bess Pratt Wallace's** picture in the class scrapbook shows her to be May Queen beautiful still with a different hair color. She says that daughter Tracy is working on a MA at the

University of Alabama. **Twink Elliott Sockwell** has written that she has visited **Bess** who has had a colon cancer procedure but is doing fine. **Twink** and husband Warren came to reunion from Huntsville even though he had just had a stent procedure the week before. The Sockwells' granddaughter came along and made things go easier for Warren and **Twink**. The death of her roommate **Bess White Gregory** a short while ago still weighs heavy on her when coming back to SBC. **Bev Kernan Quigley** had sent word on the questionnaire that she was returning, but neither she nor **Dr. Jane Luke** showed up. Our remarkable class president **Eleanor Potts Snodgrass** looking as young and vigorous as ever did her usual good job of presiding. She read letters, gave us facts and got reports on classmates' projects as we sat around the Florence Elston Inn and visited on into the night. Pottsie has 5 children with Briarites Susan and Julia and 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. The whole Snodgrass clan went to Quantico to see Geoff's son complete his requirements for Navy OCS. He hopes to be commissioned in May '04. How meaningful that must have been for grand pere Strbl! Your class president did a great job getting out the summer letter including the reunion picture. (If this letter doesn't make it in time, her letter will be the glue, which holds '48 together!)

Patty Traugott Rouse had a tough trip flying from Columbia, MD but she did a great job when **Pottsie** asked her to tell about The Enterprise Foundation founded by Jim in 1981. It now has offices in 15 cities networking with 2400 organizations in 860 locations. **Patty** still goes to the office every day. She enjoys being with family in Baltimore and Annapolis but most of all she delights in going to Baltimore Orioles baseball games. **Patty** was one of our late classmate **Jenny Belle Bechtel White's** museum collection handmade dresses which was much admired. **Liz Barbour McRae** reported that one of her triplets is doing a good job adjusting to her breast cancer at age 32. Although **Liz's** husband Mack has Parkinson's disease he still golfs and they go to the symphony together. We learned that **Ginny Wurzbach Vardy** had diabetic neuropathy and has to use a walker. **Mary Barrett Robertson** from Augusta describes her college degree: "Yes, it's something that can never be taken away even when doing mundane tasks—it certainly broadens one's understanding of the world." **Barrett** has 5 grands and 1 great grandson.

Peggy Sheffield Martin always adds something special to reunion. She delights in 3 wonderful children and in the great success of the Atlanta Botanical Garden which she helped establish. **Peggy** gave a wonderful

report of seeing classmate **Martha Rowan Hyder** in San Miguel Mexico where **Martha** has a fabulous hacienda which housed a house party of ten of **Peggy's** Atlanta friends.

Ann Lytton Rowland Tuck writes that she has been "happily married to Jim Tuck since 1948 and that her three children are all smart and attractive and so are the two grands!" **Sally Smith Williams** is surrounded by all her family while in Richmond and then they winter in Boca Raton. She boasts of a granddaughter "homecoming queen" at Collegiate School who is headed to UVA and a grandson going to William and Mary. The Williams are big into croquet instead of sailing and they have a 6-wicket croquet club with 70 player members and 16 non-members who have lots of fun. Her comment about the value of her SBC degree, "Yes! Art History Major was great for our European travels!" **Dottie Wallace Wood** was an inspiration as she came from Louisville just recovering from a spinal fusion. Her dear friend **Jane Johnson Kent** packed a wheel chair in her van and brought it to reunion and stayed with **Dottie** even pushing the wheel chair and holding an umbrella over both of them. **Dottie** has two SBC daughters and one is now teaching handicapped preschoolers in Charlottesville. **Jane** told of her recent stressful times following the death of her 105-year-old mother last January and her husband's subsequent death a short while later. **Jane** has had many stories told to her about her remarkable mother who helped organize the Girl Scout/Girl Guides years ago.

Betsy Plunkett Williams sent a precious picture of herself, son Glynn and a big cuddly cat to be included in the class scrapbook. **Jane Miller Wright** makes us envious with a picture of her handsome family taken in Kona, Hawaii at their 55th anniversary. She writes of knee problems and walking difficulties but still was able to go to Paris to visit some of Howard's family. Her opinion about her SBC time was that her "Major in Philosophy was a great help." **Westray Boyce Nicholas** planned a visit to the Millers after they got settled in their little place in the Sierras for the summer. **Marjorie Smith Smithley** was visiting a son in Missouri during reunion so she missed the fun. Since Hamilton's death three years ago she has managed to walk every day, play tennis and bridge and do some substitute teaching. She has moved into a condo not far from her previous home.

Ruthie Faulkner Howe, our Colorado correspondent, sent a note and a smiling family group picture taken in Mexico as they celebrated their 50th. They are proud to announce the arrival of the first great grandchild, a boy born in Feb. '03.

Closey Faulkner Dickey's note to Pottsie tells of a planned trip to Italy which was somewhat slowed down by Closey falling into Whit as he got off a chair lift and causing her "best ski buddy to become her worst patient with a torn muscle". There is never a dull moment when the Dickey family is around. A phone call from **Diane King Nelson** from Shreveport said that her lawyer husband Harry died suddenly in April and that she was having a rather hard time. Her daughter Felicia lives in Houston so she spends time with her. **Felicia Jackson Burns** attended Harry Nelson's service and also reported the death of her beautiful mother. **Felicia** and John have moved into a smaller house in Gainesville. We learned from Cleveland, MS that **Allen Hobbs Capps'** husband Charles is a Mississippi State Senator. My own news is that in the early part of this summer I felt rather "peaked" but was able to take a trip to the Four Corners with our son Jack, his wife and 2 daughters in a rented camper and our F150 pick-up truck. Upon returning from Albuquerque I was found to have diabetes and a return of my cancer of three years ago. I have had 26 radiation treatments, hormone chemotherapy, a good diet and I feel like a new woman. We know that many prayers have been answered! Maddin Lupton McCallie

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Edie Brook Robertson shared a common dilemma facing many of us: "To sell or not to sell, that is the question. Whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of decaying wood or take up arms against a sea of troubles and move to a condo!" The problem is that we wouldn't have room for all our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to visit!

In your replies you show that family activities and family ties are important to you. Two classmates have moved to be nearer their children: **Garland Hunter Davies** has a new home in Watch Hill, RI as all of her children are in the Northeast and she can see grandchildren more often. She hopes to survive the New England winters after living in Georgia. **Stokie Kyle Kimpel** moved to Atlanta, GA to be near her eldest son and family.

They are planning a cruise to the Caribbean. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family were mentioned by many of you. **Nancy Storey White** left balmy Sarasota for North Carolina, where 20 degrees was too cold for a "Florida Girl"! She went even farther North last summer on a cruise to Alaska with her daughter and to Boston in September for her son's wedding. **Joan Teetor Marder** and Steve spent Thanksgiving with daughter Emily's family in El Granada, CA, joined by son Ray and family from New York. Future plans include vacationing in Coronado Beach, CA in the summer. Living in Tucson they stay busy playing bridge and tennis. Jo even won a member guest tournament—"not bad for an old lady" (her words, not mine). **Bonnie Loyd Crane** took time off from her art gallery in Wellesley, MA during the holidays to visit the oldest and the youngest members of her family: her mother in Texas, who will be 100 in May, and a new grandson 17 days old. Last summer she, her daughter Melinda, and grandchildren traveled in Italy. In March she is signed up for a Harvard trip to Spain and Morocco, followed by a visit with Melinda in Berlin. In between she says she "works full time!"

Dolly Clark Rasmussen and family enjoyed the holidays at home in Bethesda, MD. Their son, Dave, could not be with them as he was playing guitar on tour with the singer, Tamara. They reminisced about the good times they had in 2002: a visit with Dave in Los Angeles, a week in Adare, Ireland for Dolly's niece's wedding, an auto trip to visit friends in SC and Williamsburg, trips to Savannah, Hilton Head, and Pennsylvania to visit daughter Cindy. In May their first grandchild, Kelly, graduated from SMU Law School in Dallas and joined a law firm there. Even with this active life, Dolly and John found time to work on a political campaign to elect the first Republican governor of MD in 36 years and to lead sing-a-longs at two retirement homes. Thanksgiving was enjoyed in Dallas with family. A SBC mini-reunion luncheon in Washington included **Ginger Luscombe Rogers** and **Sally Lane Johnson**. Sally sums up a get-together with Dolly and John and **Ann Belser Asher** and Norman by saying, "Great fun even though they all looked younger than I!" Sally enjoys spending time with their daughters and families in Rehoboth Beach, DE. They have 7 grandchildren who are "of course perfect!—aren't everyone's?"

Edie Brook Robertson and Peyton drove to Annapolis, MD Christmas Eve to visit their son and his family in their new home. Other family celebrations this past year were Peyton's 75th birthday in January and their 50th

wedding anniversary in June, which was celebrated at their beach cottage with children and grandchildren. In May a gathering of the Peyton clan was held in Fredericksburg, VA and later a reunion of Edie's old school in Norfolk. Their summer travels included Newport, RI, Florida, Nantucket, Lake George, NY and NYC. A banner year!

Congratulations to two other couples who celebrated their 50th anniversaries: **Mary Dame Stubbs Broad** and Doug, whose children threw a "show stopper" party in November, which made up for selling their sailboat and hanging up their skis! Earlier in the year they enjoyed a trip to England and the Netherlands in spite of Doug's difficulties with central vision.

Julia Freels Chwalik and hubby celebrated their 50th with a family trip. They live in Miami but have farm property in Brooksville, FL, which is their "getaway" with grandchildren. Guy and I ("B.G.") celebrated our 50th Anniversary a little early in February with a Disney Cruise to the Bahamas. We took 15 members of our family—children, grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Activities offered for all ages insured that we all had a great time. Guy and I went back to the British Colonial Hotel in Nassau where we had spent our honeymoon and had our photo taken again on the beach—but not in bathing suits this time!

A Season's Greetings letter from **Sally Bianchi Foster** reflects our thoughts: "As 2002 winds down, we still maintain our 'get-up-and-go', albeit with more rest stops along the way." One of the highlights of their year was a three-generation (granddaughter Sarah and daughter Meg) college-looking tour, which included a nostalgic peek at SBC. A wonderful photo taken at sunset at the college was enclosed. Bianchi's recollections of SBC: "What I notice each time I return to Sweet Briar is the unchanging beauty (even at dusk) of the campus and its approach, vis-a-vis the buildup of commerce on Route 29. I remember hunting for props at a roadside junk dealer, the cutoff road to the train in Monroe and Tommy's in Amherst and that was all. I wonder what ever happened to those two beautiful girls, daughters of the owner, who served us hamburgers. I remember they dressed just like us, saddle shoes, pearls and sweaters, yet I never remember talking to them on a personal basis. I regret that. They must have thought us great snobs." Big sky country (Bozeman, MT) beckoned the Fosters in July where they enjoyed horseback riding and mountain climbing, accompanied by laughter, camaraderie and rest stops!

We are an enthusiastic group of travelers, although many are traveling

closer to home. Some have ventured across the seas, such as **Fan Lewis** and Joe who participated in a study tour to Oxford sponsored by Duke and UNC. They studied "Medieval Cathedrals and Abbeys" for 2 weeks with a weekend break to enjoy London. Classes were in the morning and field trips in the afternoon. Fan said she often thought of Miss Muncy. Since Joe's father had studied law at Oxford, this trip was particularly meaningful to them. Another anglophile is **Pat Owens Purvis** who plans to return to England and Wales in the summer. Her family enjoyed Thanksgiving in San Miguel, CA in the fabulous house of **Martha Hyder** (SBC '48).

Bev Seamans Benson enjoyed another walking tour in Italy, visiting Certaldo, Siena and Venice. At home she stays busy sailing, cruising and sculpting. She had a show in Maine and her Drummer Boy statue was installed in front of the new Marblehead High School last September.

Lou Moore is planning a trip to Italy in April using Perugia as a base to explore the small towns of Umbria. She has made a good recovery from a freak accident where she was hit by the side mirror of a large vehicle. She is fine, but has a healthy respect for side mirrors!

Two classmates who are planning trips abroad are **Ann Belser Asher** and **Genevieve Hammel Geer**. Ann says that their plans for a Baltic Cruise to St. Petersburg depend on the world situation. Their four children and families are doing well. Genevieve and Peter are planning a trip to Spain and Morocco but may settle for Spain. Genevieve is active in the Hilton Head for Peace group and has been appointed by the governor to the Coastal Empire Mental Health Board, which covers five southern counties of South Carolina. She gets plenty of exercise walking a new large puppy.

Two classmates participated in the 7/02 Sweet Briar trip to Ireland: **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer** and **Pat Halloran Salvadori**. Jane and her daughter Fannie, who graduated in 1980 from SBC, thought it was a great trip and Jane loved seeing all the old SBC girls. She is lucky to have three of her four children and all four grandchildren nearby. She stays busy raising money for a new library and performing arts center in Henderson and being involved in building a new country club. In Norfolk she has enjoyed seeing **Frances Martin Lindsay**, **Edie Brook Robertson** and **Lola Steele Shepherd**. Pat also enjoyed the same trip to Ireland except for a nasty fall, but it did not curtail her activities much. She had lunch with **Kay Leroy Wing** at Christmas time and says she's as

bubbly as ever! **Dottie Barney Hoover** is another avid traveler. In 2002 she had a fabulous experience in China and hopes to return. In the offing is a trip to Portugal and in September a trip to South Africa. (A plug for S.A. from B.G.—Last October Guy and I had "the trip of a lifetime" to South Africa which offers such variety from cosmopolitan Cape Town, luxury rail travel, fascinating safaris and beautiful scenery, e.g., Victoria Falls.) Dottie has six grandchildren with one in college and two more going next fall. She still enjoys tennis and needlepoint.

Elsie Landrum Layton's card arrived too late for last year's newsletter. She and Tom had taken a forty-day trip on a new French ship to the Pacific. The wine flowed and all had fun.

Lucy Kreisler Carey leads a busy life with her career and traveling. She is teaching a basic Russian course at Baltimore County Community College and Polish at the Berlitz Language Center. When her courses end, she is ready for R&R. Last summer she went to Holland and Belgium and cruised the rivers and canals of Holland. Summer plans are a trip to Chicago and a few weeks in Poland visiting friends.

Mary Ellen Davis Gettel, retired after 29 years as a Spanish teacher at Marquette U, received the Order de los Descubridores, a Spanish honorary award. She has moved to a retirement home. **Diana Dent** meets weekly with a conversation group to practice and perfect her Spanish. She and her brother have taken several trips including a driving tour of Nova Scotia. She also stays busy in her role as "Auntie Di" to her many nieces and nephews.

Ackie Easter Henderson and **Barbara Favill Marshall** are stateside travelers. Ackie has mostly spent the winter stoking the fire (in Charlottesville, VA) and feeding the birds, but is looking forward in the spring to floating down "Ole' Man River" to New Orleans. She adds, "I'm chugging along—but a little more slowly!" Barbara took two cruises on the Mississippi Queen in 2002, but has no big travel plans until the world "calms down". They winter in Arizona and summer in Illinois and visit children and grandchildren in Massachusetts. By the time classmates read this, hip replacement surgery should be behind her. **Betsey Sawyer Hodges** and Allen spend as much time as possible, both summer and winter, in their home in Green Mt., NC. In the summer of 2003 they will be downsizing from PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, FL and moving into the 7th house they have built in the 53 years they have been married. They are into the great grandchild business and also have two step-great grandchildren. Both she and Allen are in

excellent health. She says the pharmaceutical companies aren't making much profit from them! They still haven't given up skiing either!

Lola Steele Shepherd continues to be faithful about keeping up with classmates and sharing what she gleans, for which I am very appreciative. One problem is that she forgot to send any news about herself! She shares the following bits of news: **Bill Bailey Fritzinger** and Fritz visited Lola and Deedee when they came to their grandson's graduation from the U of Richmond. They are still farmers and raise lots of sheep. Their son, Stephen, was married in New Haven last August. His wife is a French teacher at Choate-Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, CT. Fritz traveled to Kyoto, Japan with the Williams College Alumni trip. **Jean Probeck Wiant** wrote to Lola about adjusting to Rick's loss and the wonderful support she has received from family and friends. She is very involved with the Cleveland Institute of Music and chairs the Student Assistance Committee, which awards money to students who participate in competitions, workshops and festivals. She works with the Children's Guild to raise money for agencies that work with children. She also enjoys the performing arts and sometimes provides a B&B for the performers.

Nancy Drake Maggard's note to Lola said their good news in 2002 was the acquisition of two new daughters-in-law! **Betty Todd Lander** tries to keep busy and laughing between her hale and hearty 103-year-old Mother and coping with two teenage granddaughters learning to drive! When her daughter asked her, "Mom, how did you do it?" she replied, "I don't know. How did we?" Lola shared Christmas cards with photos of the attractive families of **Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson** and **Frances Martin Lindsay**.

Kata Crain Edwards writes that they "do" the Texas triangle to visit grandchildren in Houston and Dallas and are thankful they are still able to go! Kata's son in Houston knows Austen Furse, son of **Margaret Lewis Furse**. E-mail from Margaret tells of their family gathering at Christmas in Bay City, TX where she lived when she ventured to SBC in 1946 by train. This trip took two days and one overnight, changing trains in New Orleans. Their daughter and husband were not with them for the holidays as they had gone to China to pick up their adopted baby. She said son Austen and his wife were expecting their third child in March, bringing the total grandchildren to six. Margaret's husband uses a motorized wheelchair since a fall in 2000. **Fan Lewis Jackson**, another Texan, and Margaret enjoy frequent telephone visits. **Susan Tucker**

is a Texas visitor. Their oldest grandchild was married in January in Corpus Christi and will live in Austin. She said it was cold in Corpus Christi, but beautiful with a full moon gleaming on the bay.

Bookie Coryell Feldmann, a classmate who transferred in 1948 to pursue secretarial school in NY, said it would take volumes to bring us up to date. She has five daughters, all married but one. She lost her husband in 1997 and still feels a little "at sea". They loved to travel. She and **Merry Moore Lynn** went to Dana Hall together. Merry has been a homebody this year while Jim celebrated his 75th birthday with an "around the world" trip. They spent Thanksgiving in CT with family.

Betsy Markgraf Waring e-mailed that they had not traveled this past year as her husband has Parkinson's, but that they hope to travel in the U.S. They are enjoying having all four grandchildren in Virginia. Two are in high school, a granddaughter at UVA and a grandson at Hampden-Sydney. Their grandparents are having fun following their plans, dreams and accomplishments.

News from Florida classmates: **Dotsy Wood Letts** in Palm Beach wrote that she was expecting **Ginger Luscombe Rogers** for a visit in February. She said they always have fun playing bridge and tennis and dancing! **Judi Campbell Campbell** was also expected as she was coming to spend the spring holidays with her grandchildren. As Dotsy wrote, she thought Judi was on the Isle of Skye.

Nell Greening Keen writes that she is glad to be living back in Tampa again where her daughter Elinor and old friends are. She visits West Palm Beach to see her son, Hampton, whose wife was expecting a baby "any minute". Her older son, John, is home from Costa Rica and settled in real estate and her daughter has two babies and still works as an art and antique appraiser. Nell occasionally sees **Fran Cone Kirkpatrick** when she visits in Tampa.

Our class extends our sympathy to **Anne McNeer Blanken** on the death of her husband, Ed, who had leukemia. Both their daughters were able to be with them. Anne talked to **Lou Moore** when she was in Lexington in January and also to **Jo Gulick Grant** who was fine. Anne is still playing tennis at every opportunity.

Many of you have heard of **Peachey Lillard Manning's** death. Sally Bianchi Foster wrote a lovely tribute to Peachey that I would like to share with you.

"Her name was Catherine. But when you are a statuesque, beautiful, natural peroxide blonde with curly hair, you're 'Peachey'. She was from

Texas at one time and never lost that drawl. Raised in New York society, she lived in paint-spattered overalls at Sweet Briar, her P&P scarf floating behind her. Striding, and she did stride, to Fletcher basement daily, she created over a dozen set designs. Two of her outstanding efforts were: hand stenciling the purple and gold drawing room of the Barretts of Wimpole Street, in which she also trod the boards playing a stuffy male Victorian, and her surrealistic, stunning diorama of the skyline of Sweet Briar in 1910 for our senior show. To see her in that frothy southern belle outfit on May Day was a true anomaly. Following graduation, she attended the Yale School of Drama where she met her future husband. She and Bill settled near Philadelphia and Peachey became very active in Sweet Briar alumnae affairs. She played a mean game of tennis and decorated beautifully every home in which she resided. But mostly, she was a fun-loving Mother to Ellen, Julia, Susan and Amy. Her wonderful, often deprecating, sense of humor endeared her to her friends and lived up to many a SBC reunion. In Naples, where she spent the winters in her later years, she enjoyed a tennis match or two, but mostly she just sat on the pier and fished.... or thought.... or did nothing. She especially enjoyed the long, solitary drives between PA and FL, smoking furiously and chatting with truckers via her car phone.

After her husband's death a few years ago, she traveled widely seeing the world and its art treasures and wonders, and even finding some romance along the way (How lucky can you get?)

She will be missed and remembered by her classmates who send their sympathy to her daughters and grandchildren."

Maybe no news is good news, but your classmates enjoy hearing from you, even if your life isn't all that exciting! Out of a total of 115 current members of the Class of '50, 32 responses were received (about 12 of which were by e-mail). This represents a 28% response. Please send any new e-mail addresses to me at Bettynguy2@earthlink.net. A special thank you to those who are so good about responding!! We will look forward to news from more of you by our next deadline, April 15, 2004!

1951

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Grace Wallace Brown is looking for gardeners to help with planting the bulbs for the proposed daffodil

Garden of Memories that our class is funding with sales from the folk art paintings. Call her at 413-229-2530.

Joanne Holbrook Patton has celebrated her third year of operating her organic farm. How about them apples! The Pattons will be hosting their annual SBC picnic at the farm. **Sue Basewitz Mentzinger, Grace DeLong Einsel and Jane Russo Sheehan** expect to be there. Joanne lunched with **Gail Hall Swearingin, Charlotte Sneed Stifel and Anne Hoagland Kelsey** at the Kelseys' home on Johns Island in Florida. Anne reports that the Kelseys traveled up the Po River in Tuscany on the River Cloud.

Mildred O'Neal Palmer writes from England that she and her husband have also taken to cruising rivers, including the Amazon. They've also explored the coastline of the Aegean and Sicily. Just bliss and no hassle. **Barbara Baker Bird** is an avid birdwatcher. Do you love it? She has been to Peru and sailing around the Norwegian coast this year.

Jean Caldwell Marchant has been doing walking trips in England and expeditions to South Africa and New Zealand. She says Aloha, of course. **Benita Phinizy Johnson** recommends a cruise up the Hudson River. They had a visit with **Susan Otis Thompson** in New York City. Earlier this year, they went to China and Japan, just before the SARS outbreak.

Grace Jones Fishel and Harry recommend a barge cruise up the Mississippi and anticipate a second Panama Canal trip. Grace is about to join your favorite secretary in the new knee society. She says that **Dee Dee Bell Lyon** is in line for valve repair—we send love. **Sally Fishburn Crockett** visited Grace and remains great company.

Jane Ramsey Olmstead is ever an italophile. She's still studying the language and the cuisine, and is returning to Montalcino this fall. She's probably our only class member who sports the title Dame d'Escoffier.

Louise Warfield Stump and Humpy rave about the alumnae tour way to go. Their SBC group combined with a group from William and Mary to tour the Loire Valley and they say it was beautifully orchestrated.

While we're all tearing around the world, **Sue Basewitz** may have the right idea. She's living in the heart of Lincoln Center, enjoying opera, Juilliard and Carnegie Hall, as well as all the wonderful Fifth Avenue muse-

ums. **Anne Garst Strickland** has been doing trips and visits and says she's staying as feisty as ever.

Lillian Thu Nguyen writes, "After a lifetime of teaching in Viet Nam and Fairfax County Virginia, I've retired to McLean." She's enjoying the museums and music programs of D.C. as well as visiting grandchildren.

Cynthia Balch Barnes says her offspring "just flew me to a trip to Florida." Her (class record-winning) seven children have provided lots of grandchildren for her to keep track of.

Ann Wittingham Smith is teaching French to children at the Alliance Francaise. She writes that a liberal arts education really does last a lifetime. She recently had lunch with Grace Wallace Brown and keeps in contact with **Pauline Wells Bolton** and **Pat Lane Winks** through email. **Trudy Kelly Morron** has moved to Colorado to be near children and grandchildren. I loved hearing from her after so long. **Neil Dumas Herfi** and Augie are off to his 50th from Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia in October and enjoy visits from grandchildren at their lake house. **Cornelia Zinsser** says, "No news...winters in Cambridge, summer in Maine, kids all over the map." It sounds pretty good to me.

In the important jobs department, **Florence Fitch Patton** has been installed as the State Regent of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She expects to do lots of traveling in this position. **Jane Russo Sheehan** is doing a lot of work for the New England Dressage Association. She sees and talks to **Betsy Wilder Cady** and says that Betsy provides her with culture! **Marge Levine Abrams** is working as a paralegal at a national law firm and Len is managing real estate in Miami. Retirement is "not in their vocabulary!" Travel is to visit children in NY and Atlanta.

Polly Plumb deBuitts works for several tour companies showing off Washington DC and says that her 12 grands and John Spaulding's eight keep them busy remembering birthdays. **Mary Gesler Hanson** is still working for the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Maryland. She and her husband Royce, whose book, *Civic Culture and Urban Change*, has just been published, are taking their family of nine to Yellowstone in August.

Frances Street Smith and Gordon had fun playing tour directors for Stuart and Mary John Ford Gilchrist who were visiting in Chattanooga. The Smiths register a vote for condo conveniences. **Eulalie McFall Fenhagen** and Jim are still at the National Cathedral and College of Preachers in DC. They are off to Ireland in September on a Celtic pilgrimage

sponsored by the College. **Mary Barcus Hunter** is also happy to have left her big house with the big yard. Her new address is 9 Oaklawn Park, Midland, Texas 79705.

Nancy Hamel Clark and Blake, while visiting in the mountains, ran into **Carma Lindsay Burton** and report that Carma was in a great hurry but looked great. That could be said of lots of you. Carma wrote from her summer home in Linville, NC, that she is painting, dog-walking, playing bridge and croquet. (She calls the latter a "terminal sport.") She is building a cottage at "The Cedars" in Chapel Hill.

Martha Yost Ridenour has been active in the dance studios which she built at a local college in memory of her daughter. **Nell Orand Beck** and Henry are enjoying staying home in Dallas because it's been unbelievably cool this spring. His four children and Nell's three are all in Dallas, except for one who visits often from London. Many grandchildren of course.

Mary John Ford Gilchrist and Stuart have been driving hither and yon, visiting and pleasuring. She keeps in touch with Sally Fishburn, Mary Lou Kimble and Brooke Morris. They will be in Portugal and Spain in September, and between Vero and Stuart, Florida in the winter. She wants to hear from you if you're in these neighborhoods. I for one, will be first in line to take her up on that.

Laura Radford Goley and Gene visited **Ellen Galey Scher** and Lou in Asheville—old roommate time! All Laura's family joined her in Oklahoma to celebrate Gene's great-grandfather's homesteading 100 years ago—96 Goleys in attendance. **Donna Reese Godwin** reports 23 grands—can anyone top that? She is active in arts institutions. Her #6 son Don does TV coverage for equestrian events. SBC horse persons should look him up—he's the handsome one. **Mary Lois Miller Carroll** has become a member of the Red Hat Society in Hammondsport NY (is that about wine?) and says our outsiders may be changing but I'm sure we're all as young as ever inside.

Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein and Hans, who has retired from Columbia, divide time between their NYC apartment and the twins' family home in Virginia. Daughter Danielle works at the NIH in Bethesda. **Harriet Thayer Elder**, bless her heart, says life is a joy. She loves her work as a therapist, biking in the NC mountains and time for family. And she's taking tango lessons. She asks, is that feisty enough? **Leila Booth Morris** and Jim are looking forward to a new retirement community in Columbus when it is built (2 yrs?). She is involved in finding homes for excess possessions among her children. Not to be envied!

Your old faithful and her consort. Bill, anticipate a six-week trek by train and car to the Olympic Peninsula and the San Juan Islands. I needed to see a rain forest. We'll drive down the coasts of Wa., Ore. and Cal. to be with our newest grandson, Billy Katz, on his first birthday in St. Helena. Our son, David, is the demonstration chef at Greystone, the Culinary Institute of America there. Stop and see him.

You have all been so wonderful about sending the news that they may have to print a magazine just for us. Keep it coming!

1953

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Notes by former secretary **Mary Ann Mellen Roor**: Since you all received that wonderful 50 Year Album and have now seen and read all about our fabulous classmates, I'll just make this report about Reunion.

What a grand, glorious, gay, giddy weekend! So much going on; so much to talk about; so much catching up to do; so much reminiscing, so little time.

The Class of '53 arrived in force all set to enjoy our 50th Reunion, and enjoy it we did. We numbered 49 members, 26 husbands (including Tom Shelton who came to represent his late wife, **Ginny Dunlap Shelton**), and four sons (the offspring of **Joan Brophy Tyree**). To be honest we can't truly say "we haven't changed a bit," but at least we were recognizable and still laughing.

Clear skies greeted our arrival and continued through the beautiful dinner held in our honor at the Waitles Center. President **Betsy Muihlenfeld** gave us each a certificate for 50 years of loyalty to SBC (sort of like a diploma, but we didn't have to take exams to get this one) and a pin. In turn, Dale made Betsy an honorary member of our class. She was surprised and thrilled (at least until Saturday morning—but more about that later).

Saturday dawned gray and wet and it stayed that way for the rest of the weekend. Luckily we had raincoats in preparation for our skit. We waded to breakfast in the new dining room behind Reid. Wonderful food in abundance. IHOP, eat your heart out! Then another soggy trek to Babcock for the Convocation. Ladies, we stole the show. Not only did we win all the prizes for giving (including 75.70% participation), but when we dropped our raincoats to show our Bikini T-shirts, it brought down the house. Who says 70 year olds can't have fun? We even gave one to our new member (The Pres), which she immediately donned and wore for the rest

of the meeting. She definitely has "The '53 Spirit." Thanks **Edie, Ginny, Lisbeth and Katzy** for making us "unforgettable."

After lunch came the dedication of OUR gates. The ceremony was moved inside as it continued to pour but we braved the elements afterwards for a picture with the Tyree men. They came from New York, Denver and London to see the finale of the work that their family helped start in 1963. Five years ago they made a challenge grant to help meet the cost of moving the gates to a new location. We thought the widening of Route 29 would be finished by now, but the Virginia Department of Highways seemed to have a different timetable in mind and the new entrance isn't anywhere near completion. SO instead of our gates welcoming you from the road, they are now installed at the entrance to the new student commons area where they will be used and admired up close every day. They really do look handsome in their new setting! "The Commons" is the area between Reid and Dew and Glass and Prothro. The dining hall, fabulous new Bookstore and Post Office are also on this site. Many thanks to the Tyrees and to all who contributed to this endeavor.

Saturday afternoon we bussed to Bedford, VA to see the splendid D-Day memorial. Our guide was terrific and the continuing rain didn't dampen her oratory or our reflections about that unforgettable day. Then we drove back toward Lynchburg and went back 150 years in history to Thomas Jefferson's "other home," Poplar Forest. Renovation is still going on there which makes it all the more interesting. You can see the inventiveness of Jefferson's design and the building methods of the 18th century.

Our adventures ended with cocktails and dinner at **Dale and Ted Harris'** wonderful home atop the hills of Lynchburg. The rain hampered our view of the mountains but not our enjoyment of the evening. The drumming drops on the roof of the tent only made us talk and laugh louder. Thanks, **Dale and Ted**, for your great hospitality.

The Sunday Chapel Service was lovely, with a special mention to all our classmates who have died. Our anticipated luncheon in the gardens of Sweet Briar House was moved inside to Prothro as the rain continued to fall. Farewells were said on the arcades and parlors rather than in the Quad, but the smiles were just as broad. We missed those of you who weren't there (we talked about you), and enjoyed those who were. It's been a great 50 years. SBC forever!

Post-Reunion Notes by new secretary **Isabel Parish**.

Class of 1953, HOORAY! Yes, indeed we are the exceptional class! (In my Reunion remarks below, please forgive me if, in my enthusiasm, I duplicate some of Mary Ann's excellent information.) Daisy would be so very proud of the newest members of her chain as we walked away with all the awards, Triple Crown, if you will! Our class won the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest reunion gift (\$121,101); we won the participation award for classes celebrating their 25-50th reunions; and we won the centennial award for total giving to all funds (\$408,463)! Our reunion was a tremendous success with classmates, husbands, plus those 4 lovely Tyree sons who added youth and charm to our celebration as they dedicated the Class of 53 Gates. So many of you contributed so generously to make our weekend the delightful and stimulating event that it was. We all enjoyed the Class Binder of biographical information put together so well by **M.A. Mellen Root** and **Maggie Graves**.

McClung, Dolly Wallace McLaughlin designed the very artistic cover. **Katzy Bailey Nager** and **June Arata Pickett** master-minded the drive and planned the ceremony for the SBC Gates relocation. **Edie Norman Wombwell, Ginny Hudson Toone** and **Lisbeth Gibson Brooks** planned the hilarious skit on Saturday morning that brought the house down when we flashed our raincoats and pranced around the stage in fleshy, gloriously endowed bikinis. President Betsy, good sport that she is, even joined us in this frivolity. **Kitty Guerrant Fields** and **Jane Perry Liles** planned the marvelous excursion for us on Saturday afternoon when we visited Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest retreat and the outstanding D-Day Memorial in Bedford. These gals also were our hostesses at the cocktail party, which preceded our magnificent dinner in that romantic tent at **Dale and Ted Harris'** Highview. Dale, with her usual competence was our guiding light this year as President and was so kind to once again entertain our class at her home. Incorporated within our Sunday service at the chapel was a fitting Memorial Service remembering our 26 classmates who have died... **Cinnie Morehead McNair** and **Connie Werly Wakelee** planned this for us. As I have said before, you never forget your school friends; they are your friends for life. I know you who returned for this Golden Anniversary loved every minute of being there, being together again, and being flooded with that bittersweet emotion of yesteryear and times past. We missed those who could not make it.

Thanks to the 20 of you who sent me news. Your cards and letters were interesting and a delight to receive, the prevailing theme being grandchild-

ren and travel. One of the earliest responses was a surprise call from **Joan Dean McCoy**, (now Joan Dean), whom we have not heard from since campus days. After her divorce in 1976, she is living in her old hometown, Maplewood, NJ; she has 3 children and regrets not being able to return to reunion as she will be in Sicily. Wonderful to see **Midge Chase Powell** for the first time in years. She and Bill recently had all 8 grandchildren visiting at the same time, and will soon take off for 3 weeks in Eastern Europe. While visiting her daughter in Atlanta, Midge enjoyed lunch with **Jane Yve Duggan**, who writes me and I quote: "I have no news. This is such fun...communicating by e-mail. Wish I had these years ago then maybe I would not have lost contact with folks over time. Always did prefer to type...even did Caroline's (Moody) term papers, typing in the bathroom at night so as not to disturb Eleanor (Johnson)!" She is as cute as ever!

A good conversation with **Nan Locke Rosa**, she wants all to correct her phone number in the recent print out: (334) 395-6963. She and Frank were at reunion, and hope not to be placed on the 3rd floor anymore, too old for that now! She's worn her bikini shirt at the pool and at the beach and admits it pleases her to still turn heads for whatever the reason! After reunion, they joined **Anne Elliott Caskie** and Challen at Wintergreen for 3 days' R&R. **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** and Garnett, joined by **Nancy McDonald**, enjoyed a few days in Barcelona, then took a cruise around the Iberian Coast, Bordeaux, St. Petersburg and on to Dover. Nancy will be moving to a knockout place on the ocean just a mile away from the Ashbys' and they are having fun preparing for this. Later in September Eleanor and Garnett will leave for a month in the NW Highlands of Scotland in the house at Applecross that they so dearly love.

Katzy Bailey Nager writes they've been busy with short trips to their place at Longboat Key FL and Bermuda and checking up on old friends in CA. **Cinnie Morehead McNair** and Norm from nearby Charleston recently spent a weekend with them. Katzy says they love their home on the lake and she's kayaking with a group and CJ is building a rowing scull. (What next, she says, an ark?) Cinnie says she's happy to be on the east coast, nearer to her buddies than in San Antonio. She and Norm loved being at reunion and hope not to have to wait another 5 years to reconvene. There is some thought that Dale might be able to arrange something on campus in 2 years, perhaps something better than dorms. The Florence Elston Inn? Sound good to

me!

A huge 50th Anniversary party in Norfolk was given by **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack with many classmates attending (**Betty Behlen Stone, Katy Turner Mears, Polly Sloan Shoemaker, Caroline Moody Roberts**, and husbands (did I miss anybody?) plus 40 other local and out of town guests. She and Jack are just back from a wonderful trip to the Czech Republic and Austria. She says Jack loved the beer! Then to Snowmass CO for a week of hiking. They have bought a condo in Ponte Vedra, FL near their children where they will enjoy part of the year. Sweet **Nan O'Keefe**, (she and I had such good visits at reunion every morning while brushing our teeth!) wants everyone who did not get back to know what a great time it was and how much they were missed. She is going to France on a small tour in May 2004, and hopes the world situation becomes more stable, but she's going anyway.

I received a long letter from **Betty Boone Lewis** in Henderson NV. She married Hal, a Naval Academy graduate in 1952. They have 6 children and 7 grandchildren and following scores of moves and dozens of adventures they settled in Las Vegas where "life is quite normal off the strip." Betty says that since retirement Hal has thrown her out of the kitchen and become a gourmet (at-home) chef. She went pro-active and presently is President of the Republican Women in Las Vegas. **Patti Tighe Walden** writes that she is still basking in the glow of the 50th. She is moving to PA to be close to her daughter Emily and family. She enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean in June and ends by saying, "I hear we are all supposed to wear our bikinis on Halloween (that should scare off the trick or treaters) and think of '53."

Hola from Merida, Mexico where **Sallie Gayle Beck** and Doug have just moved into a new house, small, light and airy, something she has wanted for a long time. Her mailing address in Laredo, TX remains the same. Another international response is from **Margaret May Iolster** who brings us up to date after a 50 year hiatus. She lived and worked for a year in London (1954) then came back to Argentina and married Thorleif Iolster, a Norwegian descent Argentine, had 3 children and now 3 grandchildren. They are all well and happy despite living under one corrupt government after another. Margaret is active in her church, and Garden Club. Upon receiving her SBC "album" she felt very nostalgic and wished she had gone to the reunion but it was such a distance. She'd love to hear from any classmates.

Kay Vennard LeBlanc has enjoyed a "family summer" with a long visit from her daughter and grandsons in

Toronto and two trips to Boulder to see her eldest son and his 2 boys. **Caroline Miller Ewing** missed reunion but writes that some are planning one in Charleston '04 in the fall. She's back on the golf course, her grandchildren are into horses, new houses, new schools, and exciting times in Louisville and Nashville. She looks forward to Sarasota this winter. Also missing reunion, **Lisbeth Gibson Brooks** felt she had to remain home with her daughter, Mary, who was having her 1st baby and expecting a difficult time. Fortunately, all went well and little Sara Elizabeth is doing just fine. She and George later enjoyed a splendid trip to Alaska.

Only with us one day at reunion, **Janie Pieper Meredith** and **Bill** made two of their quick trip and it was fun to see them however briefly. Sadly, Janie got pneumonia on June 25 and was in the hospital 10 days. No more cigs, she says. Right after reunion, **Anne King Dietrich** and **Beau** headed for a 10 day trip up the coast of CA, partly a Naval Academy class gathering and visits with old friends and seeing again old places. They enjoyed lunch at the Getty hosted by **Ginger Timmons Ludwick**, and, as Anne says, "A pretty good trade-off for the loan of Beau's aging raincoat to protect from the rains of reunion and for our stage appearance!" Their next trip will probably be Japan where their son Kig has taken command of the same base as his dad 27 years ago.

Dave and **Connie Werly Wakelee** spent their 51st wedding anniversary in Greenville, ME on Moosehead Lake with their family. They boated and picnicked and played nightly card games. A memorable week with gorgeous weather. Another family gathering in Falmouth Foreside with nieces and nephews and grilled lobster, corn on the cob and homemade ice cream. They'll be visiting **Dickie Wellborn Hopper** and Dave in the fall and the Picketts are coming up in September.

As for Hav and me, yes we still are flying and as a Federal Aviation Medical Examiner, Hav does pilot physicals here in our home....I get to hold the eye chart and do the typing, this being the zenith of my professional career! After 40 years of some neglect, Hav's 65 Jaguar has recently been restored to its former gorgeous grandeur and is now the trailer queen, being shown all over the USA. As soon as the showing is over, we'll drive it all over....just 2 old fools with the top DOWN and the Dixieland UP. Life is fun and our 13 grandchildren look on with envy! All for now. What a wonderful class we are. I love you all and continue to be very proud to be a part of the lovely Sweet Briar Family. I am sure you feel the same way. Until next year!

1954

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This is the beginning of a very important time for our class! Our reunion next May will be our 50th—one you just cannot miss. Let's have a record turnout and beat every previous class in percentages returning!

We send our condolences to the family of **Barbara Day**, who passed away last spring. Her name was included in the Memorial Service during reunion.

Ann Collins Teachout and **Dilly Johnson Jones** both had orthopedic surgery on the same day earlier this year—Dilly had a successful knee replacement and Ann had ankle-tendon-foot surgery that was going to keep her laid up for quite a while. We hope all is well now. **Ruthie Frye Deaton** and **Hugo** are sailing on their boat, *Salty Mistress*, as I'm writing in August, after its repairs in Maine. **Anne Sheffield Hale** and **Bradley** sent a beautiful picture of the Lodge at Paulding Place, a plantation home that they have renovated in Marengo County, AL. From Christmas cards of 2002, we learn that **Lynn Carlton** and **Mike Mc Caffree** continue to enjoy living at Goodwin House and the activities there. **Lynn** is still very involved at both the library and the church, especially with successful book sale fund raisers. They vacationed in Colorado, Key West, and Utah last year as well as their annual trip to the Shenandoah Valley with family. **Anne Thomas** and **Tom Donohue** took a Scandinavian cruise including St. Petersburg where the museums and palaces were impressive but the rest of the city was oppressive in disrepair. The town of Tallinn, Estonia, was particularly charming. They also traveled to Mexico.

As usual, no one can top **Jerry Driesbach Ludeke** for unusual activities. In February the whole family arrived for a surprise 70th birthday party, including her sons playing the bagpipes. Ten days later Jerry went to China to teach English. She lived Chinese-style in the home of her principal and didn't see another Western face for four months. She gave two-hour illustrated talks twice a week to 200 Chinese English teachers and helped the schools recruit other English teachers as well as teaching elementary school, of course. Her wonderful diary of her time in China can be seen at www.wesleybakkers-field.org Click on "ministries-social service-Jerry's China Journal"—a long read, but so good! Before she left for China, she finished the book on the Chinese of Kern County. And naturally

had a week backpacking near Yosemite as well as lots of church activities. In November she did an Eldertrek in Thailand and Cambodia—makes me tired just to write it! Jerry's granddaughter was an au pair in Germany—her parents, Jerry's son and family, still live in Costa Rica.

Cindy Sinclair Rutherford has finally retired after 35 years in education, the last eight of which were as Assistant Professor of Education at Newman University. She loved her whole career, but feels it is time to stop. Of course she will still be helping alumnae and students with career guidance and relocation in the Wichita area. **Bill Rutherford's** garden bells continue to do very well—see them in catalogs.

I haven't heard further, so am presuming that all the problems **Meri Hodges Major** had with her right foot in 2002 have continued to abate. After months of trouble, she had to have surgery to remove and replace pins that had been put in in '87. This was followed by a severe reaction to the bandages and she ended up with four months in a wheelchair, during which she continued with the house tours at Belle Air. She then went to a walker and then a cane, and hopefully now is fully ambulatory.

Thom and **Caroline 'Kobo' Chobot Garner** went all over the southeast visiting family and friends and have done lots of things with the grandchildren, as I'm sure the rest of you have too. As you can see I don't have news on very many people—hint, hint. Email is the best way to tell me what you're doing these days. Almost everything I have written here is from Christmas cards from last year, so it definitely isn't up to date. **Bill** and I seem to be unable to stay away from Africa and went again last spring to South Africa and Botswana. I have journalled the trip with much better pictures than usual and you can see the letters on my website: www.toogoodstudios.com They are also a long read, but it might convince you to go to Africa while you still can and while it's still there. We also went to the wedding of friends in Las Vegas—the bride was 71 and the groom was 73. Elvis wasn't at the wedding but he did come to the one immediately following! Everyone should experience Vegas once. I have cut down to just a few art shows a year now—putting up the tent and everything is just too much work—especially after my helper moved away. The gallery continues to prosper thanks to our charming building, which all the tourists come to see. **Bill** is continuing to recover slowly from polyomyelitis and I have just gotten out of the hospital with pericarditis, an infection of the membrane around the heart, which while painful, was much better

than all the alternatives that they thought it might be. I guess it's our age—seems like an infirmity in nearly every paragraph!

Now it's time to really get started on our reunion plans. We will be guests of the college, so there's no excuse not to come. We are all old so don't worry how you look. We need a skit for the big meeting, so if you have any ideas at all, please email me or Dilly_jonespd@bellsouth.net or Ruthie_hdeaton@charter.net Or call or write to any of us! I'm sure you will be hearing from our fund people about an appropriate gift to celebrate our fifty years of friendship started with our meeting each other at Sweet Briar to these many years ago. What wonderful things have been accomplished by our class—come and celebrate with everyone!

1955

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"This is the best time of my life," was the refrain, the message that arrived again and again in response to our Class Note inquiry. It appears that our lives have been both fruitful and successful in multiple ways—and that we are smart enough to acknowledge as individuals and collectively our well being and our bounty.

Which, of course, in no wise conflicts our knowledge that 1957 is simply the best class ever to have attended and graduated from Sweet Briar.

Mary Anne Wilson said *adios* to the Junior Year in Spain program, which she directed for 15 years. Under her tenure the budget deficit she inherited disappeared, participation grew from eight to between 85 and 100 students and Mary Anne earned lots of air miles jetting between Washington and Seville. The Alumnae Association hosted a well-earned *muchas gracias* fiesta for Mary Anne in May, which drew classmates **Anne Wilson Rowe**, **Flo Barclay Winston**, **Jody Raines Brinkley**, **Mary Landon Smith**, **Nancy Godwin Baldwin** and for her first-return-to-

campus visit ever, **Roberta Malone Henderson**. Ultimately Mary Anne will retire to Madrid where her daughter and three grandsons live.

Unable to make it to Mary Anne's goodbye dinner was **Ninie Laing**, who revels in her life on the farm and her garden club activities. It was garden club duties that kept Ninie away from the party.

Travel and grandchildren continue to play a large role in our lives. **Diane Duffield Wood** and **Babs Falge Openshaw** took Vienna, Salzburg, Prague and Budapest by storm last fall, and joined each other again in May to celebrate their 50th high school reunion.

The much-traveled but seldom seen **Roberta Malone Henderson** and Ian devote their time with their three sons living in New York, Boston and Atlanta, and their 13 grands, as well as Canada, and when last heard from were leaving for Ireland.

Jackie Ambler Cusick and Ralph remain water oriented, wintering on Captiva Island off the west coast of Florida, and getting there via the Inland Waterway from their boat's Delaware mooring.

Priscilla Bowdle Lamont accepted my challenge to respond to Class Notes before I died and went to heaven. Lots of catching up to do and my plan is to bring us up to date in several issues. Pris and David have three daughters, one son and four grands. They continue to live on their farm site in Woodstone, NJ, with lots of animals. Pris spent 15 years as a high school psychologist and is currently working part time providing psychological evaluations for schools that do not have Child Study teams. Her best and most enjoyable times are spent with the grands, Pris says.

And news from another long-time-no-hear classmate, **Jane Rather Thiebaud**, who calls Winter Harbor, ME home, is traveling the US in a huge "Big Rig" tractor trailer (she sent a picture), and among other things, is doing genealogical research on her Texas "roots."

Joan Lawson Kuhns and Greg focus their energy trying to save the "family farm," which Joanie says is a "losing proposition." They spend much time on the road visiting grands all over the country, as only one of their four children lives in Louisville.

Still one more classmate down on the farm is **Helene Bauer Magruder**, whose husband Alan retired recently from academia. Helene and Alan repaired to a small farm outside Des Moines, where they maintain "extensive gardens and water gardens" to keep themselves occupied. They were off on a jaunt to Russia when Helene wrote.

Anne Ford Melton continues to boycott email, but was certainly on

top of things for her 50th high school reunion which was the best attended reunion in her school's history; **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** also reports attending a successful 50th in Atlanta, where on another date she visited with **Enid Slack**, who was there from Denver (Enid also spends some part of her summers in Maine), where she continues to write celebrity news features for the Mile High City; and remaining on the 50th high school track, **Kay Diane Moore Bowles**, says hers was also a great success. Her second son recently married so KD and John are down to each other in their D. C. home.

Chris Smith Lowry was one of two to attend her 50th reunion at St. Anne's, which she described as something of a disappointment. She and Britt see **Nancy Shuford Dowdy** frequently. Nancy and Britt played golf for first in a benefit golf tourney.

Alice Barnes Robertson denotes herself as "retired" from teaching at her Rocky Mt., NC community college but continues to teach 14 hours a week. Is there an oxymoron somewhere in that sentence? Alice devotes much of her time to her son Greg who is a Huntington's disease invalid.

Elaine Floyd Fisher reports that her husband has retired after teaching US History in Arcadia, CA (next door to Pasadena) for 30 years. With this background we expect a good interpretative analysis of the California recall election for the 2004 Notes.

Anne McGrath Lederer and **Emily Stenhouse Richardson** each find life to be good from their Virginia country homes—after each resolved some construction pain. Emily was just completing her home with barn attached (horses remain a good part of her life) and is still teaching; Anne was looking forward to completion of year long renovations of her home and welcoming home son, a captain in the US Marine Corps reserves.

Continuing to successfully buck the chain bookstore monolith is **Beth McMahan Tolbert** in Oklahoma City. Beth and Jimmy recently added a café to the independent bookstore, which Beth calls an endangered specie. From her landlocked Oklahoma base, Beth would love Flo Winston to define "a Figure Eight."

Which, by the by, survived the worst of the last hurricane to hit **Flo** and **Charlie Winston's** homes at Figure Eight. Flo and Charlie and Jody went to Cuba in February (do any of us really believe that Fidel Castro was ready for Jody's first trip home since the bearded one took over her island?). Then, Flo, Charlie, Jody and **Sandra Simpson** traveled together on the SBC trip to Russia. (I doubt Putin was ready for Jody either.) Both trips were sponsored by SBC.

As was the trip that **Nannette**

McBurney Crowds and **Cynnie Wilson Ottaway** took to Prague and Vienna. Cynnie moved from the glory of "New Europe" to back surgery and a lengthy, but successful recovery. **Anna Pai** and David went down to Florida to see Cynnie, and while there Anna's golf ball was in collision with a palm tree and ricocheted into her eye, which ended the week's golf. Super photog Anna recommends shatterproof glasses for all of us.

Nannette, as ever peripatetic, and **Margery Scott Johnson** visited **Charlotte Heuer de Serio** in **Charlotte's** new just outside Philadelphia home, to visit the new Kimmel Center and to attend a Philadelphia Orchestra performance. Charlotte was again in Fort Lauderdale for a period, taking new and highly valued family addition, Bonnie the Westie.

Page Phelps Coulter mustered the energy after cleaning out her home for the past 38 years to say she is now in New Hampshire—Top of the World Road, Center Sandwich, NH 03227. What an address! Told you we had an upbeat class.

The stroke **Natalie Wittich Morrow** suffered in 1999 has slowed her minimally—she and husband Paul have moved into a wheelchair accessible apartment, Natalie remains active in her church, enjoyed a fairly recent visit from **Margie Whitsun Aude** and Fritz and took the entire family on a July and August cruise to the Caribbean.

Like Natalie, **Carroll Weitzel Rivers** had no intention of giving in to her stroke. Carroll says it ceased her chatter "momentarily." Are any of us surprised? Carroll is still painting and riding horseback and applauds husband Buist for his ability to entertain himself.

Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun "bounced right back" in the words of husband Dr. Bill Calhoun, from major heart surgery and is out doing her thing for the current Natchez tour. Their cardiologist son insisted Ruth Ellen get her heart checked out while the family was vacationing at Figure Eight, so before major damage was done, Ruth Ellen had her surgery.

Baba Conway Debicki ended 30 years of association with the Kansas Study Abroad program, departed forthwith for several months in Paris and Florence where her husband was teaching. Spouse Andy underwent chemo for esophageal cancer just as Baba moved her 96-year-old mom from Connecticut to Kansas. Baba is extraordinarily upbeat and promises to be with us on our 50th.

Even though she and Robert Lee sold the Inn a couple of years ago, **Suzy Neblett Stephens** can't stay away from the water. They just finished a new place, "Bonefish Flat" on

Cat Cay. Suzy relays news that **Marylew Cooper Redd's** husband Lee died in early June.

Carolyn Scott Arnold continues to live in and love Hawaii, life she describes as "a delicious rut."

From the West Coast **Dagmar Halmagyi Yon** and her best bud, Bud, had a super time in Costa Rica, faced down the crater of the Arenal volcano, took float trips, brought seedlings back into the country (if the California Agriculture Department is reading this, Dagmar is joking). She and Bud then spent some time in Delaware and Virginia, where Bud got to see for the first time the glories of redbud, dogwood, weeping cherries—the glories of spring on the East Coast.

Saynor Johnson Ponder exemplifies the "sandwich generation," she says, helping with her mom who is 97 and eight live-wire grandchildren. It is up to the Georgia contingent to kidnap Saynor and bring her back in 2007.

Flo Winston and I left the board at Sweet Briar in April, leaving Anne Wilson Rowe to keep the 1957 flag hoisted high.

Dudley and I continue to dodge the heat of Austin during summers. We drive to Maine, because my Golden Retriever, she of two artificial hips, refuses to get into a crate. It is 4,500 miles round trip from Texas to Camden, ME. Had another great visit from **Sandra Stingily Simpson**, who is still painting up a storm—sold out at a Birmingham show. Also got a brief Camden visit from **Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas** and her dashing beau, "Handsome William," who had Dudley goggle-eyed recounting his bungee jumping adventure in New Zealand before the rest of the world knew brave hearts were plunging straight down from the famed bridge. **Lee Haskell Mack** who hangs out at the Cape during summertime thought she might sail far enough north to visit, but could not get there.

If you looked for news in the magazine that just came out, do not call SBC to complain. The fault was mine. I will again ask for news in the fall. If you have an email address, please, please do provide it to me. I will respond to all mail at the following address: cfwler@attglobal.net.

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Greetings, everyone! Snow is on

the ground as I write this, but it should be nice and warm by the time you read it. With the new system for collecting news (explained in a box at the beginning of the Class Notes section), I heard mostly from those of you who are on e-mail, where I could put out a plea for news and a reminder of the deadline. If others are now on e-mail, please let me or the college know your address. News sent by regular mail is welcome too, of course.

Pat Frawley Gales earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Charter Oak State College, CT in June '02. She completed her work "online" over a two-year period. She learned the intricacies of the computer and the World Wide Web, and was published in the Mark Twain Journal for an interview she did with author Peter Heck, and also earned academic honors. Congratulations, Pat. Pat and Doug live in Chestertown, MD and have 11 grandchildren.

To **Barbara Sampson Borsch** the best news of the year was the arrival of their first grandchild, John Frederick Borsch ("Jack"), who was born on 9/26/02 to their son Matthew Borsch and Betsy Bastien. Barbara wonders, "Since Tabb is Matthew's godmother, does that make Jack her grand-godchild?" Her husband Fred has found a job in New Haven with the *El* Episcopalians, so she is now a cross-country commuter, but detours to Manhattan every time to see Jack!

Ginny Robinson Harris says she is more active than ever. She is involved in a new Arts Alliance in Highlands, NC to support the marketing of all the arts—visual, literary, educational, and performing. Her Sweet Briar daughter, who is a veterinarian, had a baby last summer. They travel a lot, mostly in connection with her interest in gardening, and spent Thanksgiving in New Orleans with their son and his wife in their new home. Ginny finds it hard to believe that we have entered the decade of our 50th!

From **Gay Hart Gaines** comes news that their second son, Ralph was married at the Greenbrier on 8-31-02. She and Stanley celebrated a "sometimes noisy and chaotic" Christmas 2002 in Vail with all 4 children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. She has been elected president of the Palm Beach Republican Club, and is working hard to impact the 2004 elections. A big part of her life is devoted to being Florida's vice regent to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, where they are conducting an 85-million-dollar campaign to build a new orientation center, museum, and educational center. Her granddaughter, Alexandra Gaines was accepted at SBC and is still undecided—Gay finds it hard to believe that

she has a granddaughter the age that she was when she met Stanley at SBC! Amazingly, Gay's SBC class ring, which had been stolen during a robbery about 15 years ago, turned up for sale in 2002 on E-bay, and SBC, learning of this, traced it to her through the initials in it and called her!

Judy Sorley Chalmers is happily engaged to a "lovely Englishman", Kep Simpson, a widower with four grown, married children and 12 1/2 grandchildren. They are living in Summit, NJ, and will also maintain a home in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, about an hour north of London. English grandchildren visit frequently to "do New York", and she says they are having a wonderfully happy time merging their families. Her oldest son, Doug, an attorney in Atlanta, now has three little ones, and her daughter, Cameron Maguire, will graduate from Univ. of Utah Medical School's Physician Assistant program this summer. Son Christopher remains in NYC as a VP of Credit Suisse.

"I do what most of us do in enjoying children and grandchildren", writes **Harriet Henderson Stubbfield**. She and Austin took a trip to Chile in November with the International Food and Wine Society, for a week of elaborate wining and dining with others from many countries. They then traveled all the way down in Patagonia, staying at Explora. She went horseback riding and took half-day hikes, while he climbed on glaciers and took the "difficult" hikes. She says her new hiking boots were a "dead give-away" when she got into discussions with others in her group about the different mountains around the world that they had climbed!

Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill says the best news she has is the birth of her first granddaughter, Ella Meriwether, born 4-12-02 to her daughter Katharine and son-in-law, Mark. In the spring of '02 they had a family reunion for a family wedding in New Mexico, where she loved having "all four of her children and all four of her grandchildren in one place instead of scattered in this country and overseas."

In Charlotte NC **Betsy Smith White** enjoys seeing **Crisa Cox Ware's** daughter, **Mary Ware Gibson** (SBC '83) who lives right down the street from her. Betsy says she is not doing anything interesting but enjoying her grandchildren, Bill's retirement, and "volunteer stuff".

Courtney Gibson Pelley reports that all the excitement they had was a trip to Cuba for two weeks in December. They are building a house at Emerald Isle on the Sound, and she thinks Herb thinks they are moving there!

Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb

recently received recognition for compiling a collection of letters and interviews concerning Pearl S. Buck. She is working on cataloguing them online, to provide an Internet source for Buck Scholars and for Randolph-Macon Woman's College, where she taught for 28 years.

Judy Welton Sargent and John were in New Orleans earlier this year with their daughter Catherine, and she wrote the following: "We went to Trinity Church (Hill Riddle's church) for services. Some of you may remember Hill from UVA 1958, and as I discovered this morning, he is Tab Thornton's cousin. Fleming was there as she is here teaching Bible study for a couple of weeks. We had a nice visit. Small world!"

I do not have any special news to report about myself and my family at this time—we are just thankful for good health and the opportunity to spend some time each year at our cottage on Kiawah Island, SC. Remember, our news can now go in all issues of the Alumnae Magazine. Please let me hear from you!

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Warm winter greetings to '61! I trust this finds all of us in temperate surroundings, whatever the weather outside. We continue our varied activities, working, volunteering, traveling, being friends and family. **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** had an exhibition, "Palimpsest" at the International Curatorial Space in Chelsea in New York last June. Visitors included **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton**, **Celia Williams Dunn**, **Molly Haskell**, **Molly Owens Parkinson**, **Fran Hanahan**, **Phyllis Joyner**, **Yana Wagg**, **Gardephe**, **Christine Rangel**, **Carrington Braeman** and **Judith Wall**, daughters of classmate **Judith Atkins Wall**. In August she vacationed in Glenwood Springs on the Colorado River (205-871-3646).

Linda MacArthur Hollis delights in grandson Connor in North Carolina, where she and Bob will close on a new house in Flat Rock this summer, as well as in her granddaughters in Connecticut. Last August, she and Bob boarded a cruise ship fitted out with kayaks and zodiacs for up-close visits to the Alaska shoreline. They were in the midst of a herd of hump-

back whales and saw Orcas, moose, caribou, grizzlies, wolves, and Denali without its usual veil of clouds. In the New Year, they'll go on a tiger photo safari in India. **Winifred Storey Davis** and Tread welcomed their 4th granddaughter, Sarah Lynn Davis, last March, and hope for another SBC student in the family. All their sons are in the southeast, so they see them either in Atlanta or up in Cashiers, NC. Our other new grandchild, her second, was born in August to **Lou Chapman Hoffman's** son Richard, a Washington area resident.

Fran Brackenridge Neumann visits the 7 western states for the Garden Clubs of America, and goes to New York 4 times a year in this "full and fun volunteer job". She saw **Mary Denny Scott Wray** in Fishers Island last fall. **Mary Denny** serenely enjoys her children and grandbabies along with her work at the Botanical Garden and symphony.

Fritz and Suzanne Seaman Berry traveled "all over the world" last winter, with Fritz teaching in Japan, Malawi, South Africa, Kerala in south-east India, Mexico, Canada and Taiwan. The Berrys take a few days to tour in each spot after the workshop ends. They also visited Florida and California. Fritz had knee replacement surgery, then therapy, which he thought worse. Last summer he continued to get stronger, and went back to work. Son Hayden and his wife Cathy now have a new home, but last summer all four spent time at their Rappahannock home, where they see **Bill and Patti Powell Pusey**. Suzanne dines with **Susan Cone Scott** every so often and sees **Rose Beverly Burke Emery** at the Boar's Head Sports Club. Last November, they returned to India and then Bhutan.

We welcome back Michael and **Zanne Carr Fitzgerald**, who spent 12 years in the rain forest of Guyana, living in a trailer in the middle of a bauxite mine. "Interesting, but I was glad when it ended." "Our little spot of 'heaven' is on the Atlantic shore in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Zanne has taken up golf, and is "addicted" to it while also enjoying the beach. Two children are in California and the third, plus three grandchildren, are in Knoxville, "but we make it work!" Dick and **Faith Bullis Mace** spend January through the first week in April on the golf coast, 20 miles from Tampa, and would love to get in touch with classmates in that area. They enjoy their 7th grandchild and 3 out of her 4 are living within 25 miles of Potomac. She had foot surgery in May, and spent the summer biking and swimming, since she was unable to enjoy tennis or golf. They also travel to Boston, New York City and Denver twice yearly to visit Dick's sons and mom. October was also spent fishing the gulf

On Grand Lake in Colorado John and **Alicia Laing Salisbury** spent a good deal of the summer with children and grandchildren. In September they toured Portugal and Spain with a couple from Peoria with whom they traveled last year. In summer of 2002, **Patti Anderson Warren** spent a month in Iberia, then 2 weeks in the Baltic. **Margaret Gwahlmer** divides her time between her garden along a "creek" south of Annapolis and her apartment on Telegraph Hill in San Francisco. She and Jean and **Bette Hutchins Shariand** crowded when they lured George and **Susie Prichard Pace** to the MD side of the Potomac to hang out in a fun fish house.

In Washington, Lennart and **Willia Fales Eckerberg** purchased an apartment in the same neighborhood, so they can "close the door" and visit grandchildren in Sweden or Australia. They had a great summer in Sweden with all their children and grandchildren coming and going. Willia stopped in Edinburgh on her way home. **Patti Anderson Warren** has been elected to her fourth term on the Marin County School Board, where she visits classrooms and listens to teachers. She spent a week camping in the Trinity Alps in northern CA and a week in CO. with grandchildren last summer. The family gave thanks for her younger son's baby in November, and also includes two "yearling" Siberian Husky puppies. The family and the puppies enjoy a new home in an evergreen forest on a few acres outside Truckee, near Lake Tahoe, CA, where the altitude is 6500 feet. In Annapolis, **Bette Hutchins Shariand** continues shuffling papers in the House of Delegates, dodging budget cuts and grinning often.

1962

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I apologize for the minimal column but SBC no longer sends out those postcards—a cost-cutting measure. I sent my e-mail address but guess it didn't work. Now I'll start fresh and you can contact me at any time with all your news at: momad@earthlink.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

1963

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Our 40th Reunion was a rare experience! 34 of us gathered and not even a cold, rainy weekend could dampen our enthusiasm! **Anne Carter Brothers** hit the nail on the head by quoting Maya Angelou: "Though my hair has turned gray and my skin no

longer fits, on the inside it's the same old me, it's the outside's changed a bit!" Actually I thought we looked pretty darned good! Anne's artwork was displayed at reunion and a number of classmates purchased or ordered her paintings. I've appreciated hearing from everyone as I take over the secretary's duties from **Katharine Blackford Collins** who did such a super job. Our new class president is **Stevie Fontaine Keown**. Unfortunately almost my first post-reunion news concerned the death of Stevie's mother. Our sympathy, Stevie, and also to **Karen Gill Meyer** who lost her mother the week before reunion which meant she could not join us. **Sallie Von Williams'** mom died just before Christmas. We are gradually losing the last of that great-est generation.

Karen did travel to Richmond in June and had a good visit with **Lucy Boyd Lemon Edmonds**. Karen and Jim spend most summer weekends in Coronado, escaping the Phoenix heat. **Betty Stanly Cates** hoped to see Stevie over Labor Day weekend, then Betty and a friend are off for Ireland on an Academic Arrangements Abroad tour. She's one of many traveling about the summer of 2003, despite doom and gloom in the travel industry. **Jean Meyer Aloe** and Ed spent a week in July at Oxford University taking a course on medieval castles then Jean will return to Europe in September for a writing workshop in Tuscany. Jean and **Jane Goodridge** did such a good job on our reunion fund raising that they were persuaded to keep the job! Jane sent news of **McNair Currie Maxwell** who was planning travel to Myrtle Beach then on to London during the summer. Jane had also heard from **Maxine Tichenor Green** who lives in London but was coming to the US to help one of her daughters move to Sag Harbor. Maxine stays in touch with another British resident, **Cathy Detmar Nicholls**, who is working on a cookbook for a national cancer research organization. **Lisa Wood Hancock** is a double international traveler—she and I enjoyed a lovely train trip in Switzerland followed by a river cruise through Provence just before reunion, then she and Pete cruised the Baltic in July. Lisa said St. Petersburg didn't disappoint but their favorite port was Oslo. And **Ann Knickerbocker McCullough** told of a 3-week trip to Spain with Bill, her Dallas Seminary professor and five other students, just after the birth of their fifth grandchild. Many of those staying closer to home were involved with children and grandchildren. **Lee Kuciewicz Parham** survived "Gigi Camp" (Lee is Gigi to her grandchildren), a week of local sightseeing and activities for two grandchildren plus niece and nephew,

ages 3-10. She and John will take a quick trip to the Smokies before Lee resumes teaching French at GPS. **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ spent their "traditional family vacation" at Nags Head, NC, in July, 31 strong ranging from 8 months to 75 years! **Keitt Matheson Wood** reports ten great days at North Litchfield Beach, SC, with children, grandchildren and siblings. We're looking forward to seeing Keitt and Frank overnight here in November after Frank has hip replacement surgery in October. He needs to take a lesson from **Ginger Cates Mitchell** who had the same procedure shortly after reunion and staged a speedy recovery; she says she "may turn in a few more joints for replacement since this was such a snap!" **Lyn Clark Pegg** was at Sweet Briar just prior to reunion and a number of us met up with her at the Briar Patch Inn (which has since burned, sad news!). She reports two grandchildren not far away, rewarding employment with the U of MN, travel to Nicaragua with Witness for Peace and sailing on Lake Superior. **Judy Johnson Varn** hoped to attend **Betsy Parker McColli's** daughter's wedding in Columbia August 9—we need a report on that wedding, Betsy! **Nancy Nix-Karnakis** attended the wedding of Lillian Norborn Alexander's ('65) daughter in May and had a chance to visit with **Lucy Otis Anderson** and David. Nancy continues to work as a proposal manager for Northrop Grumman and says when she stops having fun she'll retire and become a lady of leisure. **Sallie Von Williams** missed reunion due to a conflict with her son Courtney's graduation from NYC/Stern with an MBA; Courtney's now working for MGM in the International Networks Division. Older son Whit is Daddy to Sallie's first grandchild, Allegra Sophia, born in February. Sallie is still writing and publishing, working with a group in Reno with a three book contract all due next spring. **Ann Funkhouser Strle-Kurz** has also just made deadline with her new needlework book, "Backgrounds—The Finishing Touch". Ann enjoys twice yearly trips to Zurich to visit her son and grandsons. After managing our reunion so beautifully our former class president, **Nancy Dixon Brown**, spent the summer getting youngest daughter Elizabeth off to Old Miss. Change of address: **Tish Skinner Dace** writes that she's now living in Bonaire and "every morning I wake up grinning because I live in paradise." Tish became a certified scuba diver when she was 60 and sent a great picture of herself underwater. She retired from teaching in June, 2002, now enjoys working as a full-time writer, mostly about theatre, and reviews plays in New York when she travels there. Two sons, one a

writer in Los Angeles and the other a filmmaker in the UK, and two grandsons, a 17 year old starting college and a 12 year old professional actor in London. Finally does anyone have a current address for **Robin Swaim Davis**? Her postcard to a Memphis address was returned to me. Heinz and I and our oldest daughter traveled to Istanbul, the Greek Islands and eventually Berlin right after reunion, and are now enduring the end of a hot Texas summer after a glorious month in the mountains of Colorado. Although I gave up visiting new clients several years ago I still have enough travel business to keep me busy and enjoy working from home. Anyone coming to the Dallas area please let me know, and continue to send your news—our next notes will be due in a short few months!

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Best wishes to all you wonderful women from the illustrious class of 1965! I was happy to hear from all those who wrote in response to my postcard, (all by e-mail, I might add, in the absence of the school's tear-off postcard this year. Is snail-mail doomed?)

I must begin with an apology to **Wiggie McGregor Leon** (who now goes by her lovely given name Olivia). She wrote her news on Feb. 2, 2002, (way before the deadline), but the NYC Postal Service didn't get around to dispatching it until Feb. 19, after my column had gone to SBC. (Maybe snail-mail should be doomed!) At any rate, a year ago Olivia wrote that she "continues to love living in NYC, in spite of Sept. 11. Quite a remarkable city, and the people who live here are also amazing." She has been at the St. John Boutique since June of 1998, and loves the people and the environment. In addition, she has been a tenured professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology since January of 1977. She is on the Altar Guild and also ushers at St. James Episcopal Church on Madison Ave., where she taught Sunday school for 15 years. Her daughter, Olivia McBurney Leon, graduated from the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania in June of 1998, and now loves working at the "Oxygen TV" channel. Olivia sends everyone her best.

Also from NYC, **Magda Salvesen** writes that she was the consultant editor for a new book, *Jan Schueler: To the North*, which was published in October of 2002. Schueler has been called by critics "one of the most original artists associated with the 1950's New York art scene," and the book contains more than 90 of his paintings, extracts from his autobiographical writings, and studies of the artist by his contemporaries. Magda also sent an impressive list of the courses she will teach and the lectures she will give during 2003, at The New School, New York Botanical Garden, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and New York Studio School. An art and garden historian, Magda has just been elected to the board of The Queens Botanical Garden in New York.

I had a nice note from **Fair MacRae Gouldin**, who lives in Ithaca, NY. Her husband Fred is with Cornell University, and Fair has retired from the University's arboretum. The Gouldins are looking forward to a six-month sabbatical in Livermore, CA. Fred will be at Sandia Corporation, where he took his first sabbatical in 1976. Their children Ann and Andrew are in Washington, DC, and Cary is in NYC. Fair and Fred are hoping to take over her mother's 1830s farm on the Eastern Shore (of Chesapeake Bay): "beautiful view, splendid birds, and spectacular sunsets." Fair adds, "Life is very good."

From Memphis, TN, **Stephanie Eggleston Harrow** writes that several years ago she began painting in earnest. She is now selling paintings from her home, as well as in several galleries in Memphis and Mississippi. (I wish I could reproduce for you the lovely diptych she attached to her e-mail.) Her first solo exhibition will take place in March, 2003, at the Memphis Botanic Gardens. Stephanie began by painting for herself. She says, "Much to my surprise, my work is getting quite popular, and I have sold an amazing amount in a very short time. Last month I had a private showing in Little Rock and sold over half my work in two hours." She hopes it keeps up! Stephanie has enjoyed having SBC alumna **Ginger Collier** from Atlanta as a neighbor.

I had an interesting letter from **Laura Haskell Phinizy**, who lives in Augusta, GA. She writes that daughter Laura's husband Keith returned in Sept., 2002, from his military assignment in Bahrain. "He loved his intelligence work," says Laura. She adds that although of course he could not divulge specifics, he indicated that there was, even at that time, ample evidence of Iraq's misbehavior. Laura's daughter Marion and son-in-law Wesley live on St. Simon's, and they are expecting their first child in June, 2003. Daughter Louise is living

at home and attending the University of South Carolina to get a master's in Library and Information Sciences. "We are loving having her here," says Laura, and I know she means it, as she and husband Stewart are adding an addition to their home to accommodate Louise and future grandchildren. Laura and Stewart are still in the residential real estate business. Says Laura: "I dare not let him retire with all of his energy."

Also from GA, **Elvira McMillan Tate** sent a splendid photo of her family at Christmas time, including her three grandchildren. Her youngest son Edward is a first-year law student at U.Va.

Melinda Musgrove Chapman writes from Birmingham, AL, that her life is pretty much the same, and she still sells lots of houses. She sold her own last year and has happily gone back to condo living. Son David has taken a new position in his company (Pfizer), and he, his wife, and four children will be moving from NC to GA. Melinda is thrilled, as it will cut the distance between them in half. Daughter Jennifer is working in NYC, and daughter Brook remarried last year and is expecting a baby girl in summer, 2003. Brook's daughter Eden, age 5, is looking forward to being a big sister.

From Shreveport, LA, **Carol Ann Reifsnnyder Rhoads** writes that she is still working in the sciences in a physiology department at LSU Health Sciences Center. She is a lab manager and also does hands-on experiments, and in May, 2003, she will present a poster at the annual meeting in Orlando on oxidative stress in colon cancer cells. Carol has been married for 37 years to Bob, a biochemistry chairman, and they were in Costa Rica in Jan., 2003, for his annual meeting. The Rhoadses have three children, in NC, AZ, and CO, and two grandsons in Winston Salem, NC. Carol and Bob plan to spend July to December, 2003, on sabbatical in Denver, CO, and they will live in their second home in Nederland, near Boulder. She is eager to catch up with classmates in the area, and she encloses her e-mail address, which is: Crhoad@lsuhsc.edu.

From her new home in Canyon Lake, TX, (near San Antonio), **Whitney Jester Ranstrom** writes about her hectic year. The Ranstroms sold their home in March 2002, and had to get out right away. Thus, everything went into storage, and they lived out of suitcases for nine months, (except for a welcome respite last summer in their home in Montana). They bought a lot and built their dream house (downsizing from 3400 to 2400 sq. ft.) near the little golf course in Canyon Lake. And it was worth the wait; Whitney says, "It is all on one

floor, and we can get in our golf cart and go play golf." In October, daughter Stacy had her thyroid removed when it was found to be cancerous. But Whitney reports that she is doing well and seems to be making a full recovery; a month after the surgery, the Ranstroms had the thrill of watching Stacy perform with her church choir at Carnegie Hall!

From Cortez, CO, **Sally McCrady Hubbard** writes that she is looking forward to participating in a 16-day program at a choral institute in Urbino, Italy, which will take place in July, 2003. Says Sally: "Mr. Gilpin would be so pleased. He was my first and best voice teacher." In addition, she is already training to ride (rather than crew, as in the past seven rides) The Lone Star AIDS Ride in Sept., 2003, in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. She will be accompanied by her son, "who promises to stay with me every mile," she says, and she adds, "I hope some of our classmates will be moved to donate a little bit for each of 180 miles or 60 years!" She sends greetings to all.

Mimi Vogt Macht leads a busy life in Hood River, OR, where she has lived for the past 28 years. She writes that she has been single for the last five years, and she is just finishing the building of her house. She is an editor and proofreader, and she teaches German to business people in Portland. In addition, she gives private lessons in German and French. Son Marlow, 29, is a paramedic in Denver, and son Madison, 26, is a third-year medical student in Portland, OR. Mimi declares, "Life is good." She enjoys seeing roommate **Beth Hunt**, who lives just three hours away in Eugene, and Mimi and **Genie Dickey Caldwell** had a wonderful time last year birding on Sauvie Island. Mimi says she has enjoyed reading about our classmates, and she remarks, "I am struck by the energy level of all these women, who are turning 60 this year."

I was delighted to have a parrot update from **Genie Dickey Caldwell**, who writes from San Francisco: "Our two macaws are happily carrying on and trying hard to reproduce at a magnificent breeding farm in the apple country in N. Central CA. The place has private flight cages in big, climate-controlled barns, with skylights all around the top, and a three-acre organic garden just for the birds. What a life! Darlin' the Amazon seems happier now that he doesn't have to compete for attention, and only one person—um, I mean bird—starts talking these days when we walk in the door. Peter and I are doing almost as well, although we live considerably less pampered lives than the parrots." On a different subject, Genie expressed her concern that "the class notes will just dry up" without the

double- postcard reminder which SBC used to send us annually. Similarly, **Sally Rasco Thomas** writes: "Now that we will no longer receive reminder cards, I may never remember to send news. The memory cells just aren't what they used to be." (Amen!) The same sentiment was also echoed by **Melinda Musgrove Chapman**, who adds: "I think that the Alumnae Association had better rethink its position on reminders. Don't they realize how old we are?" Well, ladies, any other comments?

Continuing on, **Sally Rasco Thomas**, who lives in San Diego, CA, reminded me that I was the first SBC classmate she ever met, on the train en route to SBC in Sept., 1961! (Do you know that the train no longer stops at SBC? Do you know that Sweet Briar Station now sits on the campus, as a bit of history? Does that make you feel like a relic? But I digress. Sally also writes that for the last year, she has been working at the local affiliate of the American Heart Association. She is still in development, now doing major and planned giving. She is delighted that both her sons are in San Diego, and both are completing their teaching credentials. Sally is thrilled to have a new grandson to join her two granddaughters. In addition, Sally writes: "I attended **Brooke Patterson Mahlstedt's** wedding in November (2002), but will let her tell that bit of news." Okay, Brooke, we're waiting!

And finally, what a fascinating note I had from **Anne MacClintock**, who writes: "After many years of practicing law I retired in the spring of 1999, and my husband, who is an academic and managed to put together two sabbaticals, and I sailed off for a year on our 38-foot sailboat. We went down the East Coast from our home in CT to Cape Fear, sailed across to Bermuda, then down to the Virgin Islands. Schedules intruded and we were not able to sail further south than Grenada, but had a great time working our way back through the West Indies and the Bahamas. It was the trip of a lifetime, and we made it the subject of a book, *Seasoned by Salt*, scheduled to be published in Aug. or Sept. of this year. It is part adventure, part love story, and part history of the many places we saw, in particular the dramatic historic linkage between the West Indies, and this country in its early years. Now we're struggling with "what next" syndrome! An kindly sent me a riveting excerpt entitled: "Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle"; with her permission, I treat you to a very small sample of that chapter:

"We are headed for the British Virgin Islands. We are an hour and a half into my first night watch on our fourth night out from Cape Fear. An hour and a half more and I can sleep.

Then I have the midnight watch, then another blessed three hours (two and a half, at best) to sleep. I think about sleep. I long for sleep. I am huddled in my usual spot under the dodger on the physical side of the cockpit where I can keep reasonably dry, and still see the navigational instruments below.

The quartering seas are ferocious, much larger and more confused than our 25 to 35 knot wind speed would suggest. Some distant force is stirring the Atlantic bowl creating waves running at angles to those blown up by our local winds. These competing seas sometimes combine to produce enormous waves, cresting and toppling, frothing, potentially dangerous if not handled properly. These monsters jerk *Palaeomon's* stern and pound her bow. They send streams of water into the cockpit. Occasionally spray goes below, even with the hatch closed and the bottom weatherboard in. I look out at the seas and wonder for the umpteenth time what we're doing out here." Anne and her husband Jerry are now taking a sabbatical in New Zealand for a month, and then in Australia for three more. Let's hope there's another book in the works!

Though my SBC roommate **Janet West Garrett** never sends in news, I happen to know (and can't resist mentioning) that in Nov., 2002, she completed the New York City Marathon, (with an impressive medal to prove it!), and at the same time raised a bundle of money for Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NYC. Now who says we're getting old!

SBC extended the deadline for the fall issue of the alumnae magazine so I shall add the latest news:

I have just received the very sad news of the death of our classmate **Marion Davidson** on April 18, 2003. Marion came to us in 1961 and remained at Sweet Briar freshman and sophomore years. On behalf of all our class, I would like to express our great sorrow and our deepest sympathy to her family.

Mibs Sebring Raney sent a brief but enthusiastic note from Bellaire, TX, saying how much she and husband Bev continue to enjoy their granddaughter Maggie, age 2, who is "changing all the time." (In more ways than one, I bet!)

And finally, I had a nice e-mail message from **Dasha Morgan**, a self-proclaimed "long-lost alumna of the class of 1965." Dasha lived in Boston for a long time and then moved south, to Arden, NC, "just outside of Asheville," where she bought a house in the High Vista community. She is an editor of an area trade magazine called *Rug News*, "all done by e-mail and computer." Dasha plays tennis on a 4.0 team and plays the piano. She also enjoys community work with the Garden Club and other organizations.

She writes: "I would welcome hearing from friends of the past who remember me!" She includes her phone number (828-890-2568) and her e-mail address (dasha@ia.com).

How wonderful to hear from "long-lost" classmates! (And of course I'm delighted to hear from all the rest of you, as well!)

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Notes by **Penn Fullerton**:

First, a huge THANK YOU to all of you who wrote in. It felt so good to hear all your news, and I couldn't help but feel really energized by your joy in your lives, your enthusiasm for the next decade ahead, and your thankfulness for all the blessings surrounding you. It is, as we reach 60 (!) a time to take stock, to look back over our lives and forward to things we still want to experience, and not put off. The whole tenor of your writings spoke to these ends: to live life fully, to cherish time with family, to keep on learning, to give back to your communities, and to nourish lifetime friendships. YES!

To start us off, **Molly Trombly Bailey** writes from her and John's 1927 floating home (!) in Portage Bay, Seattle. She is enjoying retirement from nursing (so sad that Washington State does not accept her Virginia license?) Son Connor, 25, is working and at grad school at Boulder, Co. Her daughter Calista, 30, married in June and lives in Ketchum, ID. Molly has a little rental house available after 11/03. (Call Calista Carter 208-720-6059 for info.) She had lots of fun meeting **Pam Leary Shandrick** ("still gorgeous after all these years") in Ashland, Oregon for a Shakespeare weekend. Molly, write us more info. on how a floating home works! Molly's e-mail: awsomom@earthlink.net (love this address!)

From the Northwest to the South, **Katie Clay Barret** reports from Lexington that she is still the Administrative Assistant in the Philosophy Department at the University of Kentucky. She enjoys working with the young people and faculty. Katie's oldest child got her MBA from the UK and is employed with Valvoline in Lexington. Middle child works for the National Tour Association at Host Communications, also in Lexington. Youngest daughter is a senior at Kenyon College. Katie is busy caring for her mother, who lives

just a mile away: ("she is fun and a joy so it isn't a burden at all.") Katie's e-mail: kbarret@uky.edu **Jeannie Jackson Exum** writes from Kinston, North Carolina that she and Joe are busy converting their "bone dry nest" into a comfortable spot for their three Jack Russell terriers and three grand-children! Her daughter Sallie and husband have just moved to Cambridge, MA. Both sons are married, Jay an attorney at IBM in Raleigh, Manning in Greenville, NC in the family business. Jeannie continues teaching high school French and Latin, but confides she is "reaching the end of my endurance with the teenagers!" She would love to know more e-mail addresses of our classmates and be able to reconnect! Her e-mail: sjexum@earthlink.net Wouldn't you love to live in a town called "Angel Fire"? That's where **Evie Day Butler** and Geoffrey spend the summer in the New Mexico mountains, escaping the Ft. Worth summer. Evie writes that they just had a family reunion in Florida, joined by Lee and Nicole with children Quinn and Mariana. Son Geoff and his wife Jane expect a boy in November. Evie is thrilled that son William and his wife Anjie have just returned to Ft. Worth to live; he will work for XTO Oil Company there. Congratulations to Evie and Geoffrey on their 36th wedding anniversary this past July! The joy of FAMILY radiates from **Mary Anne Calhoun Farmer's** message this year. Her eldest, Mamie (Mary Anne III), lives in Richmond, is married to Lawyer Matthew. They have two sons, Miller and Harry.

"Coon's" daughter Harriet lives in Breckenridge, CO with husband Scott, an engineer. She teaches high school art and does a lot of painting herself. Youngest daughter Katharine works in investment banking in Memphis. She is a runner, like her mom! Now in training for the Air Force Marathon in D.C. this October. Besides running, Coon is enjoying ALTA tennis. Husband Tom still in Real Estate and "loyal to the treadmill." Mary Anne sees **Helen Raney Pinckney** and **Laurie Saunders Spratley** in Richmond, and **Jane Utley Strickler** in Newnan or Atlanta. She had fun catching up with **Courtenay Sands Wilson** at a wedding in Jacksonville. E-mail: matfarmer@numail.org

Becoming grandparents for the first time has been the highlight of a roller coaster year for **Sally Kalber Fiedler** and husband Jay. Alexander Lee was born to son Lee and wife Caryn in March in Minneapolis within hours of losing the last of Sally and Jay's own parents. (This has been the case for many other classmates I have talked with, a grandchild arriving just as the oldest generation passes on.) Sally reports that being grandparents is the BEST, and I know none of us

would contest that! She writes that daughter Julie is still in NYC. Sally and Jay celebrated his 60th birthday with a cruise to the French and Italian Riviera, with time in Provence. Home again and no rest for the weary: Jay continues his OB practice, with a lot of time on-call. They hope to be able to slow down a bit SOMETIME. Sally would love to hear from anyone coming to Richmond, and her hope for us as we turn 60 is that we can all be "healthy, happy, and serene!" I'll second that! Sallie's e-mail: TAR10@aol.com

Being retired from teaching suits **Judy Wilson Grant** just fine: "I find this 'new' life fabulous!" she reports from Denver. She and Newell continue to love Colorado. Their oldest, Margaret, teaches at St. Anne's Episcopal in Denver. Will, 23, is breaking colts near Denver and just returned from Australia. Newell Jr. has just begun work in Boston. Caroline, a junior at Denison, is studying in Seville on the Sweet Briar Program. Of course Judy and Newell are planning a visit! The whole family got to travel to England together in August for a wedding: golden times. Judy's e-mail: judywgrant@aol.com

It has been a year of celebrations for **Susan Sudduth Dodson Hiller**. Joyful grandmother watching her daughter Penn's Katie celebrate her first birthday, proud mother watching Penn and husband receive their law degrees from the University of California, happy daughter herself as she gave a birthday party for her 93-year-old mother. Also many fun times with her stepchildren and their ever-expanding families. One of the year's highlights was a mini-reunion of us four roommates in Little Rock at Susan's mother's retirement village! Keenan, Jane Nelson, Susan and I took over one of the apartments and had a cozy weekend slumber party. The moment when Keenan led a special communion service for Mrs. Sudduth was pure gold. Fun to have a minister in our midst! Susan's e-mail: susanhiller2400@msn.com Speaking of **Keenan Colton Kelsey**, her life as pastor of Noe Valley Ministry in San Francisco continues to be full and happy. At her church she "wears all the hats" as the solo pastor, and she does so expertly, and is cherished by her loyal parishioners. Keenan's grandson Miles, 3, is one of the delights of her life—she visits him and her daughter Meghan and husband Tyler in Seattle often. Sean Kelsey, Keenan's 23 yr old son, just finished a tour with the army in Hawaii (happily) and is now living near her and attending college. Keenan and I get together as often as we can: just had a golden weekend at my cabin and really caught up. We treasured our roommates' reunion

with Susan and Jane last spring and are now busy planning our 60th birthday celebrations next summer (facing the big one head on!) Keenan's e-mail: kkelsey@earthlink.net.

Fellow Californian **Randi Miles Long** writes that she feels blessed to have so many opportunities to visit her family that is spread out far and wide. This summer she and Herb took son Kent and daughter Melissa and her three girls to Cape Cod for two weeks at a beach cottage near Randi's parents. Both Randi and Herb are very involved in their local church, leading 20 Senior Highs on a mission trip to Denver in August, working there in food kitchens and recovery centers under the auspices of Project Door. Randi had a fun visit from **Sharon Price Quill** and husband Jim in April. I love having Randi nearby; she and Herb will join up with George and me in Italy this fall. I'm counting on Randi's being our museum tour guide! Randi's e-mail: Randipr@aol.com

A news clipping sent to SBC brought word that **Kathy Carroll Mathewson** has accepted a call as associate rector at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Signal Mountain, Tenn. Kathy has certainly made use of her religion major! The article revealed that she has been a woman of many talents: teacher, designer and marketer of children's clothes, historic tour guide, and partner in her husband's consulting business! She and Dave have two grown daughters and one grandson. It's fun to know that we have four ministers among our classmates: Keenan, **Harriette Horsey Sturges**, **Makanah Dunham Morris**, and Kathy. Maybe there are more of you out there—let us know! From Atlanta **Lee Mackubin Miller** writes that with her nest empty most of the time she is enjoying becoming more involved in her church, focusing on involvement with the mentally-disabled and homeless, especially loving advocacy work. She and her husband have put moving back to Virginia on the back burner for awhile, as Lee feels she has too much she enjoys doing there in Atlanta. Lee's e-mail: j.miller@mindspring.com

"Life has been good to us," writes **Marty Spangenberg Moore** from Wichita, KS. She and John Eddy just celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary, are enjoying their four grandchildren and time at their home on Grand Lake, in Oklahoma. John Eddy has just been elected Lt. Governor of Kansas as well as Secretary of Commerce and Marty reports that he loves it! Busy days! **Peggy Giller Myers** brought me the first news that the Briar Patch had burned down! (I hear plans are already underway to rebuild it!) Peggy is teaching high school in Amherst Co. Sammy is rais-

ing beef cattle, Sarah has an export business in Lexington, Henry is an engineer for a construction company, and Cinda is an editor in Charlottesville, and has just made Peggy a grandmother! Youngest daughter Ginny just graduated from college and will teach overseas for a year. Peggy's e-mail: Canebrakes@aol.com

It was grand having **Jane Nelson** at our mini-reunion last Spring in Little Rock. And Keenan and I try to get her out west for her "California Fix" as often as we can! Jane loves her job in Richmond as Assistant to the Pastor of Westminster Canterbury Retirement Community. Reunions with her niece and nephew and their children are a huge joy in Jane's life. One of the summer's highlights was when she hosted a gathering of 25 family and friends at the Nelson home in Culpeper. **Andrea Pearson**

Pennington has worked as Court Referee at the Strickland Youth Center in Mobile for 21 years and now, as she thinks about retirement, she shares that this is a "weird time of life." Perhaps many of us are feeling that same way: we can't imagine not being busy, and so where shall we focus our energies? She has worked so long indoors dealing with human misery that she now wants to do something outdoors and focus on the beauty of life. She is open for suggestions! Andrea's husband Al is an attorney in private practice, oldest daughter Katy working in Washington, D.C. for PE4Life, which focuses on keeping PE in schools and rec centers.

Youngest, Anna, will be a junior at the U. of Alabama. The whole family went to Paris last summer and Andrea got to go to Rio de Janeiro as well!

Her e-mail: appreferee@hotmail.com

From Richmond, **Cherry Brown Peters** writes that life is busy and happy. She still works for Sun Trust, but Charles is retired and they travel as much as they can: Italy this Fall! Cherry very kindly shared the sad news that our classmate **Bettie Russell Jarmusch** passed away from cancer in June. Not many people outside of her circle in Hilton Head knew of her illness. Anyone wishing to write to Bettie's family should contact the Alumnae Office. It is always such hard news to receive when we lose a classmate. Cherry's e-mail: Cherry.Peters@suntrust.com

It was great to hear from **Diana Simrell Savory**, who lives in Goshen, Ct. and is in her 22nd year of teaching botany, math and geometry in a nearby Montessori school. Husband Phillip also teaches there. Both Diana's daughters are now out of college. When she wrote her message, Diana was leaving for a week-long silent retreat, an annual gift to herself

Sounds like a wonderful gift to me!! Diana's e-mail: dssavory@earthlink.net

Jane Ulley Strickler life sounds full and busy in Atlanta, though she says she is still trying to find her niche in the working world. She manages a small commercial real estate office, is a Doncaster clothing rep, loves her involvement in Christ Church, enjoys tennis, takes ballet, step, and sculpting classes when she's not traveling to visit one of her two daughters living in Georgia: one a pediatrician with 3 children in Augusta, the other a chemical engineer with Merck in Albany. Summer fun included a trip to Lake Tahoe in an antique car for the Pierce-Arrow show! Jane confides that quite honestly she would "just like to marry someone with an oil well and get on with life—traveling, entertaining and loving my friends and family." So, classmates, keep your eyes open for this guy and call Jane!! Jane's e-mail: jstrickler@wbhcare.com

A new first granddaughter is the delight of **Harriet Horsey Sturges'** life these days. Harriette reports that she has also just finished the Level III training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Christian Formation program for children 3-12. She has spent over 30 years now in Christian education and would love to tell anyone about it. Much of her work has been with the Hispanic community on a daily basis. One of the year's highlights was sabbatical time spent at a Maine cottage on Cape Rosier. Harriette invites anybody coming through NC who wants to get off of I85 or I95 and come to Louisburg to just give her a call! Harriette's e-mail: hsturges44@earthlink.net A promotion at Georgetown to Director of Student Organizations is exciting news from **Martha Madden Swanson!**

Husband David works at Georgetown too, as Assistant Athletic Director. Their son and daughter-in-law still happy with home and work. Daughter Sarah has moved from London to NYC after 3 years, getting a Masters in Arts Management and working in theatre. Martha and David loved their trips to visit her in England. You can e-mail Martha at: swansonm@georgetown.edu **Rab Willis Thompson's** life sounds happy and full. Since her remarriage to George Thompson two years ago, she divides her time between VA and SC. She has resigned from her college teaching job, with some sadness, she reports, but has been so busy that she has had little time to miss it! Three grandchildren in New Orleans of her daughter's and two of her son's in SC keep her hopping. Rab continues to love her work on the Board of SBC. Somehow she still finds time to be MFH of the Whiskey Road Hounds and hopes some Sweet Briar horsewomen will

come ride with her!

You can e-mail Rab that you are coming: Rabthop@aol.com

Her career as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology has been very rewarding for **Linn Rumsey Vincent**. She also finds time for church activities and the Theta Antique Show in Dallas. Son Ken received his BA in '02 from U. Va. where he was a PhiPsi. Of course Linn used this opportunity to zip over to SBC! Ken starts a master's program at the Bush School of Public Affairs at Texas A & M this fall. Says his mother: "Tough for a Texas Ex to have an Aggie!" Linn's e-mail: ken-nethvincent@hotmail.com

It was exciting to learn that **Anne Newlon Walther** has just completed the sequel to her *A Time for Treason* (an historical fiction novel about the American Revolution, available at Amazon.com). Her new novel *Loss of Innocence* is about the French Revolution. She is in search of an eager agent and publisher right now! Congratulations, Anne! Her son has two children, Mason and Jack, and her daughter has just presented Anne with a grandson, "Aiden." Anne and Roger are now in the process of buying Napa Valley's AM and FM radio stations! "Life continues to unfold in wonderful ways," as Anne describes it. **Courtenay Sands Wilson** is just beginning to experience the empty nest for the first time: son Alex is a freshman at Rollins and Stuart a senior at boarding school in the Boston area. Both are still home often on weekends with friends and dirty laundry! Courtenay serves on the Board of Directors at Stratford Hall Plantation in Virginia, so she travels from Jacksonville to Virginia several times a year and loves to catch up with classmates. You can e-mail Courtenay at: Cnsandsw@aol.com

I feel as though I've had a personal visit with each of you as I've done these notes! Thanks so much for writing in and sharing your thoughts—it's certainly been inspiring to me to hear what each of you is thinking and planning at this stage of our lives. And thank-you, too, for expressing your appreciation about my doing the notes. I've loved it. But I want to ask a special favor for Keenan and me: we would be happy to resume being class secretaries in a couple of years, but right now we need a short *sabbatical* and would appreciate one or two of you taking this on for us. It's really fun, and you can each take a year, that way it's easy. So let us know if you'd like to do this for us. Thanks in advance. I feel very happy about all the blessings in my life—"all the lids are on the pots" this week, as they say! Our year-old grandson Aidan in San Diego is such a joy. I was unprepared for that tidal wave of love that hit me when I first

held him. Wow! My son Brennan and wife Kristin will bring him up for Christmas! I've so enjoyed having my daughter Hadley and husband Dan living nearby in San Francisco—what a treat. My youngest, Lucy, is studying Biology at Humboldt State University in northern California, so I get to see her often too. George and I spend much time at our cabin in the Gold Country, love to fly fish, hike and ski up there. I teach creative writing in the elementary schools here, part-time, and am trying to do some writing of my own, when the garden doesn't lure me away! Sending all of you love and best wishes for a wonderful year ahead! Please urge our classmates who aren't represented here to write in next year!! My e-mail: pennhome@aol.com

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Hello to the Class of '67!
Remember that you need to send me your news for the magazine—you won't be receiving the annual postcards anymore, so be sure to keep in touch. If I have your email address, I'll email you reminders! Here's the news from those who responded to my most recent email. **Vicky Baker** spent January in India on a Freeman grant, advising three of her top anthropology students on their individual projects. These included indigenous medicine in Southern India, Hindu pilgrim sites, and urban environmental issues. **Barb Tillman Kelley** writes, "I actually have some news. Unusual for me since my news hasn't changed for 25 years! I am retiring from the B'ham Board of Education and the B'ham Museum of Art all at one time! It's fun retiring, like getting married—people throw you parties! I have the summer off—first in a long time and then I begin my new job as Director of Education for the Vulcan Park foundation—a new museum is being built to go along with the largest cast-iron statue in the world, Vulcan, on top of the mountain that overlooks all of B'ham. He's our symbol and has been renovated (he's almost 100 yrs old) and will be placed back on his pedestal atop the mountain next month. I love to be on the ground form of things and do start up, so I am excited—plus—I can practically walk to work! Everything else fine here—I journeyed to Phila to my 40th reunion from HS—hadn't seen these folks in 40 yrs but it was lots of fun. Also got to visit with my 7 month old twin nephews who are adorable. Of course, I am more like a grandmother than an aunt! David doing well—maybe will actually finish college this fall! Darcy finishing second yr of vet school and doing great. Trey

will be a senior at Millsaps and plays varsity soccer and doing well too. **Julie Bodin Converse** writes that she's in between parents (her mother and mother-in-law) and children. Mark, the oldest, is married with no children but she's hoping. They're in Bristol, TN. Chris is lawyering in Dallas, working his tail off, dating a sweet girl and has bought a house. Julie's still working very part time in an interior designer's office and has taken up painting. George has retired and seems to be obsessed with fishing. They visited **Melissa Sanders Thomas** and Boyce in Atlanta to celebrate Boyce's birthday. Julie reports that they looked great and their grandchildren are keeping them busy and young. **Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings** made Dean's List last semester at Nursing School. She volunteers as an EMT so emergency medicine interests her. "Now that I know I can look at other people's blood. Not mine though." Jeff holds the family together; both daughters are out of the nest. Anne graduated from Hamilton in May and Emery is in SF, but by the time this comes out, she may be back in Jackson. Maria's been trying to learn to play golf for several years but playing 2 or 3 times a summer doesn't do it. She also makes semi regular trips back to KY to see her 89 year old father. **Mary Cary Ambler** maintains her busy schedule working as a learning specialist by day with a small private practice at night. This summer she's running and teaching 2 writing seminars. Son, John is a producer of *Hannity* and *Colms* at Fox News. The war produced overnight filming sessions, and he receives nothing extra for that time. "Oh, to be young again." He is trying to finish Columbia Journalism. Jaquelin is completing her junior year at BU majoring in communications. "Do you see a family gene here?" She wants to go into public relations. She has a boyfriend who does cool things like play in a band and produce shows. She's adopted two shelter cats who have taken quite to royalty. I saw Mary Cary while in NYC for a theater meeting and am glad to report that she looks great. She said that she'd heard from **Linda Fite** that one of her sons was married this spring. **Page Munroe Renger** says that she would love to send exciting information, but hasn't done anything outstanding. As Class Secretary, I disagree because she responded! She went to the Charleston, SC Home and Garden Tour. "Twas chilly but the rain held off for us." She went to Myrtle Beach for the long Easter Weekend, and hopes to catch up soon with Lindsay and Mac whom she hasn't seen since late fall. **Gretchen Bullard Barber** and David went to Switzerland, Italian Riviera and France to visit their daughter who works in Geneva. **Kat**

Bernhardt Chase writes, "Alison is graduating from Holy Cross Regional School in June and will be in the Honors Program at Elon U in NC. Older daughter, Leslie, finishes her BA in Theater and her elementary certification at SBC in O4. She is planning on going on for the new MAT which will mean one more year. Leslie's little boy will be three this year; he is great fun. Bob is busy incorporating real world experiences in his computer science classes and is working with some UVA Med School people on the use of palm pilots to track chronic conditions. I am retiring from teaching and administration this June. I will continue my Parish Nursing and will begin the process to become a certified mediator." **Carroll Randolph Barr** doesn't know when she'll ever retire because she loves Blessed Sacrament Huguonot and finds great satisfaction and gratification in her job. Angus is in Davidson, NC working for Husqvarna in their warehouse—putting in many and long hours but reasonably happy and they are quite proud of him and his work ethic. Michael is still in NYC with Prudential in equity research. Carroll and Mike (her first husband) are still together in the midst of some remodeling with the back of the house in plastic and winter returning—she feels like a Pioneer lady hauling wood and trying to stay dry and warm. They had a great time at the Bruce Springsteen concert in Richmond, and then, Pam Jones Brown '66's son Jeffrey persuaded them to go to Las Vegas for Celine Dion's opening night show. She enjoyed being "Gramma Carroll" when niece Elizabeth gave birth to her second son in Davidson, NC. She spent a week with them, and since Angus lives in an apt. behind their house, she got to spend some quality time with him as well. They are off to MI for the summer and hope to return home to a completely remodeled house. We all send our sympathy to **Kim Waters Keriakos**. Her husband, Van died this spring. Kim said, "He really fought the good fight...the bravest and most gracious man!" Those of us who met Van at Reunions would certainly agree.

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Martha Bennett Pritchett writes: "Hello, I am getting along much better than I was. I have quit my math teaching job that was horrible. I felt like I was verbally abused 3 of 5 days a week for 4 hours each day by rude teenagers. Of course I was given the worst classes. I stayed in it too long. I was driving to Roxboro to do it. Anyway, I have quit. I am going to go into business with

my friend at Hilton Head as a manufacturer's rep for Nils skiwear. She called three days after I quit my job not knowing I had quit. Guess the dear Lord opened that window. The job will require that I do some travel...most of which is in the fall of next year with a trip to CA and then one to Las Vegas. I will be responsible for stores in MD, D.C., VA, NC, AL, TN. I will need to go visit the larger accounts. I will also keep my fingers in real estate somehow and maybe do a little decorating. I know people just about everywhere I am to go so we shall see."

Martha continues, "Poston just got into Stanford. He also likes Princeton and will visit Auburn also. Elizabeth just turned in her early decision application to U.Va. Leslie has been accepted to go to Australia with Elon next semester, and Hartwell is still trying to get into NASCAR and may go to 'graduate school' to learn to build a race car."

Lesley Bissell Hoopes writes: "Much to their delight, Toby and Lesley have both kids on the East coast for the moment, as Bud moved from San Diego to New York in August. Wanting his own space, he has migrated to the West Side, and in November became the Tour Desk Coordinator of the Hilton Hotel's Hilton Club. Elliott continues to enjoy Washington, D.C., and recently moved into a townhouse north of Georgetown with three friends. Since April she has been at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, working for the Director of Administration and Special Events. I spent a fabulous week in June with my mother and twelve others at a country estate west of London touring private gardens and being wined and dined by their owners. This was followed by four incredibly luxurious days on board the Royal Scotsman. For his holiday Toby chose another form of conveyance—a boat (surprise!). With a crew of friends he raced to Bermuda on Palawan, scoring a "hat-trick": 1st to finish in the Cruising Division; 1st on corrected time in both division and class. The NY Yacht Club was equally successful. We all send best wishes to you, and may 2003 bring us a more peaceful world."

Laura Campbell Walker, Head of School of Palmer Trinity School in Miami, FL, is president of the National Association of Episcopal Schools Governing Board. Laura is an executive committee member of the Diocesan Schools of Southeast Florida, a board member of both the Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools and the University of Miami Law School Center for Ethics and Public Service. Laura is a lay reader and chalice bearer at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Coral

Gables, where she and her husband, William, are members. She volunteers at the Homeless Assistance Center. Since 1974, Laura has been a member of Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum at the University of Miami. A member of the Junior League of Miami since 1975, Laura has served as its Vice President for Personnel and Training, Corresponding Secretary and Nominating Committee Chairman.

Suzanne Edinger Boas is "plugging along." (See her update below.)

Lynne Gardner Delmer, your enthusiastic class secretary, finally replaced both decrepit knees this January...bilateral total knee replacement! Wait till the airports hear those buzzers go off! I'm doing really well, with rapid rehabilitation. I am so happy that I did both of them at once. Give me a jingle if you want input on the process...not nearly as awful as I thought it would be. I walk almost normally after only two months; I stand straight again, and I move without pain. It's wonderful. Other news is that Jim and I spend much more time at the farm, which my twin brother and I co-own in the Adirondacks. We'll be there all summer again this year.

I continue with my jewelry business and with singing. Jim is the state-wide computer coordinator for AARP's Tax Aide program. Daughter Cammy is pregnant with my first grandchild (Jim has two girls and two boys already), due in September. Son Steve has moved back to the east coast from Salt Lake City, and we are delighted to see more of him. It has been a busy year for us, with lots of exciting changes.

Anne Hinshaw Vanderweil reports the "same old, same old. I just do what I want." She sounds happy and busy. Anne probably will be unable to come to reunion because of her son's 21st birthday. **Mary Carlisle Humelsine Norment** recently retired after many years at Colonial Williamsburg. She and Tom are moving a mile away in a few months. Their daughter will be married this coming fall, '03. Their son is 23. She wonders where Debby Byrne Cluversius, her roommate senior year, is. **Blair Lawrence** writes (in February), "Everything is covered with snow in Warrenton, as it has been for a month! We have truly had winter this year! And I ache from shoveling, so it's nice to have an excuse to sit. I'd really like to be on an island about now with my toes in the sand...alas! Life doesn't change much here—isn't boring but certainly uneventful. Bobby continues to practice law, mostly estate work, which he enjoys. I volunteer for a couple of historic preservation organizations, which I enjoy. Neither of our sons is married (sad for us) but are happy

and love their careers. The only communication with my classmates is through Christmas cards, which doesn't seem enough. Every now and then we do get down to SBC and always have a wonderful time. The alumnae colleges are excellent. That's about the extent of my excitement."

Suzanne Little sometimes sees **Lorna Allen Sorley** in Houston, where she has lived since '93. Suzanne got her master's in accounting in 2000. She lives 5 minutes from work, where she does accounting for a small security firm. She says "Life is good", and she is hoping to come to reunion. **Ibby Sartor Harden** married in 1988. Her husband is a pilot with NETJET, flying Gulf Streams. They spent 7 1/2 years in Saudi Arabia, leaving there for the Iraq war. She has not been back to reunion yet, but watched her niece graduate from SBC in '99. Ibby has been living near Beaufort, SC, for the past seven years. **Emmy Savage** has lived in Chestertown, MD, since 1998. She loves it in that beautiful area, where she and her son, John (16), go kayaking on both the river and Chesapeake Bay. In January '03 she got her 30th reunion "wish for the next 5 years" by starting commuting to a studio in Easton where she can pursue her work as an artist. In June '02 she had a successful show of her pastels and watercolors in Chestertown. Emmy works at a pain management clinic in Dover, DE, and has her own small practice in Chestertown. She spent a summer recently studying Spanish at Middlebury, and then went to Cuba in November '02 with her "amazing" father, who earned his masters in Spanish at the age of 80.

Susan Somerville Menson is enjoying redoing her parents' condominium and restoring their antique furniture. She is hoping to repeat her wonderful trip to France last year with two dozen women friends. Last year the group spent two weeks in Paris. This year they will go to the Riviera, Nice, and the Cote d'Azur. Susan visited SBC on the way back from a golfing expedition to Pinehurst. **Tricia Sparks Lyndon** manages her husband's law office. As she says, retirement is not in his vocabulary. They both stay busy with "fun things" too. **Dede Spielman Johnston** is in special education testing. She "has wonderful memories of SBC". After her one year with us, Dede went to Northwestern and then got her master's degree at Duke. She has been living in Wilmington, DE, since 1971. Dede is sorry she cannot make it to reunion. She has a long-planned birthday party for her sister (the big 5-0) that week-end. She writes, "Greetings from Wilmington. Thank you for not giving up on me. I so enjoy hearing everyone's news! I continue to love my work with children and families with

special needs; currently as an Educational Consultant. My husband John (we will be married 35 years in September 2003!) continues his law practice at Morris Nichols Arst and Tunnell. Our children are grown; son Zach graduated last June from Northwestern and works for a consulting firm in Chicago, and our daughter Caroline is a junior at Yale majoring in English. My best to all. I have fond memories of my special SBC friends."

Amy Thompson McCandless had an adventurous year, judging by the wonderful Christmas pictures she and Peter sent. They were in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Brussels, Belgium; and visited Amy's father's WWII Division Memorial in Norwich, England. **Carol Vontz Miller** and her husband bought a house in St. Helena, CA, just outside of Napa. With her husband in the wine business, they get out there frequently. She has been taking care of her parents recently during her father's terminal illness, and her mother's broken hip.

Cecilia Williamson Grinstead will be unable to come to reunion. Her "baby" is graduating from Davidson that weekend.

Notes submitted for June 1, 2003 deadline:

Those of us who came to reunion had a wonderful time, in spite of the almost unrelenting rain! The weather gave us more time together, but less time to enjoy Sweet Briar's beautiful campus. We were seven: **Amanda (Julie) deColigny, Francie deSaussure Meade, Saljie Massie Rankin, Jennie Lyons Fogarty, Celia Newburg Steingold, Martha Bennett, and Lynne Gardner Delmer**. We know what we look like...what do you look like? Make certain to come to our 40th Reunion!!

Barbara Baur Dunlap writes, "Hate to miss seeing so many wonderful girls- now slightly moved along in years. We are in the middle of moving from our home of 16 years and figuring out a remodel of the new place. We are going to see Boots graduate from some kind of infantry training at Fort Benning the end of May and have a speaking engagement in Florida in early May and Baby Clara's christening the middle of May! Whew, I'm tired thinking about it. Please give everyone my love.

Cecilia Bryant: "I was so pleased to see your email address in the SBC winter booklet. How sad it is that letter writing is a lost art, but plus la change, it is VERY commendable that you have been the class secretary so faithfully for so many years. Hang in there. I enjoyed seeing you at the 25th reunion and regret that I will not be able to see you again at the 35th. Hard to believe we are definitely now the old (not just older) generation

Again, plus la change. No news. Just wanted to wish you well.

Katey Buster: "My last five years have been very rewarding to me, living here in glorious Aspen, Colorado where the sun shines most days of the year. I must say that I have an "alternative lifestyle" compared to most of my classmates, trying to live a life of simplicity and meaning. I am a professional "housesitter" and live most of the year in a spacious Aspen home at the edge of the mountains, as the owners are seldom here. My part-time "career" is that of a Naturalist and Hiking and Snowshoe Guide for many "tourists" who come here to enjoy the great mountain scenery. My "off-season" consists of many months on my family's horse farm near Lexington, Kentucky, numerous trips to the desert of southeastern Utah as well as mountain climbing excursions. In 1999, I summited Washington State's Mt. Rainier which has been called the "hardest endurance climb in the lower 48 states". Seeking one more mountaineering adventure, I traveled this past September to Chamonix, France and summited Mont Blanc, the highest peak in eastern Europe and the Alps. I also traveled to Zermatt, Switzerland where I hiked for four days under the shadow of the mighty Matterhorn and summited another 4000 meter peak. I documented all of this in an educational slide show which I have presented six times, both publicly and privately. What makes me happy are people who try to be good stewards of this beautiful planet upon which we live. What makes me sad is the tendency of human beings to make war with each other instead of making peace. Hopefully in the future, I can use my talents to greater advantage in making a difference in protecting the environment.

I wish all my classmates the very best, and always read the class notes in the Alumnae Magazine. Lynne you have done a spectacular job in collecting all the various "stories" from our classmates and reporting them to us. May all of us who have "survived" life's myriad of events, enjoy many more years on this lovely Mother Earth!"

Heleen Butler Cato: "Thank you for keeping in touch. We had really hoped to be coming to reunion, but my 'baby' is graduating so that puts paid to that idea. Please remember me to any of our classmates and do point out that I can be reached by letter, phone or e-mail and would very much like to catch up with classmates.

There's a lifetime of news. It feels good to be in touch. Mostly I am eager for news of our class of whom I have often thought over the years. I spent the years 1969-1994 out of the country mostly in England. I married

and had three children in England. Divorced and re-married and gained three more children. It is a good family and although there are now 6 children in England and one here we manage to stay a family quite well. My husband, Michael has 7 grandchildren whom I share with him in delight. We went to England for a week to meet the newest granddaughter in April. We feel very fortunate to have such a large and supportive family. My youngest, Emily, came with us when we moved to Massachusetts in 1994. She is about to graduate from Champlain College, her third college. She will graduate Summa Cum Laude and was chosen to be Student of the Year. She even has a job to go to this summer and so we are very pleased for and proud of her. My son, Ben, is working in London hoping to take his Mechanical Engineering degree into creating sustainable buildings. He has been committed to alternative energy since the age of ten. Lesley my eldest is working for London University in their Overseas Program which involves travel and development of the program. I have worked over the years in radio, in Ottawa and in London. After having children, I worked for myself, teaching dance/yoga to children, running a catering business and in selling catering equipment. None of which had I any particular qualifications for doing. For the last 16 years I have been working in special education which I love and which seems to be the area that Emily will pursue along with more formal qualifications than I ever achieved. Michael retired from his family business when we moved here and has been pursuing a lifelong interest in art, sailing and, lately, ocean rowing. Both of us are involved in our local Unitarian Universalist church which this summer will take us to Transylvania, the original home of Unitarianism. More by luck than design, we have found ourselves with two good communities, our town and our church. We are able to get to England usually twice a year and may return there one day. I know that I will need to then ensure that I visit here at least twice a year. It was not my idea to leave England but I am very glad to have had the opportunity to be an American at home again. Michael and I did visit Sweet Briar on our way to a conference and I enjoy reading about the school and its continued successes. I was saddened to read about the death of Miss Muncie whom I felt had been an important mentor for me. I am sorry that my reconnection with Sweet Briar did not lead to discovering that she was in Providence, RI, until her death. I shall be sending something to the fund in her memory. Do please let me have some news of you and do please encourage others

to contact me. I know that all our lives are full of family, friends and various employments but I have always hoped that the SBC experience could be continued. Thank you again and I shall think of you all on the reunion weekend."

Suzanne Edinger Boas writes, "Thanks for nudging me to send you news for our class reunion scrapbook. I have a very busy May and June so I will not see you at the reunion. I do so appreciate all that you have done to keep up communication with our classmates. I know everyone who returns to Sweet Briar this May will have a lovely time.

Here's a quick summary of what's been going on in my life: First, and most importantly, I remain in love with the same wonderful guy that I met in my senior year at SBC. We were married shortly after he graduated from UVA law school in 1970. We still both feel so fortunate to have found each other 35 years ago. Our life together has been richly blessed.

Rob and I have two children—Taylor, age 26 and Heidi, age 23. They are wonderful young people who continue to bring great joy to our lives. The both graduated from Stanford which means that we spent much of the last decade traveling to California every chance we got.

Taylor is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in political science at the University of California at Berkeley; a book he co-authored on the Internet's impact on closed regimes was released this January and has been featured in *The Economist* and on NPR. Heidi has been working in Washington, D.C. since graduation. She is a John Gardner fellow at a legal clinic for refugee women seeking asylum in this country from gender persecution. She hopes to spend next year in Africa and then to go to law school. She shares your love for classical music and has studied voice since she was in high school. Rob retired from The Coca-Cola Company last year with the intent of doing all those things he put off while his legal career kept him so busy. As you might imagine, he is busier than ever! Currently, he is studying Italian, teaching at a local law school, tutoring English as a second language, chairing the board of a non-profit that does indigent criminal defense, and serving on four other non profit boards.

As for me, I am still enjoying my career immensely. For the last eleven years I have run a non-profit credit counseling service with offices in Georgia and Florida. I have a terrific staff that allows me the opportunity to be very involved in various volunteer endeavors. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council, the Vestry

of our church, the Board of Directors of the National Foundation of Credit Counseling and the board of an organization that runs therapeutic group homes for abused and neglected children throughout our city. I find these opportunities to work closely with such a wide variety of talented people to be very stimulating. As for my free time, I still love to read and five years ago organized a book club of women who share this passion. I also love to garden and arrange flowers. For several years I chaired our church's flower guild and this year, I am heading up a flower festival that we are having in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of our parish.

Rob and I also love to travel whenever we can. This year we are renting a manor house in Ireland with 11 other couples and then going on a walking tour of the Cinque Terra region of Italy.

I still enjoy good health as does Rob. We are hoping that we have our parents' genes. His dad (91) lives independently, driving and visiting his lady friend at night and my parents, both almost 89, still live in my family home in Kentucky and travel to Florida each winter. We feel so blessed to still have three of our four parents in our lives.

I suppose there is no way that I could have foreseen in 1968 how full my life would be. My very best wishes to all those who return for the reunion. Suzanne

P.S. My email address is suzanne.boas@cccsinc.org. You can see a picture of me and get an idea of the work I do if you go to www.cccsinc.org.

Libby Harvey Fitzgerald writes, "Thanks for connecting with all of us. Unfortunately I cannot attend reunion, but trust that the Class of '68 will uphold our rowdy reputation! John & I are leaving shortly after that date for 3 weeks in Australia. We are attending the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia (6 days!) with vacation along the Great Barrier Reef and in Sydney.

News: In July I will start my year as President of the Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley ... a true honor and adventure! For those of you familiar with Rotary, you know that this is the largest and most extraordinary service club in the world. In addition to many local community projects, our club is currently involved with international projects in Vietnam, Mexico, and Belize, as well as hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student from France. Because of Rotary International's efforts in coordination with WHO, Rotary will eradicate polio from the face of the earth by 2005. There are still some children to be immunized in small pockets of Africa, India,

Pakistan. I clearly remember Ludy Bloudon's battle with polio when we were young, so this makes me feel especially good.

Other news: John and I recently celebrated our 3rd annual honeymoon ... aka 2nd wedding anniversary. Guess we'll never catch up to you old timers that we admire!"

Nancy Hickox Wright: "Lynne-It was so much fun being with you and Jim the other weekend! My father also had a great time and really enjoyed your mom. We often have one of his friends join us for Sunday dinner and your mom will certainly be one of the gang, although we will have to entice her to the dining room because we usually have dinner there. Your note to our class about returning to SBC was great. I can't get over the majors that are available and the obvious heightened maturity in the students now. By sophomore year, most of them really need to have a fairly coherent idea of where they want to go in life after graduation. I will be thinking of all of you during reunion and feeling very homesick. Every reunion that I have had to miss has always brought the same sad feelings—we just have the best group of women in that class. Have a grand time! Lots of love.

Anne Kinsey Dinan writes, "I won't be able to attend the coming Reunion as our daughter Kinsey's June 21 wedding is the family priority this year. I'm particularly looking forward to the mixing of the Dinan and Kinsey clans for the first time since Terry and I were married. It will be a great eye-opener for the two sets of first cousins (4 Virginians and 5 New Englanders) who've never met.

In response to your latest email, I am currently buried in wedding details, but the dress part was easy: Kinsey's wearing my 1969 wedding dress which is very exciting as well as nostalgic for me. We have removed the sleeves, shortened the front 3 inches and moved all the buttons down the back; it now looks as though it was made for my petite 5'5" daughter.

We Dinans celebrated 2000 by traveling, at last, to Dinan, France. It's a beautiful, nearly extant medieval town that was literally the gateway to Brittany in 1100. The town became quite rich collecting tolls on all boat and bridge travel between Normandy and Brittany for several hundred years. We also stayed overnight at Mont-Saint-Michel (a dream since Ms. Firm's History of Art classes) and with friends in Rouen, visiting Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery, St. Lo and Caen.

Terry is back in school full-time, earning a degree in teaching so he can take his hospitality industry/culinary arts experience and skills and "retire"

to a day job in the classroom. He's definitely enjoying the challenge and the change. As for me, I plan to put up with my job for a few more years and then head for a golf course. Meanwhile I'm still enjoying writing and illustrating unpublished ABC books. Long-term goals include moving to Virginia and perhaps reading my books to grandchildren someday! Have a ball in May...

Frances Kirven Morse: "Thanks for the update on SBC! Really sounds like they continue to offer new and innovative programs! (and I guess they just can't let go of the horse thing!)"

I feel guilty about not sending you anything for the scrapbook! In light of the time factor, I'm sending you the Christmas letter and photo card that we sent out in December. It catches everybody up on our big life change and move to CA! It's not perfect, but it's better than nothing!

I'll miss the reunion...tell everyone hello...and that I have plenty of wrinkles...but am managing to keep up with the gray hairs by pulling them out with tweezers! Don't know how long this procedure will last—I can just hope the volume doesn't increase! I have had a couple of close nibbles on a part-time job, but nothing has quite panned out...frustrating to say the least! Looking forward to hearing about the reunion. Keep in touch."

Chris Kulczycki Murray: "I cannot attend the reunion because my younger daughter (H.S. junior) will be going through AP exams then and I just can't leave her then. Are many people coming? Do you remember Alicia Glass? She left a message recently that she had relocated to NYC and was thinking about going to the reunion. Will call her tomorrow. Funny thing: last Saturday at a wedding I was chatting with the husband of a friend who said he had dated an SBC girl while he was at Princeton (**Jennie Lyons Fogarty**) and asked if I knew her—and **Frannie Bonney** and someone else. I said sure. This sent me to our senior yearbook to look everyone up. Now that I live in Westchester (Harrison, right next to Rye where I noticed you came from—had forgot-ten those places like New Canaan, Darien, Stamford, Pelham, Bedford and Chappaqua make sense to me. Were you aware that so many classmates were from your neck of the woods? Where did you live in Rye? I am calling SBC to make a reunion donation and will mail you a pic—am not yet digital. I believe that **Francis deSaussure** has the youngest child of anyone in the class, but I probably came in second with a 17 year old in high school (and college freshman). Is this correct? It's hard to believe that many classmates are grandparents

already—Yikes! Maybe we should publish a class e-mail list. All the best!"

Penny Oliver Hawkins writes: "Lynne, thank you for gathering the class information. I regret that I will be unable to attend the reunion. I am still in Evergreen, Colorado, my home for over 32 years. My family remains in Colorado. My son, Miles Buckingham, is an assistant District Attorney in Durango, Colorado. My daughter Liz and her husband, Christian, live in Denver. They were married at the cottage on Lake Michigan in September of 2002. It was a lively and wonderful celebration bringing together their friends from around the world. Chris is no longer sailing professionally and will regain his amateur status in another 14 months. He is working for the Colorado professional soccer team, the Rapids. Liz is with a Gannett TV station in Denver in the marketing/sales department. They moved from Chicago immediately prior to their wedding.

I left my "power" or should I say "stressful" position with US Bank after many years in the Commercial Real Estate Lending Division in 2000. I joined a wonderful low key regional bank in Evergreen. My commute has been shortened by two hours a day and I still enjoy working with my best 10 clients and mentoring young bright bankers. I have implemented my retirement strategy and it is working. I am prioritizing!!

Carl and I spend as much time as we can at our log home in Montana. We are 20 minutes north of the North Entrance to Yellowstone. The trout fishing is excellent just outside our door on Mill Creek. We travel as time permits. I must admit I am "into" spas and take four-day weekends visiting various spas frequently with friends. I enjoy maintaining contact with many SBC friends. We Colorado gals, (**Lizzy Miller Green** and I) recently entertained **Libby Harvey Fitzgerald** and **Lorna Allen Sorley**. We also joined **Suzanne Little** for Libby's wedding in California. Libby and Suzanne also met us in Montana.

My best to everyone in the class of 1968. I do wish that I could be there to share this special time." **Penny Oliver Hawkins**, 145 Columbine Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439. Pennyh00@hotmail.com

Amy Thompson McCandless: "I confess I'm one of those people who have been "meaning" to send you photos but haven't. I'm in the middle of exams, am on the search committee to choose a new International Office Director (who will report to me), and have a SC Historical Society Board meeting this afternoon, but I can send you some email photos (most of these I sent with our

Christmas card). To my great delight, I'll be in the U.K. again this summer teaching a class on Royal Britain."

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Myriad of apologies for lateness in getting this out—if the news is stale email or mail me post haste and I'll try to get the news in. Laptop willing we won't have these issues again. Thirty-three years out of SBC and what a fascinating, diversified group—read on...**Candace Boker Chang** is still administering family and children's services in Boston...a job made even more challenging in this economy. **Jo Shaw Robinson** joined her for a snorkeling vacation to the Virgin Islands—so much fun they've re-booked for next winter. This summer she took both parents, one of her daughters and 4 nieces and nephews to Alaska—a gift her father's community gave him when he retired. Candace's sister and mother of 7 died of cancer after Christmas. Two of the children are still in high school so Candace is a frequent flyer to Charlotte to support them. Of her own brood, Jeannie is a Special Ed admin in Fairfax VA and Sonia teaches closer to home in Lynn, MA. **Claudia Forman Pleasant** writes from Virginia about her busy life in real estate and serving on several boards including Johns Hopkins graduate real estate board. Her son, Ross, graduated from UVA in 2002 and her 7 year old daughter lights up her life. Claudia and her family escape to their Cumberland MD log cabin and fishing trips to Ontario. Claudia re-connected with **Tauna Urban Durand** who is teaching pre-school in St Louis and enjoying her sons and grandchildren.

Jane Gott wrote that she joined **Barbara Offutt Mathieson** and **Candace Boker Chang** at **Laura Sickman Baksa's** home in Cape Cod in the summer of 2002 for a mini-reunion. As we would imagine, Laura's home is filled with art and music. Jane is promoting Plavix and Ambien and spends her leisure painting in water colors and oils. She gardens and lifts weights to take on the next decade! **Fran Griffith Larson** loves her work as VP Corporate Communications for Moody's and created a community involvement program for the corporation taking advantage of all her years of volunteer work. She is president of the Moody's

Foundation and trustee of NYU Downtown Hospital and Prep for Prep Tenley, Princeton grad of 2002, teaches Latin and Galen is in the class of 2006. She sees a lot of **Pat Swinney Kaufmann** and **Mary Jane Hipp Brock**.

Connie Haskell started a practice in Arlington MA as an Energy Healing Practitioner—a gentle form of hands-on healing that she studied for 4 years. **Laura Hawkins Brady** reflects, after 33 years post SBC, life has been interesting if not more harrowing with a 16 yr old son, 4 cats and a husband. **Louise Hayman** does communications for Maryland's office of Comptroller. After 31 years in the same house, Louise is marshalling her forces to move across town. Her daughter gets married in October but expects to remain in the Annapolis area. You can find Louise on the Severn River with the Annapolis rowing club. She is in touch with **Barbara Waters Larson** in Montgomery Alabama who heads up Alabama's leadership program. **Kathy Hendricks** embarked on a major renovation project enriching her contractor. Her eldest son is at Sewanee and Kathy is raising \$24 M for her younger son's school...amazing! **Joanne Hicks Roblee** surfaced! After wandering the world with the military, Joanne and Paul landed in Atlanta over a decade ago. She is principal of the Morris Brandon Elementary School in North Atlanta. Clay and Jessica are off on their own and Joanne and Paul are loving every minute of the empty nest. **Sue Holbrook Daly** and Skip should be grandparents by the time you read this. Sue is in real estate and trains their new agents. She is also a volunteer chaplain at INOVA Alexandria Hospital.

Deb Jones is still a road warrior by week and enjoying summer weekends on the coast of Maine. Next May they break ground on a house and when John retires the following Spring they'll be there for good! **Elsa Jones Forter's** son is in the DoJ Anti Trust Division chasing down white-collar criminals with **Kate Schleich**. Her daughter is in grad school studying International Relations at the University of Chicago.

Becky Keister's oldest daughter, Kitty, is going to Sweet Briar this fall—seduced by the riding program. She has a junior and sophomore in high school. **Becky and Jane Rush Davenport** both work at Montag and Caldwell. **Molly Carrison** and **Corbin Rankin** came in from Atlanta for Becky's husband's surprise party.

Kitty Litchfield Seale is flourishing in Montgomery. Turner is married and an attorney and daughter. Kate understudies Kitty's job as director of Alabama Dance Theatre. Turner Sr has a boat they escape to at Orange

Beach Al. and their home on Lake Martin.

Kim Mitchell Bethea's daughter Emily attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since finishing her Ph.D in Educational Technology, Kim works as an IS Manager and has started a company, Agatha, to "help other people and businesses unravel the mysteries of the web" through education, research, documentation and web site reviews. David's work takes them on the road to St Petersburg, Cologne and Hamburg, Germany where he presented papers. They also took their first cruise ever through the Caribbean and were so smitten they are looking to try Alaska or Cabo San Lucas next. Kim proposed a reunion cruise, pick a date a year away and see who shows up! She is still very active in Jr. League of Madison and would love to link up with other Leaguers! **Denise Mullen** is Vice Dean of the Corcoran College of Art and Design in DC. **Barbara Offutt Mathieson** has retired as English professor at Southern Oregon University. As much as she loved her work, her bout with breast cancer 2 years ago convinced her that life was too short to consume in work. She relishes having almost no plans but expects to devote more time to her Zen meditation, husband and garden. Good reminder to all of us to stop and smell the roses while we still can.

Bonnie Palmer McCloskey is a very enthusiastic member of SBC's board. She is very impressed with the direction of the college and the quality of the students; this is in addition to numerous boards and charitable organizations. The last of the children are off to college and her sons have formed a band and are touring. **Mary Jo Petree Murphy** announces Frank changed careers after 30 years with a law firm to become Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Krispy Kreme Donuts. "Some people will do anything to feed their sweet tooth!" Mary Elizabeth is an attorney, married and living in Colorado. Will is a graphic designer in Atlanta and Jay is a recording engineer in Chapel Hill. The Murphys retreat to their Kiawah Island vacation house to escape and enjoy their coffee and Krispy Kremes. **Kathy Potterfield** is still a manager at the Charleston Area Medical Center. She lost 90 pounds, had both knees replaced and has a new lease on life. You go girl!

Betty Rau Santandrea is ever busy in Clifton NY. Sara is director of outdoor programs at Lawrenceville. Matt took a semester abroad in Bolivia and eldest son David is a TV editor in NYC. **Mardane Rebenitsch McEmore** reports of the tough duty of having to fly to Hawaii to visit their Naval Academy graduate son and his wife and baby to his! Her other son is mar-

ried and lives in Richmond—they are both attorneys. Her daughter has graduated from high school so they will be empty nesters. **Kate Schleich** writes "I have no idea where the last year has gone—funny that time has sped up as we slow down. I can remember my mom complaining about it years ago and thought she was nuts. Now I look in the mirror and see her face staring out. Oy vay! Kate's signature sense of humor is still in full display. Dept. of Justice AntiTrust Division has her on the move busting trusts...usually in the boonies or the unlovely major industrial centers like Indy, Detroit or Newark. The bright spot in her travels is San Diego where sister, brother and a niece live. She's on loan part-time to Criminal Division's Fraud Section working on a San Diego based tele-marketing/securities matter. Look out scammers!

Sally Taylor writes from San Francisco who she is trading her peripatetic life as a correspondent for *Publisher's Weekly* for a peripatetic life on boats. Racing in San Francisco Bay, bareboat chartering for cruises in various locales—Sacramento River, coast of France, Hawaii and Belize...we should get Sally to make Kim's reunion cruise notion a reality!

Debbie Warren Rommel still teaches kindergarten in Houston but she and Ross have renovated a little house in the Texas Hill Country "easing their way out of Houston." Their daughter is at CU in Boulder giving Debbie the opportunity to catch up with **Lucy Lombardi Evans**. **Sarah Watson** is in charge of the children's collections at the library in Omaha and conducts the occasional story time. She was off to Toronto for the annual Library Association conference in the midst of the SARS outbreak—if quarantined she figured she could nip into the latest Harry Potter! She moved her mom into a senior center last year so she has people around. At 83, she seems pretty spry. She and Sarah ride their horses at least once a week!! Sarah has also undertaken the project of coordinating the design and needle-pointing of the altar kneelers for their church. Monumental project they hope to have completed for church's 150th anniversary in 2006.

I remain busy as an alliances manager for FileNet Corporation. The company sent me to Rome and Florence as part of President's Club. It was an amazing trip, fabulous tours. We were slated to go in April but the war forced a postponement until July. The heat was brutal but it saved me money. Who wants to try on those scrumptious leather jackets when you are wilting in the 95-degree heat! I was one of the street people caught in the NY Blackout. Surreal experience, Broadway dark, following the lights of

cell phones as we made our way to Penn Station. My 83 yr old mother is still active breeding and showing her boxer dogs. She needs hip replacement surgery but doesn't have time to get it done. My 2 boxers keep me busy and I never seem to get enough time to enjoy my condo at Bethany Beach DE. **Terri Eoff Walsh** was in PA a year ago for a class and we really took advantage of the evenings to catch up...it was a very special time. Seize the joy of life!

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Hello Class of '71! It was great to receive news from our class members and I am pleased to be able to share their updates with you. However, before launching into the updates, **Barbara Brand** passed along some sad news. "I was stunned and deeply saddened to learn of the death of our classmate **Carolyn Rusch Von Endt**. She was one of the small group of us who went to Florence in the fall of 1969. I remember so vividly the life-changing moment when she discovered her life's work in art conservation while we were there. Her career at the Smithsonian was one that many SBC graduates ought to emulate, since she persevered to become the head of a premier conservation laboratory in the nation. I was so very proud of her—she was modest about her accomplishments, but it had taken a lot of courage and confidence for her to achieve those goals. At least we who were her friends in House #1 had the chance to visit with her at our 30th reunion two years ago. I will sincerely miss her." I also received notification from Sweet Briar regarding the death of **Dr. Patricia Schwalm** on November 29, 2002, after several weeks' hospitalization. The following website <http://homepages.luc.edu/~pschwalm/> provides us with insight into Patricia's amazing life after Sweet Briar.

On an uplifting note, **Susan Sellers Ewing** was featured in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* on November 28, 2002. The Richmond Christmas Mother Fund, created in 1935, provides needy children and families with toys, clothing, food and other assistance during the holidays. Susan was named the "2002 Richmond Christmas Mother" which involves visiting area businesses, schools, civic organizations and associations to accept donations for the fund.

And now, on to the updates... **Kathleen Pegues**: "I've had a good teaching year and John and I are now empty nesters. Emily is in Alexandria working as an art historian

and has just produced her 4th exhibition guide. Adam graduates from the Naval Academy on May 23. He is the Executive Officer of the Brigade (#2 leadership position) so he has been VERY busy with his studies, applying to grad school, flying, as well as the XO stuff. We have rented a house in Annapolis for Commissioning Week and have a motorcoach rented to bring local friends to the celebration. He will go for his master's in engineering at UVA (they're saying...yippee!) and then to flight school in Pensacola. This summer, he'll be the naval attaché to Madrid and then have an immersion study at the University of Salamanca. Emily will go to Spain for her vacation while he's there and hook up with friends from her junior year abroad. John and I will probably just stay home and garden and perhaps visit California. Usually, we head to Cape Cod but since the kids are scattered, we might do something different."

Barbara Brand fills us in on her life after Sweet Briar. "I was employed as a museum administrator in Annapolis, Md., from 1975, and even wrote a few articles and presented a few scholarly papers over the years. Got a master's in art history (American Architecture) from GW in 1978. Very happily married since 1984. No children, but several cats. I was "asked to leave" in 1992 after 17 years in the same position, and became a museum consultant until I discovered I had no heart for it. Received a Research Fellowship from the Winterthur Museum in 1994. In 1997, I was briefly Interim Director of the Historical Society of Frederick County (MD)—I enjoyed that a lot, but they wanted me to take the job permanently, and I declined, thank you. We moved to Southern Pennsylvania in 1993 and I have spent the bulk of my time since then trying (single-handedly) to restore this c.1815 stone farmhouse. I have also been occasionally writing grants, and researching historic properties for National Register nominations (NOT lucrative, I promise you!). I am a Shaklee Distributor (Coordinator) and recently started volunteering at the local library and Lions Club. Life really IS good here in southern Pennsylvania."

Beverly Van Zandt: "All is going very well—have finished chemo and cancer related surgeries. Feel alive again and off and running. My oldest daughter, Beverly, has been in Belgium all year on a Rotary exchange program and has really thrived—a good growing experience before heading off to Wellesley next fall. Daughter Roberta is the sailor and has sailed in many more locations than I have. We merged our firm with another yacht brokerage this January and I am really pleased with the results—more good

people and more time off!! Please email me at beverly@hshyachts.com. Would love to hear what everyone is doing."

Carol Foglesong: "Ventured north twice this winter: Baltimore in early December for my mom's 80th birthday and end of February to DC for a professional meeting. Both times there was lots of snow and I reconfirmed my strongly held belief that I don't like SNOW! Still working for/at the Orange County Comptroller as recorder of deeds. Eric, 26, is currently living with me while he seeks full time employment. Chris, 21, will be a mechanical engineering college senior in San Antonio this fall. Am considering selling the house as I just don't need this much room and yard work. Seemed like déjà vu in mid-March when I spent an evening drinking wine with two other female friends. What did we discuss? Abortion rights, recent elections, a sexual harassment case tied to inequity in pay, and dislike for the then-pending war. It suddenly struck me: I'd had these very same conversations with female friends 30+ years ago. And that night we got to pondering how it was that we were the ones being called to action again by a wide variety of assorted groups. Where were the younger women who should/could be taking our place? As you wrote Mim, the more things change, the more they stay the same."

Alicia Yust Rowe: "In the next week or two, my first grandchild will be born! Richard and I just celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary and this year welcomes a grandson. Hope all is well with the Class of '71."

Katherine Youell: "John and I are rattling around in an empty nest. Both kids are living and working in Richmond. While in Orlando visiting John's brother Bill, we drove over to Saint Pete to have brunch with **Alice Meyer**. She bought a charming turn of the century bungalow that she is in the process of restoring. Our lunch was scrumptious. Alice has a dog, Oscar, that they call "Oscar Meyer." A lovely visit and nice seeing a Sweet Briar friend."

Lynne Manov Sprinsky and husband Bill remodeled the downstairs of their 1830s PA farmhouse last summer and Lynne is thrilled with the kitchen of her dreams: overlooks the pool and the green hills beyond and gets loads of morning sunlight. Their son Matt (23) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pennsylvania College of Technology in December 2002 with a B.S. in electronic engineering technology and is now employed as Webmaster at Brodat, a textbook publishing concern in Avis, PA. Lynne spent the months of February, March and April 2003 studying dressage at the Reitinstitut von Neindorff in

Karlsruhe, Germany and came home basking in the glow of Master von Neindorff's compliment that she now has a very good seat. Lynne is now starting to get acquainted with her new horse "Rufus". She also teaches dressage basics to a small but growing group of students in PA, WV, and VA, which keeps her on the move. And she continues her Mary Kay Cosmetics business, now in its tenth year, and says that without the inspiration from her Mary Kay "sisters" she wouldn't have had what it took to realize her dream of going to Germany.

Barbara Payne writes, "I believe this is the first time I've ever submitted any news. Could it be because our second and last child went off to college this year? Though I loved the childhood years immensely and often feel bereft at the loss of it, and though the world situation troubles me deeply, I am happier now than I've ever been. (Someone said, "I've never felt older than I did in my 20's", and that was certainly true for me.) My husband, Jim Childress, and I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in Okefenokee Swamp and Cumberland Island, Georgia. We were surprised when people thought the venue strange—guess that's why we're together. Our daughter, Allie, 21, is graduating from Oberlin College this year. Her brother, Evan, 18, joined her there this year. We have a place in the country near Charlottesville, where I've lived now for 30 years. I work at the New Dominion Bookshop downtown part-time, play the fiddle in an old-time band called the Blue Sky Kids, garden, read, do an exercise discipline called NIA, and feel immensely grateful for this life. I would love to see anyone who happens through. My name is in the book."

Sioux Greenwald writes, "Hope all is well on your end. Not sure if winter will ever end but one of these days.... Only silly news for this year is that I caught up with **Wendy Weiss Smith** last summer at Washington & Lee for a week-long seminar on "Cuisine and Culture." Great fun, even if I do eat out most of the time. W&L does a great job with Special Programs during the summer—I recall that SBC is running some programs too. Wonder if they will do any using science, ecology, conservation themes one of these years. May need to make something up for the August news deadline!"

Well, it is official ... **Comer Schmoeller** has changed her name to **Kate Comer Diehl**. She is "still working in the insurance industry with California Select Insurance Agency in Sacramento. Genna and her husband Matteo are still living and working in Brussels, but they're expecting them to move back to the US in the next 12 months. Justin was tenured this

year—this is only his 3rd year teaching in Mission Viejo but I guess there is incentive to hold on to 8th grade science teachers! Life is great. Bought a second home near Yosemite—better investment than the stock market these days! Haven't seen any classmates, but I'm hoping to make the next reunion! Looking forward to seeing everyone's news!"

Marilyn Boyd Silar has been living in Richmond, VA for the past ten years with husband Vaughn and Matt the Cat, and is selling Long Term Care Insurance for General Electric Financial.

Anne Wiglesworth Muñoz: "All is well here in Salt Lake City. Maya (21) is home for the summer but we won't be seeing much of her since she is taking a full year of Physics (in 12 weeks) and is involved in a full-time pre-med program (research and MCAT prep) at the University of Utah. Aliria (18) graduates from high school June 6 and will be attending Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY next fall on water polo and academic scholarships. Her team just won the state title in water polo and she was named state MVP. She goes to Florida for national tryouts Memorial Day weekend and to Russia to play polo in July. Milton's parents are coming from Colombia for a visit June 5-25. Better practice my Spanish. Life is a bit hectic but fun."

Ann S. Oates—"All is well here. We just returned from a wonderful 2 weeks in Hawaii where we met up with our son, T.K. III who lives and works in Tokyo, and our daughter Alison, (SBC '99) who lives and works in Boston."

Just in from **Jacque Penny** is a note entitled "moved—yup again," with news that she's between gigs and is now living in St. Petersburg, FL. "...came to St. Pete to visit **Alice Meyer** who moved here last year—loved what I saw—found a great place to live—right near Alice and I am happy—not sure what I will do—look for work and enjoying my time off—am in touch with SBC—want to get an alumnae club going here!"

As for me, there is little new to report. This spring, Vaughn and I attended an Alumnae College weekend seminar at Sweet Briar. We had a great time, and I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and spend some time with Kathy Pegues' lovely daughter, Emily. I left feeling grateful for the tireless and creative leadership of President Betsy Muhlenfeld during this especially difficult economic period.

Additional notes submitted September 1, 2003:

As always, it is exciting to receive news from our class members and it is with pleasure that I share their news with you. **Maggie (Mather)**

Feldmeier writes, "Here's what's new with us in Central NY! We moved in November to a house on the lake in Cazenovia (a village east of Syracuse)—we had a summer cottage on the lake and decided that having 2 houses 15 minutes apart with no children home didn't make sense so sold both cottage and house in Manlius and bought this one. Despite moving in just in time for one of the snowiest winters on record, we love having the lake out our window all year long and even took up x-country skiing on it this year! Work-wise, am still with The Carlisle Collection—I sold my Carlisle selling business but continue to work for the company in training/merchandising—as a result I am traveling about half of each month, mostly to the Big Apple where corporate headquarters are. Our girls are well—Kate has just finished her 4th year of teaching in inner city Washington, DC and amazingly continues to love it—she is currently with an Edison Project charter school. Julie just graduated from Brown University and is currently among the many college graduates unemployed! She's been interviewing in magazine journalism and hopes to get an internship in that field. Had a bad scare this winter—in December had a tooth problem which led to a CAT scan which showed I had a brain aneurysm—fortunately it wasn't leaking and I was able to get into a neurosurgeon in Buffalo who specializes in treating endovascularly (via angiogram) rather than surgical craniotomy—so my aneurysm is now full of tiny coils instead of blood and thus should not pose a threat. I continue to monitor with angiograms but feel great and vastly relieved." From **Nesi Wisell O'Connor:** "Jim and I have had quite an exciting (?) year. Our company is growing, and we are working on a patent for a financial strategy we have developed. We have been renovating our home since last September (with a brief break for the holidays). It is amazing how long things can take. The portion begun in February is still not completed, and we have more to do after that. In the midst of this disaster we decided we needed more office space. Another nightmare. They didn't even give us a thermostat (oversight) and the air is iffy. Not great for Florida in the summer. We hope to have that settled soon to move. Leaving for Scotland for the month of August." "We're perking along here in Summit, NJ," says **Anne Milbank Mell**. "I'm still working for a child/adolescent psychiatrist and John for Citibank. The children are doing great. Meredith is marketing for Fidelity Investments in Boston. John just graduated from UVA in May, deciding to pursue other interests rather than mechanical engineering,

and Caitlin will be returning to Miami University of Ohio for her second year."

Mimi Fahs and her partner Elizabeth Thompson just became the proud owners of a new Catalina 34 yacht, and named her "Gone With the Wind." Many trips are planned from their summer home in Orient, NY to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The New England coastal waters are beautiful and have some of the best sailing in the world. Says Mimi, "We love approaching these quaint harbors by sea, rather than off I-95! Son Craig, now 12, is a master at the complicated state-of-the-art navigation equipment. Any SBC sailors out there? Give me a call!"

Barbara Apruzzese Robson shares these updates: "I have been teaching meditation (TM) and yoga for 30 plus years. I also teach Ayurveda, an ancient Vedic health care approach. I am married to a wonderful guy, graduate of Yale and MIT. He is partner in a Washington DC consultant company, called the EOP Group, and is President of Brainfingerprinting, a new company that many may have heard about (it has been covered on many TV and news shows: 60 minutes; 48 Hours; CNN; Discovery; PBS is doing a documentary series next Spring, on Inventions of the 21st Century that will change our lives, and is using Brainfingerprinting as the lead technology). We live in Fairfield, Iowa (as you know). Fairfield boasts a University, which has a majority of professors with PhDs from Ivy League colleges. There are about 4,000 of us here from East and West coasts that practice TM, own thriving companies, and enjoy a heavenly life; one that is simple, stress-free, pollution free, traffic free, crime free, yet nonetheless filled with endless number of things to do socially. We have 18 +/- art galleries; 14 vegetarian restaurants (Italian, Thai, Indian, Chinese, delis, coffee houses, diners, Middle Eastern fare...). We have all kinds of concerts on the town square. My husband and I actually live in a new city called Vedic City, which is designed according to the principles of Staphatyia Ved, ancient Vedic knowledge of architecture according to the laws of Nature (Feng Shui is a "descendent" of Staphatyia Ved). Many articles are being written about Staphatyia Ved and Vedic City." (The most recent article was in the May 2003 issue of *Aquarius Magazine*.) **Libby Tyree-Taylor** shares the following updates: "I have been living in Atherton CA (2 miles from Stanford, the San Francisco Bay area), for about 17 years, since moving here in 1973 with **Jeannette Bush Miller**. It is my home now. I serve on a local School Board, and as an elected official have become more involved with politics. My daughter, Alexa, is a junior

at University of Pennsylvania and my son, Lee, is in 10th grade. My husband Barry is a Venture Capitalist with offices in NYC and here—an exciting Silicon Valley/NY career. So I get to the east frequently, especially NYC. We are off to Europe for the month of August—London, Paris, a barge trip through Burgundy and then to Portugal. My parents live in Lexington VA and my niece is a freshman at W&L so I go there often, keeping VA on my mind. Cheers to you all." **Susan Schmidt** spent this summer in Maine and NC mountains, finishing a book on the Chesapeake Bay. She will teach in Carteret County, NC Outer Banks, this fall. **Alisa Yust Rowe** in Houston, Texas reports, "Our happy family news is that Richard and I became grandparents of a darling little boy in April—John Patrick 'Jack' Kondritz. Time does fly—from Sweet Briar days to grandparent days in what seems like a blink!" **Ann Shipper Oates** writes that both of her children have now graduated from college and are out on their own. Their son, T.K. III, is now 27 and lives and works in Tokyo. Alison is now 25, graduated from SBC in '99 and lives and works in Boston. Ann's family just met in Hawaii for a vacation. **Ann** was also kind enough to forward the following update from **Jean Mackenzie Thatcher**. "My husband, Richard and I have a daughter Catherine Mackenzie Thatcher (Katie), age 13, 7th grade, and she has two step-brothers, James (24) and Rick (37). Katie plays lacrosse and sings and acts; James is leaving for France shortly for a 2nd year of teaching at University of Lyon. Richard has a firm on Wall Street, and I 'retired' a couple years ago from running the high-risk malpractice insurance pools in the State of NY. I did that and related stuff, running off-shore captive malpractice insurance companies and being in the reinsurance business for 30 years—great fun at times, lots of action, lots of travel abroad (particularly to tropical isles!) but time for a change, and to do some of the things I have never had time to do—like spend the summer at our family's house on Fishers Island without having to run back and forth to NYC. I stay rather busy as a director of several foundations, and Deputy Mayor of our Village. I see a number of '71'ers routinely—**Allison Jones**, **Honey Hammer**, **Amanda Thrasher**, and just talked to **Charlene Reed** ('73) who is a great friend, as are **Karen Hartnett** ('70), **Alice Meyer** writes, "I am living in St. Petersburg, FL enjoying all that FL has to offer. My daughter, Bonnie, just graduated from College. She will be pursuing her MFA in pottery next year. I have switched careers again and am now working in clinical trials. I see **Jacque Penny** frequently. We took a trip down memory lane last night when we went to see

Ringo Starr! It was great to see **KJ** and **John Youell**, who visited last winter." And, from **Carolyn Walthall**, "I have a new job, being the part-time administrator of a new youth leadership program for high school students on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay. It is similar to the work I did for six years in nearby Mobile, but we have moved to the Eastern Shore of lower Alabama (ten minutes from my former home), so I am doing this program here. Julian is still a Presbyterian minister, and our sons, David and Claiborne, are grown men living away from home, one in Florence, Italy and the other in Washington, DC. With this part-time job I have time to do some other things of interest: yoga twice a week, serving on several boards, seeing my mother and stepfather often as they and we 'age,' and keeping up with the schedules for those meds that keep the joints loose and the mind relatively sane!" **Jan Pridmore** shares that her Web site, literaryhistory.com, was selected as one of the 25 best reference resources for 2003 by the New York Public Library. She says, "I'm continuing to maintain and expand the site, and hang out in my quiet (now there's an understatement!) little used and rare bookstore." Jan has also been traveling—New York, Santa Fe, and, in November, will go on a salsa cruise to Cuba. **Judy Brown Fletcher** writes, "We just moved our daughter Katie to Athens, Georgia where she will begin a Masters in the History of Science and Technology at UGA. Right now she is thinking Visigoths, but that will probably change. As soon as our Will finishes his Masters at Texas A&M in Biological Oceanography (the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico), he is going to join her and look for a job. Guess we'll be spending Thanksgiving in Georgia! I'm fighting proposed watershed drainage changes near the farm and attending too many early morning and late evening meetings in a county an hour away from home. Thank goodness for books on tape. The real excitement in my life is a Swissy puppy due to arrive from California in October. It will be fun to see how my 130 pound Swissy, Phoebe adjusts!" From **Claire Kinnett Tate**, "This finds me happy, well, and working very hard as the director of a new non-profit organization whose purpose is to ensure that all of the 125,000 school-age (K-12) children of our county have access to high-quality programs and activities before school, after school, holidays, weekends, and during the summer. We are part of a national movement to keeps kids safe, increase academic achievement, and help working parents. This is my giving back to our community after being privileged to stay home with my own 2 children so they could be safe, have a healthy snack, play sports, have

friends over, and take piano lessons! Meanwhile, my husband is suffering from total neglect! He is still a banker and newly a member of our State Board of Education in which capacity he spends 2 days a month in Raleigh and usually manages to have lunch with **Margaret Highsmith Dickson**, my SBC roommate and new state legislator from Fayetteville! Daughter Bright is moving from Steamboat Springs to Jackson Hole. Son Austin is spending his junior year at Georgetown (where we visited with other roommate **Michela English** last year) with fall semester studying in Brazil and spring semester studying in Spain. At least when I am not working John and I will be on an airplane visiting one of our children in some very interesting place! How the time has flown since our years at SBC! I look forward to another reunion! Would welcome a call or a visit from any of you coming to Charlotte on business or pleasure." "Life in Shreveport is good," says **Louise Jackson**. "My new Trust Department that I started at BancorpSouth four years ago is thriving. My three brothers and my eight nieces and nephews, aged 22 to ten days, are all here, so it is great fun. Actually, two of my brothers live so close around corners, that I can open my front door and yell at them!! Had two fabulous vacations this summer—in June to the South of France with one of my childhood friends, her husband, children, and her parents. It was hot then, but I'm thankful we were there in June! In July, had a memorable week at the Chautauque Institution at Suzy and Nelson Helm's home—Suzy is **Todd Moseley Brown's** sister, and Todd and her husband Bill were also there. Nothing like SBC friendships." **Carol Foglesong** says, "I'm doing just fine. Busy as all get out at work, but that's really nothing new. Youngest son Chris starts his senior year at Trinity University as a mechanical engineer, maybe going into the telecommunication field. Oldest son Eric is now a director of marketing for a sports event firm—and plans to move out (one more time) in September. I am going on a trip with my Mom in early December; this will be our 3rd trip in 3 years. We're going to Munich, Heidelberg, Strassbourg, Ulm, Rothenburg, and Nuremberg on what is billed as a Christmas tour. It will also be Mom's 81st birthday during that week. I've thought a bunch this year about selling the house and moving into something smaller. The conclusion—as of now—is that I like where I am geographically and I like the layout of the house. I'm not sure I want stairs, since I haven't been going up and down them for the last 18 years, and I'm not sure how much closer I want neighbors to be. So, for right now, I'm staying put—and that

means I have "sleepover room" for visitors." **Katherine Jones Youell** touched base with a number of classmates: "**Moco, (Maureen Conway)** is a grandmother, granddaughter Reese is adorable. Moco and husband Denny have bought a summerhouse on Martha's Vineyard and will be spending the whole month of August there. **Betsy Proctor Jennings** and Joe got fed up with Northern Virginia rat race and moved to Colorado Springs where Joe works for a defense contractor. Betsy landed a teaching job after a 45-minute interview. **Alice Meyer** is in St. Pete and her daughter Bonnie graduated in Fine Arts and is a potter. **Jacque Penny** is also in St. Pete. **Lisa Stevens** and Shelby are still in Alexandria. Lisa is working for a law firm and Shelby is working for a defense company. **Kathy Wilson Lamb** and Rex are still in Atlanta, with daughter Marie a lawyer in DC and Kate doing marketing for a school in Atlanta. Rex is awaiting a turnaround in the economy for retirement. We are still in Chester, with both 'kids' finally out of school, however, Katie is talking up grad school (for the second time—she went one semester to the University of Baltimore) and Blanton is dating a first-year medical school cutie at University of Virginia."

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Hello to all. I am sure that it has been a busy and exciting year with milestone birthdays, anniversaries, children's weddings, travel. Any grands yet? It is with sadness that I report having received notification of the death of **Ellen Winn Johnson** in late Dec. 2002 or early January 2003. Her name was read at the Alumnae

Memorial Service during Reunion in the spring.

And now, your news: **Anne Coggsweil Burris** says, "No real news on my end," but her e-mail says otherwise. Anne and husband Lon are down to just one at home, daughter Carrie, who is 16 and a junior in high school. Oldest son Scott graduated from SMU in May and now lives and works at Capitol Hill as a Legislative Correspondent for a local congressman. Ben is a junior at SMU and Will is a sophomore at Wofford College. Anne adds, "I am still managing my barn and taking online courses in Equine Science from the University of Guelph in Canada. It is truly a fascinating way to learn. I occasionally get to ride but mostly play groom and helper to Carrie when she competes in events." Anne loves staying in touch with SBC friends via e-mail. "How did we ever live without it??" From Sandy, UT, **Beverly Crispin Heffernan**

writes: "All is well at the Heffernan Hilton...(though as I write, we are in the fifth year of a drought, and temperatures constantly in the 100s the past couple of weeks...)" Husband Jim, an administrative law judge for the Department of the Interior, made a business trip to Alaska in July. Son Chris, 17, will be a senior this year at Juan Diego Catholic H.S., where he is the starting center and nose guard for the defending 2-A state football champions. He is hoping to win a football scholarship to college. Beverly has just finished her second year working at the Bureau of Reclamation, where she was promoted in December to Environmental Group Chief, responsible for compliance with a host of environmental and cultural resource laws, including the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. Beverly finds the work interesting and rewarding. She comments: "I feel guilty when they pay me to go out and float down the Green River, or catch trout, or look for (and find!) dinosaur tracks, in the name of research!" Beverly and Jim traveled to Ireland last year. Their work schedules prevented a trip to Scotland this year. Instead, they are enjoying brief forays into the neighborhood for golf or sightseeing. With Snowbird and Alta twenty minutes from their home, they ski all winter. Beverly, who, as you undoubtedly recall, won numerous ribbons in equestrianism at Sweet Briar, still rides. She has three horses and enjoys trail rides, foxhunting and an occasional show. She continues to do volunteer work with her church and at Chris's school. She keeps in touch with **Nancy Hayht. Robin Singleton Cloyd, and Cynde Chatham**. These former roomies try to get together in Jackson's Hole, WY, every winter. In August, Beverly will be in Houston to celebrate her father's eightieth birth-

day. I stop to catch my breath as Beverly concludes with, "I am glad they did away with the dreaded word limitations!" So am I, Beverly! I wouldn't want to miss a moment (a word) of this wonderful update on your life. From Dallas, TX, **Marsha Decker Powers** writes, "I moved to Dallas from Nashville two years ago when I joined Triad Hospitals. I miss Nashville hills, but am enjoying Dallas. I was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago and survived the chemotherapy, radiation, etc. and am doing great now. I just returned from an Alaskan cruise with family and friends and was awed by the beauty!" Marsha, we all wish you continued good health. (Marsha and I are classmates two times over, since we both graduated from Fort Hunt HS in Alexandria, VA, before matriculating at SBC.) **Mary Dubuque Desloge** and family have moved to Mary's home state, Missouri. They live out in the country, about 35 miles from St. Louis. "The boys are away at school back in Connecticut," writes Mary, "so Chris and I and the dogs are holding down the fort." Mary sells real estate at Janet McAfee, Inc., where she worked before they moved to the East Coast. She has joined the board for Women's Safe House in St. Louis and is also active with the Midwest regional SBC Alumnae Association. "I see some trips to Virginia in the future," Mary says. (Fortunately, so do I!) **Lisa Hall Isbell** writes from Fairfax, VA, where her husband is pastor of a Presbyterian church. The church keeps both of them busy. Last fall, Lisa began working in the conservation lab at the National Air and Space Museum. "It is quite a change from art museums!" Lisa observes. She often visits her mother in Boca Raton, FL. **Chris Hoefler Myers** is still Senior Director of Development at USC. She says, "Coming under the heading of 'Everything that Goes Around Comes Around,' my daughter Aidan, at Duke, will spend her Junior fall semester in Italy, just as so many of us in the Class of '75 did. In late August, I'll accompany her to Italy and settle her into an apartment in Florence. When her semester ends, our whole family will travel in Italy for two weeks with her!" **Shari Mendelson Gallery** leads a hectic, but fun life in eastern WV. Son Matt just started third year at US Naval Academy and Nathan is beginning his sophomore year at Duquesne on an NROTC scholarship. Two future Navy officers! Twins Tory and Emily are sophomores in high school. "Having sent our Chilean exchange student home in July," Shari says, "we now have a 'daughter' from Thailand for the year." The house next door has been converted into Just Far Enough Getaway for short-term use by guests.

Check out www.JustFarEnough.com. It is just 2 1/2 hours west of DC on US 50. "So, any classmates looking for a nice escape...would love to welcome you." Shari continues, "Christmas trees continue to require attention, as do my travel guide advertisers around the state. Am director of local chamber, local visitors bureau, and local arts council when not working or chauffeuring kids. In July, the family did our ninth year at Common Ground on the Hill, a terrific music/arts camp in Westminster, MD, that I highly recommend." **Denise Montgomery** celebrated the Big 5-0 early by going to England aboard the QE II last October. The account of the crossing is so interesting that I must quote most of it: "...I want to say that it was one of the best vacations that I ever had. In a time when the world is so full of trouble, it was nice to be somewhere that was cut off from it. ... The only reminder of the outside world came with eight page daily newspaper digest slipped under your door in the morning along with the schedule of the day's events. There wasn't enough time in the day to do everything on board: attending lectures by world-renowned speakers, seeing recent movies, browsing in the library for answers to the daily quiz sheet (Gerry and I won a book for our efforts on the next to last day), taking tours of the ship's historical memorabilia, working out in the fitness room, lounging in the jacuzzi on deck, going to the spa or to their beauty lectures, deck sports, shopping, gambling, bridge, trivial pursuit competitions (my team won two mornings running), music trivia contests in the bars (Gerry and I won one of those), dancing lessons and nightly entertainment. A highlight of the day was afternoon tea served in a large lounge at 4 PM: waitpersons circulated with trays of several kinds of sandwiches and pastries while some of the ship's musicians provided entertainment. It was a good thing we were at the second seating of dinner or we probably wouldn't have eaten dinner. The food was some of the best I have ever eaten anywhere, and was all the more wonderful for being reasonably sized portions, so you could eat several courses and not feel guilty or obscenely stuffed. They served a cheese course and they had a different flavor of homemade fruit sorbet every day. But Gerry says the most priceless experience at meals was the expression on my face the first morning out when I ordered bacon for breakfast and the waiter replied, 'American, British, or Canadian?' ... I might also add that everyone who goes to Europe should have the experience of sailing there at least once. It's a return to a more civilized era where ladies dressed for dinner rightly, where gentlemen wear kilts as well as tuxedos.

where drunks politely pass out and are discreetly removed by the crew, where you can do as much or as little as you want, and that the people serving you make you feel like you're the only person that matters even though you're traveling in one of the cheaper cabins. And of course, there is the unforgettable thrill of sailing out of New York, past the towers of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty while the fireboat accompanies the ship out of the harbor. No transatlantic flight, not even first class, could compare." During the rest of the year, Denise made business trips to Philadelphia, Denver and Toronto. She also made her annual summer visit to a friend in New England and plans a trip to Japan next year. Ginny's bio is in the 2002-2003 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. Denise has received news from former English professor Larry Noriega, who left SBC in 1975. He returned to school, got a nursing degree and now has a successful consulting business. The only snail-mail news I received came from **Jeanie Peterson Laskey**, who lives in Ohio. She enjoys reading the Class Notes in the magazine, even though she spent two years at SBC and transferred away. Along with the letter, I received a CD of superb music composed by husband Tom, a professional musician. Thank you, Jeanie and Tom! I loved it. Jeanie has three children: one in college, a daughter who is a junior in high school and one toddler who turned four in May. "I became pregnant while on hormone replacement at age 45! But he is really a joy!" Jeanie exclaims. She ends her letter by remembering Harold Whiteman as "very effective and likeable." **Ginny Shippe** sends to all: "Greetings from Maryland. All is well here. Bought a new house not far from the old one and love it. Business is good with interest rates still low. Visited Roanoke College with **Heather Gale**, where her daughter Megan will be a freshman and my son Andrew will be a junior. How lives keep crossing paths!" Ginny visited **Elaine Alfman Sican** and her husband in Boca Raton, FL. "They have a beautiful home and we shared lots of laughs! (and a lot of wine)." Ginny recently celebrated with former stepdaughter Carole, who just received her doctorate. Carole is an Associate Professor at Longwood. Son Scott still works for Ginny and goes to night school. He plans to attend Towson full time in the near future. From **Gray Thomas Payne**: "We are enjoying retirement in Camden, Maine. We spent most of the year renovating parts of our 'new' 1890 house. It has been a learning experience right down to snowshoes, mud season and lobster cooking. Tom does not miss work at all. Catherine loved her first year at Sewanee and is teaching kayaking in

NC this summer. Thomas had a great first year at Woodberry Forest as a sophomore and has enjoyed sailing in Maine this summer." (I would love to go to Maine right now!) **Carroll Waters Summerour** sends this news from New Orleans: "The newlyweds, Patrick and Dana, my son and daughter-in-law, are both teaching at Newham. Besides teaching middle school, he coaches girls' varsity soccer and she coaches the cheerleaders. William is an environmental engineer here in New Orleans and Kaki heads off to University of Georgia in Athens this fall. We will be empty nesters except for our golden retriever, Pax. Toby's still with the bank and I'm working part-time doing special events for the United Way. The old family home goes on market next week. Life is full!" **Ann Wesley Ramsey** tells us, "Not much news here." I find that hard to believe, Ann! Last son Garrett will be a freshman at UVa this fall. "As soon as we shut the door, we are going on a bike trip to France to celebrate getting old and having an empty nest." We look forward to hearing all about your trip in the next edition of Class of 1975, Ann. I have just ended my annual summer visit with my folks, niece and nephew. This time, there was an addition to the family: an English Springer Spaniel named Harley. I have become addicted to the Internet and have no idea how I ever got along without e-mail. Without e-mail, I would have had only one or two submissions to the Class Notes this time. I e-mailed everyone I could in July and was able to increase contributions that way. I am now publishing my poetry online and have all but forsaken the tedious snail-mail submission with return postage. You can see three of my poems at ne-plus-ultra.net. I will be in the upcoming issue of *Apotheosis*, the online journal of The Poetic Genius Society, which has its own website. I hope you are all still well. I love hearing from you! Best wishes, Kay

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Last May, over 40 of us attended our 25th reunion! What a fun weekend it turned out to be! Without a doubt, one of the highlights was watching **Eve Jackson London's** wonder movie. Apparently, Eve was quite a movie taker, during all four years at SBC. We all took a trip back in time as we watched so many familiar faces and events on the campus in the '70s. Thank you, Eve, for sharing your memories with us! Thanks also, to **Becky Dane Evans**, our new class president, for designing and ordering the reunion shirts for us and to all of the other classmates who worked behind the scenes to make our reunion so memorable!

Kathy Jackson Howe had a great time at reunion and wishes to thank those who contributed at the last minute to the reunion fund. Our class reached the 25th reunion goal, thanks to many generous classmates. Kathy admits that she is feeling middle age, now, and ready to pull in the volunteer jobs and look for some of that "time" we all crave! Her second child, Khaki, graduated from high school and is following older brother, Trey, to W&L. Trey is a junior and plays football, which puts Kathy and family on the road to Lexington, Baltimore, DC, Greensboro and Richmond to see the games. Her youngest, Janie, is in 10th grade, keeping Kathy in the carpool mode but, not for long! Kathy does get to play tennis, do yard work and travel in between the children's activities. She dreams of wading and fishing in a mountain stream when her schedule eases!

Cannie Cryslar Shafer also had a wonderful time with everyone at reunion! She and **Leigh Ramsay Simmons** predict that they will not be the only silver-haired classmates at the next reunion! Cannie continues as the head of the Lower School at Episcopal. Husband, Win, teaches Science and coaches Varsity Golf at EA. Daughter, Francie, is a junior, loves school, plays varsity soccer, rides competitively and rows. A rowing awards ceremony made her late to the prom! Son, Blake, 13, plays every sport, knows many statistics and plays the drums. All are healthy and life is good!

Mary Page Stewart had a great time at reunion and, shortly thereafter, launched into creating a quilt for **Eve Jackson London**. She was thrilled to hear from so many classmates who took the time to contribute their handiwork to this special project. The quilt was a great way to give Eve a big, long distance hug! Mary is still teaching art to young children and loves it. Her daughter, Ellie is a freshman at Bucknell University and son Geordie is

in his first year of high school at Gilman. Husband, Bob, continues to work hard as the economy starts its turnaround. During a recent trip to Providence, Mary worked for 11 hours each day for 9 days and produced 19 paintings! It took her a week to recover!

Mary just received a timely e-mail from Eve and shares her message: *Dear Mary - I have never been so surprised or touched! We were at my parent's house last night celebrating my daughter's 14th birthday when my mother brought out the gift for me. I was speechless... what a labor of love! It is beautiful and the most wonderful "hug" imaginable. The time and effort to collect all of the squares and make the quilt must have consumed your summer. I have studied each and every square and find myself returning to look at the quilt throughout the day. (just to make sure I keep a mental picture) It will certainly give me strength to fight the battle in front of me. You and the rest of my SBC friends have touched my heart in the most unbelievable way. Thank you so much for this special gift. Right now, my health is holding steady. I CAN NOT wait to come to our 30th reunion and bring the quilt for everyone to see! (I'll bring the video also!) Much love, Eve*

Cathy Finley Onder enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion. Cathy is still a legal assistant but now works for a smaller firm in Richmond. Her hours are much more reasonable, only 40-45 hours a week! Cathy's son, Sean, is a freshman at VCU. She hopes that he enjoys his first year of college as much as she enjoyed hers at SBC. Her daughter, Kelly, is in the 10th grade and keeps very busy dancing with her high school team and the Latin Ballet of Virginia.

Allison Egbert Brokaw and Rob moved to Wilmington, DE. Their two sons, Bert (13) and Caleb (10) adjusted well and are enjoying their Dad's alma mater, Tower Hill School. Allison has enjoyed gardening classes at Longwood Gardens. She saw her old roommate, **Robin Jones Eddy**, when she traveled to Virginia last March. Allison would love to catch up with SBC neighbors in Baltimore.

Claire Cartwright Vaughan did miss seeing everyone at reunion. In the spring, Claire and her son, "Gus," who is a new driver, went on a major road trip from San Antonio to Woodberry Forest, VA. They visited **Ann Yaeger's** beautiful home in Atlanta and saw the fabulous home and farm of Rodney Cook (W&L) and family. When Claire and son were in NC, Kathy Jackson Howe gave Claire some wonderful information about the beautiful places in the Charlotte area. Claire's other son wants to be an architect and planned to attend Texas

A&M in the fall.

Missy Powell Adams also was sorry to miss the reunion. She is still in Baltimore, working hard and trying to keep sane while raising her two 15-year old boys, Philip and Whitman. Her boys were in the process of taking driver's Ed when Missy wrote in and she was living in fear of the day they got their licenses! Missy wonders why she wasn't prepared for the challenges of raising teenagers! Where have we heard that before?

Following reunion, **Maggie Laurent Gordy** and **Susan Negaard Harley** arranged a mini-reunion with **Carrie Ruda Clark** at the airport before Susan flew back to Chicago. Maggie compared notes with Carrie on their respective gardens in Florida and in Washington! Maggie was planning to see Susan in September of '03 for a girl's weekend with their old SBC friends. They were hoping to replay a weekend they all had in Annapolis with **Leigh Ramsay Simmons** and **Betsy Wood** when they talked, shopped, ate and drank coffee! It did sound like there might be a little touring in the plan, too!

Carrie Ruda Clark was thrilled that she could get together with her old friends at the airport. She also mentioned that she was able to catch up with **Betsy Wood** on the phone that same day. During reunion, Carrie was in the process of selling her home and was preparing to move to a new home with her two sons. John is in his second year at Elon University (NC) and is interested in industrial design or engineering. This summer, Andrew, 15, played the title role in *Julius Caesar* at The Lab School of Washington's Summer Shakespeare Theater. Carrie continues to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and is a member of the altar guild at her church. She planned to take the boys on a cruise in August.

Leigh Ramsay Simmons attended the Friday night picnic at reunion, then headed to a mini reunion at **Betsy Wood's** house with **Susan Negaard Harley** and **Maggie Laurent Gordy**. Leigh thoroughly enjoyed seeing classmates and thought we all looked fantastic! Leigh works as an office manager and assistant for a sports medicine doctor who is a great inspiration to Leigh, and she works part-time at the framing department of Ben Franklin which really keeps her creative juices flowing! Leigh and her husband moved into their dream house in November of 2002. In April, Leigh went to Toulouse, France to visit daughter Jenny. They also spent four days touring the gorgeous Dordogne region. She did notice a difference in dialects in both places! Leigh missed seeing **Cindy Whitley Auman** at reunion. She would also enjoy hearing from **Barbara Mendelssohn Price** and

Sue Gristle Russell.

Karen Kuhlman Arkebaure married Jim 1/2/99 and has three terrific stepdaughters. She is still employed with William Blair and Company, an investment banking firm in Chicago. In 1998, she bought a working farm in the rolling hills of Dodgeville, WI, home of Land's End. She and her family reside on the farm on the weekends until retirement. Karen prefers farm equipment to designer clothes, baubles and autos!

Nancy Robinson Lindberg missed seeing everyone but was on call over our reunion weekend. She is still a family practitioner in Enfield, CT where she recently moved into a bigger office and is hiring a new MD. As her oldest son, Andy, goes through the college selection process (he is a high school senior), Nancy says that she is feeling incredibly old! Nancy's other boys, Tim and Alex, are now in 10th and 7th grades and busy with many activities. Last year, Nancy took a trip to Slovenia and she planned to go hiking in the French Pyrenees and Provence in September.

Carey Johnson Fleming kept **Cathy Finley Onder**, **Michelle Youree Hostler** and me laughing and dancing at reunion! Carey has enjoyed living in South Carolina and was preparing to send her oldest, David, to begin his freshman year at the College of Charleston in SC. In the meantime, he was taking his final exam this summer to be certified as a Firefighter. She said that she was so nervous every time his beeper went off and he headed out to a fire. This takes worrying about your children to a whole new level, according to Carey. Even though he is 18, she wonders why she didn't have to sign a permission slip for this new activity!

Barbara Mendelssohn Price still lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with husband, Wesley and two boys, Spencer, 14, and Harrison, 11. Spencer was heading off to school at Hotchkiss in Connecticut. Harrison also wants to go to Hotchkiss so Barbara and her husband expect to be empty nesters in 4 years! Barbara and family traveled to Italy over the summer and visited Capri which, Barbara said, is unchanged, including the club and the Blue Grotto where **Cecilia Garcia-Tunon Lear**, **Sue Gristle Russell** and Barbara visited in 1977! Barbara stays active in her son's school and manages to squeeze in time at the stable with her horse on a regular basis. She sends her regards to all of her SBC friends!

Lee Carollo Boyes remarried two years ago. She still teaches high school science. Lee was teaching at UC Davis in a pre-vet biomedical program for high school students over the summer. She felt like she was back in college herself, living in the

dorms and eating in the dining commons! She saw her former roommate, **Trish Mason Terraneo**, in San Diego. She also chats with **Nanette Cooper Dumoneil** in Paris, who was good enough to put up Lee's son on a trip there. Her son will graduate from UC San Diego next June with a degree in English Literature. Courageous Lee reports that she is fine having recovered from breast cancer and a mastectomy in August of 2002. Lee is back to riding for fun and ballroom dancing.

Hallie Powell Cardwell and David took her stepson, Andrew, to the Galapagos Islands in June before he attended summer orientation at UVA where he is now a freshman. She was looking forward to visiting Sweet Briar on her way to Charlottesville. Hallie's oldest son, Jack, is an investment banker in Boston and their youngest, D.W., was going to enter pre-kindergarten this fall!

Our former class scribe, **Mimi Borst Quillman**, feels strange submitting notes instead of writing them. Mimi, you can be our editor any time, if you get that urge! She enjoyed reunion and thought everyone looked great! (Keep those compliments coming!) Mimi's son, Travis (19) will be attending U of South Carolina this fall. He won a silver medal in the high jump at the PA State Track and Field championships, lan (16) plays soccer and can't wait to get his license. Mimi visited **Ginny Craig** in Naples, FL last winter as a huge blizzard was hitting the East Coast. They had a great time kayaking in the Everglades instead of shoveling!

Katherine Powell Heller loved reunion and we all enjoyed seeing her! Katherine and her family enjoyed a 2 week vacation to Barcelona and England in June. They also spent a few days in San Diego in July. Katherine and **Carey Johnson Fleming** continue to stay in touch. Carey's son David and Katherine's daughter, Laura keep in touch by email and he recently came to Atlanta and took Laura to a Braves game with friends.

Lenore Cox also enjoyed reunion and spending time with former roommates **Katherine Powell Heller** and **Lisa Spruill Darby**. She has had a lot of fun framing photos from the reunion. She thinks that we are all still so much fun! Lenore looks forward to a mini-reunion sometime before the 30th. She also wishes to thank **Mary Page Stewart** for putting together the quilt for **Eve Jackson London**.

Carol Baugh Webster and Tim walked the entire Disney Marathon in January to raise money for the American Stroke Assoc. She later walked the Country Music one-half Marathon in her hometown of Nashville. Carol started her own mar-

keting services consulting company, specializing in assisting companies wishing to expand globally. www.cas-selinternational.com. Carol's stepson, Blake, is starting his senior year in high school, and is being recruited to play football at several colleges. Carol would love to hear from **Monte Costa** and **Jane Hemenway Sullivan**.

Dudie Hiemenz Dileo, who spent two years with us at SBC before transferring to and graduating from the U of MD, stays in touch with **Ann Key Lucas**. Dudie is a homemaker. Her husband, Tony, is a corporate tax director and was a frequent visitor to SBC. Their son, Dan (19) is playing Jr. A hockey in Fargo, ND and is attending ND State while aiming for NCAA-Division I hockey. Their daughter, Laura (17), plays HS racquetball, is photo editor of her HS paper and is starting to think of colleges.

Cathy Mellow Goltermann celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary at Disney World with her family. This fall she planned to teach pre-school and spend time ferrying twins, Catherine and Christine, 13, and son Woody, 11, to cheerleading, field hockey and football practices. The family spent 10 days in Minocqua, WI in July. Cathy sees **Ann Key Lucas** and reports she is still loads of fun, and will see **Ginny Craig** over spring break in Naples.

Jane Lauderdale Armstrong is working on a masters degree in Theological Studies at Columbia Seminary. She teaches part time at Westminster Schools in Atlanta where son, David, is in high school and daughter, Kate attends Junior High. Husband, Mike is self-employed and is actively involved with W&L's Board of Trustees.

Julia Sutherland was sorry to have missed reunion! She, like a few of us, thought it might have been planned for the end of May so made her plans for a 2-week vacation to Paris with friends, during the time of our reunion weekend. She vows not to miss the 30th! Although she just missed seeing **Lu Litton Griffin** and daughter, Sarah, in Paris, she was fortunate to see a few classmates during the year like **Sue Gristle Russell** and husband Lindsay in Savannah and **Nancyellen Keane Smithers** whom she ran into in Richmond on the actual street where they once shared a house. They had a great time catching up on events! Julia resides in Alexandria and is still in the communications and media strategy business as a managing director for the Washington, D.C. office of Public Strategies, Inc.

Elizabeth "Perk" Perkinson Simmons married Stephen on December 28th. Perk loved sharing her special day with **Diane Ball Brendel** and **Joe, Lochrane Coleman**

Smith, '76, **Tennessee Nielsen, '76**, **Kathy Pittman Moore, '79**, and **Craig, Becky Trulove Symons, '79**, and **Don, Martha Riggs Lowery** and **Ron**. Perk was thrilled to have Aynsley, the daughter of **Catherine Taylor Moore** as her flower girl and Catherine nearby to keep Perk sane while she planned. Stephen and Perk are still camped out in his bachelor pad with the 2 dogs and 3 cats as she searches for just the right home for them. School has started back for Stephen and Perk will be looking for a real job after playing beach bum for a while. She loved seeing everyone at reunion.

Katie Renaud Baldwin and family live in Petersburg, Alaska, where Katie teaches Kindergarten and a reading program for first graders. She loves her job and the children! Katie has two daughters. The oldest, Amanda, spent her junior year in high school in Utah, where Katie enjoyed visiting her. Her younger daughter, Emily, an 8th grader, went to basketball and volleyball camp this summer. Amanda also keeps a horse in Oregon. Katie's family spent Christmas in the Florida Keys and this summer bought an 80-acre farm in Oregon to which they plan to retire someday. Katie is starting to feel older. She thinks that it may be the teenage life! Katie, you need to come to our next reunion! You'll definitely feel younger!

Ellen Quinn Jones was sorry to have missed the reunion. Her family activities, between band competition and prom weekend, won out! Ellen and family are still in Madison, VA, where Ellen continues to enjoy her job as an elementary school counselor with grades K-2 in Culpeper County. Ellen and her husband, Cleveland, celebrated their 20th anniversary in June by going whitewater rafting in West Virginia. It sounded like a great adventure! Her oldest child was planning to attend Piedmont C.C. in Charlottesville in the fall. He lived in a sorority house over the summer on the UVA campus! This reminded Ellen of her SBC days. Her middle son is 16, was getting ready to drive and her youngest is her 14 year old daughter. Although the children are getting older, Ellen is still 30 and holding!

Suzanne Stryker Ullrich is watching her children grow and start to leave the house! Her oldest, Alex (22!) graduated from Syracuse this past May and is seeking a job in the economics field. Andrew (20) is interested in biology, acting and psychology as he is in his sophomore year at Gettysburg College. Ned (15) is in ninth grade and is thriving in school and in sports. Suzanne does get to see **Julie Plautz Bodenstab** when they are each at Gettysburg for parent events. Suzanne's husband, Rick, is in his 7th year of having his own engi-

neering consulting company and enjoys it. Suzanne still teaches 6th grade science at a small country day school in Upland. She gets into Philadelphia and NYC for some adult time with Rick as often as she can. She does get to see **Cannie Cryslar Shafer** and other grads from the Philadelphia area while working on an SBC committee with them. Suzanne notes that "there is always a laugh to be had with Cannie!"

Dana Dotlen Endcott enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion! I always enjoy asking her about how she pulled off flying a plane over our graduation and dropping confetti! As many of you know, she enjoys a successful career in the Navy and lives in Nevada with her husband (also a Naval officer) and her children. Dana and her family spent time during the summer in Nova Scotia connecting with family-tree roots and making maritime adventures. As a sidenote to our reunion, **Jane Hemenway Sullivan** and Dana are trying to track down the whereabouts of our classmate **Jeannette Mehl**. Her last known address was in Monterrey, Mexico, however, SBC no longer has a current address for her. If anyone in our class knows a way of contacting Jeannette, Jane & Dana would greatly appreciate assistance.

I thoroughly enjoyed reunion. My family joined me and also had a great time, despite the rainy weather. Our class seems to have a special bond that keeps so many of us coming back to the campus! It warms my heart to see old friends and to hear about the interesting lives so many of our classmates lead. Reunion was definitely one of the highlights of my year and, in June, I was able to finally join my husband, Jack, on an overseas business trip. It was nice to be on our own in Paris! In addition to seeing many sights in the city, we also had the opportunity to visit Versailles and Monet's beautiful home and gardens in Giverny. We are fortunate to have my parents nearby who love to watch our children. I'm guessing that we need to take another one of these trips before our two, J.P. (11) and, Genny (8), hit their teenage years. I stay busy in commercial real estate and like staying in touch with classmates. I truly appreciated **Janet Rakoczy's** help in providing supplies and stuffing envelopes to send out to all of you and her help in editing the notes! I do think that **Cecilia Garcia Tunon Lear** should be in on the next stuffing party since she nominated me to be class secretary! I hear that she is also a great editor!

This spring **Janet Rakoczy** notched 20 years at Growth Stock Outlook. She enjoys facilitating for a divorce support group, tutoring a learning disabled teenager and doing

social work for her church.

There are two announcements we wish to share with you. A classmate of ours, **Joanne Johns Carnes** of Chester, Virginia passed away on Mothers Day in 2001. If you have any special memories of Joanne, please feel free to send those to us by e-mail and we will submit them to the college for the next magazine. We are very sorry for her family's loss. Also, our letter to **Liz Maynard Hoyt** was returned with no forwarding address. Should you be in touch with Liz, please ask her to contact us so that we can keep her informed of class news. Remember, you can send an email with updated news to us at any time and we will forward it on to the college for publication in any of the magazines. We've enjoyed hearing from so many of you!

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Tinsley Place Lockhart graduated with a law degree from the University of Edinburgh in July 2003, with degree subjects in IT, Internet, Intellectual Property, Media, European Community and Competition law. Her business (training the long-term unemployed in Internet skills on government contract) is now in its eleventh year, and she is contracted to the Law Faculty of the University of Edinburgh to do research into Digital Copyright Management for museums, galleries and cultural archives. Her children, Beauregard (aged 17) and Esmeralda (aged 15) are thriving, and forcing her to choose different night clubs not to embarrass them. Says Tinsley,

"Unfortunately, they don't do keg parties in Scotland..."

Tinsley has had on her mind especially the following alums: Carol Williamson, Margaret Hixon, Joanie Dearborn, Tucker McGowin, Eithne Broderick, Liz McSweeney and Beth who has a son Trent. If you are one of these people or know where to find them, please note this URL: www.tinsleylockhart.com.

Mimi Walch Doe, author of *Busy but Balanced* (St. Martin's Press), *10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting* (HarperCollins) and founder of www.SpiritualParenting.com is working on a book for parents of teenagers. She writes: "Now that I have 2 of my own I have ready-made subjects. I am also busy consulting to

companies who want to create positive products or services for families. We are still loving our life in idyllic Concord, Mass where Tom has his business so that he can pop over to watch a lacrosse game or fencing match that the girls are in. His company Cutler Investments had one of the top performing funds in the world." Mimi enjoyed a wonderful visit with Jenny Kelsey Breining '79 while speaking at an event Jenny planned in her town of Ridgewood, NJ.

Amy Campbell Lamphere is busy full-time volunteering herself to many causes, including the visual arts, health and human services, plus the SYMPHONY, which she reports "will come as a stroke of hilarity to anyone who had to suffer through Music Theory and Ms. Schwartz with me." When not attending a board meeting, she is chauffeuring soccer and swimming stars in an environmentally correct Hybrid Honda, for which she finally traded her trusty minivan. Amy says, "I write a column for a local (Lincoln, Nebraska) 'lifestyle' magazine and am becoming a Weekender (clothing) manager—and laugh a lot about both. Weekender is fun, flexible, lucrative and I am loving the travel involved. Our family spent a lot of time skiing in Colorado and lakeside in Minnesota this year—fun to catch up with gorgeous/busy **Catherine Flaherty** in MPLS. Am traveling to NYC with a posse of high school pals in June—I hope to spend some quality time with **Sarah Skaggs** and catch up on her dancing career while there. I love exchanging emails with **Mimi Walch Doe** and **Claire Dennison Griffith**. And **Swears**, of course. I vote for more mini-reunions in fun shopping/museum cities."

Barbara Wesley Bagbey, Ginny Faris Hoffman, Lillian Sinks Sweeney, True Dow, Fannie Zollicoffer, Jeannine Davis Harris and Liz Swearingen-Edens gathered for a weekend in the mountains of Virginia last October to entertain each other. Hiking the trails, navigating Pilates class, dancing, making pie and trying on hats were among the activities. Many thanks to forward-thinking Jeannine who brought two coolers full of vitamins. A night-hike revealed Lynchburg beneath the clouds, with SBC twinkling in the distance.

True Dow has news from New Hampshire... "It's raining. It's May 30th. It was 56 degrees this morning. BUT the flowers prevail and so do I, dammit! Nicholas is 12 and William is 10. Basketball & ice hockey are my life. I have finally gotten out on my scooter but have yet to figure out how to balance my golf clubs on the back. I am working on my handicap this year, watch out, Annika! If I were writing this as a graduate from the class

of '90 rather than the class of '80, I wouldn't care what the weather was, wouldn't even have a set of clubs and would be trying to figure out how to balance two babies on the back of my scooter. How time flies. Maybe we should do a spreadsheet on all of our parallel information thru the years! But don't volunteer me. I've 3 grandchildren, 3 dogs and 2 cats, 9 incubating chicken eggs, a brand new multi-million dollar 18-hole private golf course all in my humble back yard. Come on by and join the fun!"

Lillian Sinks Sweeney just returned from five days in Disney World, and remains filled with enough "magic" to last a lifetime. Lil is not eager to repeat the experience, having found the sensory stimulation excessive especially for son Taylor who was sick for three of those days. Everyone is glad to be home. She writes: "We have settled into our new house, note address change below. It is a great neighborhood, and we're right across the street from my mother in law, which could be really bad, but is just fine! I am going back to work in the fall as a substitute school nurse." Lil plans to give it a try, then decide whether to return to school for her three course certification. The new address is: Lillian S. Sweeney, 74 Longuevue Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Phone: 412/344-6982

Helen "Cookie" Compton-Harris announces that her first child, Lauren Endal, a 6lb. 15 oz. 20 inch daughter arrived March 24. And just in time! The birth coincides with Mommy's new promotion to Principal of Jefferson Leadership Academies in Long Beach, the first single-gender public school in the nation! Cookie says, "I plan to return to work at the start of the new school year in August, although I am really getting into this motherhood job and wouldn't mind taking a year off if I can figure out how to do (both)!"

Congratulations and let us know how you manage. (Helen Compton-Harris, 5627 East Monlaco Road, Long Beach, CA 90808)

Tammy Bishop Gogenola, husband Joe and son Aaron are busy preparing for a coming family reunion/eightieth birthday bash for her stepfather. Next she will ready the family's rural Colorado home for sale, and help her parents move from their house in Boulder! Good luck to Tammy who promises more news to come

Barbara Wesley Bagbey is Regional Account Manager for a company that sells bottled water with customized labels, and can create a unique look just for you or your business! That's as close as she'll get, though, to junior Sailing Camp on the Chesapeake, where her family will be for a week this summer. Her diligence

will finally be rewarded when all gather on Bald Head island for vacation. Barbara shares the following: "I will then go to camp with Laura in the mountains of NC (Brevard) at the end of July for 2 weeks and work as Assistant to the Art Director. It's fun because I get to play arts and crafts and don't have to cook for anybody for 2 weeks! I actually find it very hard to come home and may decide to move to Asheville!" If she returns, the Bagbays will consider a trip to the Mass. coast before school starts again. To continue with the water theme, Barbara notes that Richmond has been in rain every weekend since April! Hang in, Boog! barbarabagbey@waterbuddys.com

Emily Cox Sinagra is married to a commercial fisherman, has three really cute children (seen pictures), has begun teaching English in Boston and reports to have developed a heightened respect for our professors! More from Emily as soon as the semester's out.

Carol Williamson Jenkins was host to Liz Swearingen-Edens and her children this spring. The Jenkins' are happily occupied with an addition to the fabulous and of course out-of-the-ordinary home along their Alabama ridge, where adventure awaits guests of all ages. Carol's son William (9) demonstrated for Liz's Alexander (7) how to drive an amphibious 8-wheeled vehicle over large rocks, between trees, through creeks and around cattle. Husband Nick taught him to drive the Swedish lawnmower. (Both items now on Alex's Christmas list, thank you, Aunt Carol.) Alex's little sister Cary (5) learned to hang on and Liz is lucky to have pried all away from the fun!

Liz Swearingen-Edens, still live in Louisville with husband Joe, son Alex and daughter Cary Pippin, and work as a free-lance designer/illustrator. Between camps and swim team practices, summer 03 is to include a couple of trips to Canada where we will luxuriate in life without telephone/computer/fax or CNN. It's been great to see so many of you this year, and I love the e-news, so keep it coming—I'll pass it along! Liz ebswearde-sig@mindspring.com

Late news:

Catherine Flaherty announces that she and her family did not move to Sacramento, California after all. "As much fun as I would have had with Pam Elmet's, I'm so glad to be staying in Minnesota. Jim thinks he's retired since January, but really he is just taking time off to bond with his boys through the summer (baseball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, water-skiing, dive team) and will then look for gainful employment that will keep us in the Twin Cities. I continue to sell software and travel, travel, travel. In fact I hope

to make it to SBC this year for Fall Council...sound like a plan to anyone out there? I've seen a lot of my sister-in-law Annie Riordan Flaherty (78), which has been fun, as we continue to spend time with my family in Northern Wisconsin. That's where we'll head for the 4th of July. I also saw **Amy Campbell Lamphere** recently, and bought a fun outfit from her to romp around in this summer. I miss all my dear SBC friends and hope they will come visit."

September 1, 2003 Update:
Tinsley Place Lockhart is back in Scotland after a few weeks in the states visiting with family. She announces a September 2003 move to: 8A St Bernard's Crescent, Edinburgh, EH4 1NP, Tel 0131 332 6740.

Laurie Newman Tichel writes that she and her family have made a life change and now reside on Grand Bahama island. The boys (Andrew, 15, and James, 12) attend the Lucaya International School and husband Chas commutes to Europe where he has set up a series of new companies. Even Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Rory is adapting well. Laurie says: "As for me, I've taken to the island way of life like a fish to water. My degree in anthropology has finally come in handy as I've become instrumental in setting up an exhibit highlighting the island's history and culture. What started out as a philanthropic endeavor has become just about a full time job and happily, very satisfying! We are in Heaven! We love visitors, so please don't hesitate to come see us." **Jeannine Davis Harris** recently celebrated **Lillian Sinks Sweeney's** birthday in Pittsburgh and got to see Lil's new digs! She also managed to squeeze in summer trips to Oregon, North Carolina, Ohio and Vermont. Once at home, Jeannine's kids (Leigh, 12, Reid, 9, and Brad, 5) keep her occupied with school volunteering (Like Lil, Jeannine is PTO president.)

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Michelle Miller Haddad checks in from Austin, TX: She is still living in Austin, happily married, with three daughters, Ariana (13), Susannah (10) and Isabella (5). She stopped teaching with the birth of Isabella and now assists husband with law practice. Life is going great. She would love to hear from fellow graduates of the class of 1986. **Tracy Pryba Baugham** lives in Richmond VA with husband Graham and three daughters: Hayley is six and in first grade. The twins, Olivia and Lauren, are three. Tracy is Hayley's Brownie troop leader which she says has been so much fun. She is about to leave "mommy retirement" to work part time for a small drug development company in the Richmond area. She is ready for the adult contact! Last June she visited **Donna Prommas Duchow** (1986) in San Diego. Donna, the gracious hostess, played tourist so they could see everything the city had to offer. They even spent a day in Mexico. Then in August Donna came to Richmond to see the girls. They did a roadtrip to SBC, toured the campus and even ate lunch at TC Trotters. It was nice to be back after 17 years! As for me, I am still in Stafford, VA. Davis and I have been in our new home for 31/2 weeks and we are still unpacking boxes. Chelsea starting high school this year, and Cameron (9) is excited about entering 4th grade at the neighborhood school. **Lisa Redd Toliver** and I speak often on the telephone, and although she lives close by (Silver Spring, MD), it is tough to plan an outing, because our "mommy can you!" schedules seem to get in the way! We promise to see each other soon

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We had a great time catching up at our fifteenth reunion! We were few in number but we made sure we made our presence known. So much has changed on campus; we spent a good bit of time exploring—despite the rain.

Christina Savage Lytle was elected class president and **Cary Grant Gallagher** was elected fund agent. I'm really looking forward to serving as class secretary.

Please stay in touch! Consider coming to the 20th reunion. It's great to catch up with old friends, meet their families and reconnect with Sweet Briar College. Email seems to be the best way to gather updates—please make sure I have your current address.

Additional notes submitted
September 1, 2003:

It's wonderful to see how far the Class of 1988 has scattered—gotten exciting jobs—and had dozens of children! Speaking of far away—after recently becoming certified by the American Mountain Guides Assn, **Susan Detweiler** has made a long-term move to Jackson, WY to guide for The America's most prestigious guide service: Exum. This winter, however, she will work "on the ice" as a Field Safety Instructor for the US Antarctic Program for 4-5 months, after which she plans to climb in NZ and Australia. As always, she enjoys hearing from other SBCers at suzndt@yahoo.com **Jennifer Crawley Lewis** and her husband, Max, are still enjoying living in West Palm Beach. Their daughter, Diana, is a "rowdy" 2-year old. Jen is busy with the Mom's Club of Palm Beach and running her consulting business. **Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz** is living in Miami with her husband and four children, Kacki 11, twins Burgen and Webb 8 and Chandler 4 1/2. Still involved in sports, she is coaching soccer and volunteering at school.

Stacey Sickels Heckel is working as the Director of Advancement for an Episcopal school in Kensington MD where her boys ages 7 and 5 attend. She also consults for smaller schools in development. She is coaching and

skating on a National Synchronized Skating Team, Ice Force One (www.iceforceone.org). They hope to go to nationals in San Diego this year. She does see **Christina Savage Lytle** and **Heather Shettle Witherspoon** fairly often. She enjoyed the 15th reunion and is hoping to see many more classmates at the 20th. We were pleased to be able to present many of our reunion gifts to Sweet Briar in memory of Heather's husband, William Witherspoon, whom we all miss. **Caroline Corum** is living in Bellevue WA and recently had a mini-reunion with **Cecelia Moore**. **Rapti de Silva** and **Prakashini Punniamoorthy Sahi** in Seattle. Praka and her husband, Guru, have settled in the Seattle area where they both have professional practices—his in internal medicine and hers in dentistry. They have two sons, 5 and 2. **Caroline Corum** is in banking with KeyBank and enjoys traveling to Paris. She attended an SBC alumnae group cook-out this summer and visited with **Christine Canterbury** and **Anne Smith**. **Rapti de Silva** is living in Northern CA and teaching in the math dept at Chico State.

Cecelia Moore is still teaching religion at University of Dayton and will be spending her sabbatical this coming winter writing a book on African American conversion to Catholicism in the twentieth-century. Earlier in the Summer, **Cecelia** and **Beth Stookey Sargent** attended the Alumnae College, "The Rivalry that Shaped America." They report that it was a fantastic week of learning about the founding of the United States and the special roles that Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton played in setting this foundation. They also enjoyed the excellent teaching, the food, the campus in bloom, and meeting alumnae from other generations. They recommend future Alumnae Colleges! Beth and her husband recently built a house in Ashburn VA and she teaches in the Prince William Co. Schools. **Elizabeth Tennant** is living in Houston and working as a mutual fund accountant for AIM Investments. She is recently divorced and spends her time volunteering and home remodeling. **Kate Cole Hite** enjoyed sharing Mansion ABC with **Katie Keogh** and **Kathryn Ingham Reese** during reunion. She and her family live in Severna Park, MD. Chase is in 2nd grade and Mackenzie is in kindergarten. Cole was born Jan. 4th this year. Her "Tastefully Simple" (convenience-driven gourmet food) business is going really well and it allows her to be a stay at home mom. **Katie Keogh** is recently divorced and living in Wilmington with her two sons and daughter. Her oldest is in 5th grade and her youngest is in pre-k. She is

selling real estate for Re/Max. She has stayed in touch with **Mary Halliday Shaw**, **Paige Apple Montinaro**, **Beth Bennett Haga**, **Kate Cole Hite**, **Whitney Bolt Lewis**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Leslie Corrado**. Katie reports that **Leslie Corrado** (check out www.lesliecorrado.com) is one of the premier black & white photographers in the country. Her business is now bi-coastal with offices in San Francisco and New York. **Mary Halliday Shaw** is enjoying San Diego with her twins, Jack & Mike who are in 6th grade, and her son, Kevin, who is in 2nd grade. She decided to be a substitute teacher instead of a full-time teacher to allow her more time for soccer, surfing and band practice for the boys. **Beth Bennett Haga** is in Dallas TX with her husband, Chris, and 3 kids—Caroline (5), William (3) and Sarah (1). **Whitney Bolt Lewis** is a partner in a veterinary practice in Charlotte, NC. She and her husband, Ned, have two sons, ages 3 and 1. (check out

www.PiperGlenAnimalHospital.com) **Kathryn Ingham Reese** is in her 11th year of teaching third grade at Tower Hill School. This year, she is also taking on a new endeavor and teaching a night class at Wilmington College in the education dept. Her girls, London and Elliot, are 4 and 2. **Kelley Yurt Moore** and husband Jim just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Their children are Caroline, in 1st grade and Connor, who is 2 1/2 years old. She is a Human Resources Manager for Eddie Z's Blinds and Drapery Inc, a chain of 8 stores in the Chicagoland area and her husband is an account exec for Fed Ex. **Polly Sattler** is in Atlanta and works as an environmental lobbyist for GA Conservation Voters. She stays in touch with **Katrina Evans Gatti** and **Kathryn Ingham Reese**. **Mariah Read Gaffigan** is in Fairfax Station VA and doing well. **Maia Free Jalenak** just finished her master's degree in art history from LA State U in May and began working for the LSU Museum of Art.

Michele DeGuerin Luke and her husband, Robert, live in Houston and are expecting their second baby in March. Michele enjoys spending time with her 2 year old, Elias. She is in contact with **Lloyds Frates** who, after completing six years of post-graduate work, is looking at investing and starting a new company. Michele also reports that **Carrie Winkler Rowe** is living in NYC with her husband and daughter, Isabelle, and doing well. **Staci Stockburger Fritzges** is staying at home with her sons, Jack (2 yrs) and Ashton who was born in May. Her husband, Chris, is a theatre professor at the University of Central Arkansas. **Alex Ritter** is in Washington DC and going to UDC Law School. She works

as a legal assistant for McGuire Woods LLP. **Christine Diver Ans** is currently at the US Embassy in Riga, Latvia. She is the Community Liaison Officer which is basically the liaison for everything! Her husband is the Defense Attache and they have two children, Aleks (13) and Amanada (7). She has found both of her majors, including Russian and German, to be very helpful in her work! **Brooke Rinehart Dunn** is in Charlottesville. Her daughter, Huyler, is in 2nd grade and her youngest, Reeves, is in kindergarten. She is still working part time for a lawyer specializing in real estate and estate planning. Her husband's landscaping business has been very busy. After an awful drought last year, they experienced a deluge of rain this year. They spent much of the summer on the Northern Neck on their boat fishing and tubing. She has returned to SBC in the spring for the last 5 years to participate in the Alumni Lacrosse Game. She reports that while it was a blast, she couldn't walk well for a week after! She enjoyed seeing other alum at the game including **Laura Ferrazzano**, **Mary Via Cuoco**, **Katie Hearn**, **Missy Ackerman**, **Lee Carroll Roebuck** and **Shannon Wood Bush**. **Kelly Brown Varga** is still in Germany but they recently moved into a larger house as her family welcomed their third child. Jack is now 7 and Emory is 6 and they are both in German elementary school. She stays in touch with **Kim Belcher Harvey** who has 3 boys and lives in NC. **Stephanie Sprouse** and her son, Jackson, moved back to CT to be near her family. She is enjoying watching her son grow up where she did and is experiencing things all over again with him. She outdid herself with a clambake to top them all for Father's Day!

Julie Lindauer Jacobson is still working with the Emory Physician Assistant Program and recently joined the VA Medical Center, working in Cardiology and Nuclear Medicine. She is preparing to spend a month in Ethiopia this year to join medical missions for the CDC and WHO.

Denise Landau Blind stays in touch with **Julie Martin Collins**. **Cameron Cox Hirtz** and **Denton Freeman** Kump and he hope to have a mini-reunion soon. **Tina Savage Lytle** reports that **Denton Freeman Kump** had her third son. **Paige Shiller Okun** is in Southeast Asia. She gave birth to her son, Mason, just before Christmas. Their move to Singapore was delayed by the SARS epidemic. Paige and her two sons (Mason and Bennett who is 2) lived out of a suitcase for two months in the transition. She reports that life on the equator is very hot (averages about 95-100 degrees year round) and humid. They are adjusting to encounters with

three-foot lizards, tree snakes, monkeys that roam free and endless swarms of mosquitoes. They have taken Mandarin speaking classes and Paige has studied Oriental Carpet Appreciation. They also recently traveled to Indonesia. **Eden Zuckerman Brown** and her husband, Bill, are doing well in Arlington. He just took a new job as Department Head of a Forensic Psychology program and will also continue in private practice with Eden. They have been renovating their condo and enjoying life back in the city. **Erica Hennig Subramaniam** and her husband expected the arrival of their first baby on Sept 2nd. No word as of press time! Thanks for all of the help with this update! I'd like to keep working to get current addresses and email addresses so we can gather a big group for our 20th reunion. John and I are still in Atlanta with our daughter, Kathleen (1). I left Coca-Cola and am now the Marketing Communications Manager for Carter's. Please keep me posted! Holla holla—**Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**

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Hi everybody! Hope everyone is doing well. Remember that we will have Class Notes in every issue of the magazine, so send me your news: fan-han@prodigy.net. You can also submit news at the new alumnae website: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/. Here is what some of our classmates are up to these days!

Abby Carter, Eric, and Alexander (4) are still living in Warsaw, Poland. They recently traveled to the Belarussian border to look for bison and wolves. She competed with her horse this summer coming home with 4 first place finishes in 6 starts.

Stacey Hannan Quinn and Michael are expecting their second child 12/02 and Courtney (9/18/99) is very excited. They are still living in Boca Raton, FL and are remodeling again! Stacey has been working at Siemens Mobile for the last 11 years. She is looking forward to taking a few months off (after the baby is born) to spend with her family. She has also been busy with the Junior League and various preschool activities.

Colleen Kelley McCullough is currently living in Henderson, Nevada (outside of Las Vegas). She and husband, Larry, have four children, Robbie (angel baby), Caroline (7), Michael (5) and Jack (8 months). She works in real estate. Larry is an attorney and a stay at home Dad.

Gina Pollock is living in San Francisco, and works for Charles Schwab in product development. She married Shawn Davis in 2001. They

are expecting their first baby in April 2003. **Lisa Claypool** was in their wedding.

Adriana Beckman and family continue to thrive and prosper in Mexico. They welcomed Mia Isabella on 1/3/02. All things being equal she will join the Sweet Briar class of 2019. Adriana's stepchildren have moved in with them, since losing their mother, and are all doing extremely well. The eldest daughter, Kristina is in her second year of university in Mexico City, while Diego and Felipe are in the tenth and seventh grades respectively. In 7/02, she completed the academic and class work section of her Masters in Humanities. The family has moved into a new house which they are renovating.

Raquel Hickman Thiebes moved to Colorado Springs, CO, last summer. Alexander started Kindergarten this year and Matthias is keeping mom busy at home. She also runs two websites, one of which is a companion site to the book she wrote. If anyone has family joining the Army, please visit www.armybasic.homestead.com. She also enjoys researching genealogy and has helped others get started.

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To the class of 1990, please e-mail me! I was only able to get in touch with a handful of classmates this year by e-mail to communicate their class notes for the magazine. In case you didn't know, reminders are no longer sent by mail; therefore, please send me your e-mail address and I will add it to my list to remind you several times a year. My address is as follows: jean_benning@hotmail.com.

Now, for the Notes! **Amy Kroeger** is in her second year of medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico. She says there are still some good parties to be had being in school, but really misses her SBC friends. She can fortunately escape to Puerto Vallarta when time permits, but school has been keeping her really busy. She was able to see **Ann Beatty Malone** this past summer when she was home. Whenever she gets back to the states, she tries to get out to Phoenix to see her old friends and visit with Patsy Kraeger (85).

Brandi Beck Fowler is still in Los Angeles working as a psychologist at a trauma center. She and her husband are currently restoring their newest home. **Ellie Myers Kenworthy** is very busy with her three sons as they start first grade, kindergarten and preschool. She was able to visit with **Catherine Holberg Minor** this past summer at her lake house and had a blast with her and her children.

Meg White Forsberg married Fredrik Clay Forsberg 11/00. She and Clay reside in Norfolk, VA. Meg is the National Marketing Manager for For Rent Magazine. She is looking forward to a trip to Ireland with her mother in September 2003 and hopes her husband and dogs will survive without her for 12 days! She is currently enjoying the SBC young alum gatherings in downtown Norfolk.

Karen Malmquist Laakso and **Kelly Wood Erickson** took their second annual family vacation together in July. They met in Pennsylvania and spent several days at the Sesame Place theme park with a side trip to the Crayola factory. The kids all had a blast with each other and Karen says it was fun to get together with old friends.

Louise Bouldin Carter writes that not much is new, although her daughter just celebrated her first birthday. That sounds like an accomplishment to me!! **Staige Grimes** has finally left NYC and is now living in Michigan. She is a Media Supervisor at General Motors Planworks, which is the advertising agency for GM. She is handling the launch of Chevy's new SSR and Equinox. How exciting!

Still living in San Diego, **Sonja Gruhl Dupouque** and her husband are expecting their first child in December. She is preparing to be a full time mom as well as continue to be active in the Junior League. Her husband still flies for the airlines, as well as for the US Navy Reserves. **Larissa Webb**, husband and son Maxwell (born 6/03) have recently moved to Canada. Her husband took a faculty position at the University of Western Ontario in London. Larissa will be looking for a part time job as a therapist as soon as she can.

Sarah Andres writes that she is still in Hong Kong where she is teaching second grade at an international school. She loves being able to travel in Asia. Just this past year she was in Thailand, Vietnam, India, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and China! She rides regularly in Hong Kong and spends time volunteering at an orphanage. She says that sometime in the near future she would like to return to the United States and hopes to catch up with other friends. She can't wait for the next reunion and says, "Let me know if you want something from Hong Kong!"

Stephanie Dance Tancredi says that she and her husband are in the final stages of building a house that should be completed by the end of the year. She was just starting it the last time we heard from her. Her two children, Daniel (6) and Samantha (3) are both in school. She continues to volunteer within the community both at her church and through the Junior League. She says that she actually

sees herself going back to work after a 10 year hiatus. Good luck!!

Cheryl Bishop Gilman says all is well with her family. She states that life with 5 children flies by so quickly and she barely has time for herself. Jenna (10) is in the 5th grade and enjoys gymnastics. Luke (9) vows to become the world's fastest mile someday. He ran a 6:32 this summer. JEB (8) loves all action and contact sports. JEB and Luke are both being home-schooled this year. Levi (4) loves having his brothers around all day. Corrie Michaela, born 8/02, loves all animals and people. Cheryl says that although her plate is full, she couldn't see herself doing anything else. She and Scott still enjoy running together and their weekly date night. She keeps in touch with **Beth Babbitt Bowen**. She is looking forward to reunion in 2005, as well. **Meg Caulk** is still in Washington, DC working at the Smithsonian. She had a wonderful trip to Greece this year with nine of her friends. They went sailing through the Cyclades Islands. She keeps in touch with **Sarah Andres**.

Beth Pesiri Solomita and her husband bought a house in Stamford in December 2002. As for myself, **Jean Spillane Benning**, my husband and I are enjoying our two daughters, learning and laughing with them every day with their funny sayings and new accomplishments. I am still working for a disaster recovery firm four days a week and traveling sparingly. We are still renovating our old house, which I don't think will ever get done! Please keep in touch and send me your e-mail address so we can all keep in touch with you.

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Some of you may have noticed the Alumnae Office is no longer sending out the annual postcards which you have used in the past to submit your class notes. Instead, the Alumnae Office is asking that you submit information to me in time for the magazine deadlines via email, word of mouth or by mail. Please note these deadlines—they are printed below as well as in the box at the beginning of this class notes section.

In hopes of keeping our class informed about each other, I want to ask you to send me your latest news via email—kimberlycalhoun@charter.net I will try

my best to e-mail you a reminder of the deadlines. (Send your news to me by December 15, April 15 and July 15. This will allow me time to compile the news and send the notes to SBC.)

As I e-mailed our class to collect notes for this magazine I received a lot of return e-mails because SBC has the wrong address. Therefore I am worried that some of our friends may be left out of the class notes. If you are reading this and did not receive an e-mail from me asking for your update for the magazine, please e-mail me with your correct e-mail address and I will be sure to include you in the next reminder. I will also send your correct e-mail address to SBC. Please remember to notify the College or me if you change your e-mail address so that SBC records can be kept up to date.

OK, now on to the notes . . .

Kathy Hughes is full of new news. She is getting married to Michael Hartman (HSC '91) in Washington DC on May 16th, 2003. They are both very excited and are looking forward to seeing many SBC and HSC friends there. She graduates on May 9th, 2003 with a Ph.D. so will have all three—M.S., D.V.M. and Ph.D. She then starts a one-year fellowship at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Fort Pierce, FL (www.HBOI.edu) on June 1st. She and Michael will be living in Jacksonville, FL for at least the next year. She also mentions that HBOI is a great place to bring family for aquatic animal and marine mammal experiences and education. If anyone is interested in visiting, please let her know.

Kristin Liljegen Maurice married Andrew Maurice, a Naval Submarine Officer, in Dec. 2001 and **Dianne Hayes Doss** '93 was able to come. They are now living in New London, CT and she is working at U. Conn.-Storrs as a pronunciation consultant and faculty member of the International Teaching Assistants Program. They are also expecting their first child in July, and are very excited. She is sorry that they missed the last reunion, but looks forward to the next one.

Carter Story Lloyd and her husband, Aaron are celebrating their 9th year of marriage this year. They now have 2 boys, Hunter (4) and Tanner (2 in May). She is nearing the end of her 3rd year of teaching Special Education for Frederick County Public schools, and Aaron is beginning his 9th year with Lowe's. They are really enjoying their home, and continue to improve it every year. This year, they are finishing the basement and adding a hot tub to their deck that Aaron built last year. Carter keeps in touch with **Kelly Brown Estes** from time to time.

Barbara Baisley is still teaching

6th grade in Bethesda, Maryland. Last January, she started the doctoral program in education at George Mason University. In July, her boyfriend, Matt McPartlin asked her to marry him and they will be getting married on August 2, 2003 in Lexington.

Kelly Brown Estes reports that all is well with her family. Ben is 6 and in the 1st grade. He keeps them busy between school and sports. Julia Katherine will soon be 4 and she enjoys her day care and she takes ballet lessons. Kelly continues to teach 2nd grade at Rappahannock Elementary. Ken is still working at the NAPA store owned by Kelly's parents. She also keeps up with **Megan Proffitt** who is expecting a baby girl early this summer.

Amy Ghiz is still living in Decatur, GA with Sylvia the cat and Chitlin the hamster. She is in her third year of doing Web work for BellSouth, and is also doing some freelance writing work to keep things interesting. She is working with Melissa Coffey in the Alumnae Office to increase enrollment in the Alumnae Admissions Representative program, so if anyone is interested in some really fun volunteer work for the College, give her a call or send her an e-mail. Amy has been traveling to her home state of West Virginia for two years now to visit her boyfriend, Larry. She is hoping to relocate to WV in a year or so, meanwhile she is just working and waiting to find a good job there. She keeps in touch with **Sonia Haddad Salfity** '91 and **Nora Oney Kimberly McGraw Euston** left Credit Suisse First Boston and joined Bank of America in May of 2002 as the head of the Global Investor Sales Team for foreign exchange. She travels to Europe, Asia and within the US frequently. A friend of Jennifer Brodlieb's twin sister is the executive producer of a documentary titled "Risk/Reward" that will air on the Oxygen network in the fall. She mentions this because she will be one of four women profiled in the film and Jenny made the introduction. The documentary will also be shown at several prominent film festivals including the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. Her Sweet Briar ring is featured in many scenes! She visits with **Suzanne Petrie** '91, **Kate Haw** '92 and **Kimberly Davis** '89 often. **Tracy Steele** and her husband Kevin are expecting another baby in July! Otherwise, life is great with Addison (14 mos). She and Kevin remain busy with work and volunteering in their community.

Lisa Newman Francisco and her husband George are living in Texas. **Stephanie Edens** is presently living in Alexandria VA, working as a flight attendant based out of NYC, and trying to start an interior design business. She is getting married in June

to a pilot from CA and she has been very busy with all the planning. After they get married, they are planning on moving to Houston. Stephanie still keeps in touch with **Lisa Newman Francisco** and **Heather Brinton**, who is her matron of honor. Stephanie reports that Heather is doing well. Heather is an attorney, she is married to an attorney and they are living the peaceful life in Eugene, OR. **Tracy Loftus Keller** is still working for the law firm of Prickett, Jones & Elliott in the Kennett Square, Pennsylvania office. She has escrowed her real estate salesperson's license and given up exercising raceshorses in order to play with (and keep up with) her daughter, Caroline. She's 1 1/2 and talking up a storm. She and her husband Chris have a little house in the country with a spectacular view. She still rides horses at her parents' on the weekends. She lives very close to **Stacey Simpson** and sees her frequently. **Jennifer Brodlieb Cacioppo** reports that she couldn't stay away from fashion altogether, so she worked at the Ralph Lauren Fall 2003 Women's fashion show. She had fun being part of New York Fashion Week for a day. She has seen and played with some SBC and NYC girls—**Hopie Carter** '94, **Kim Clayton** '94, **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams** '93, and **Kerry O'Donnell** '93. Before the winter got the best of them, **Lisa Crego**, **Pokey DuPont Schiff**, and **Jenny visited Jacqueline Geets Henry** at her mother-in-law's house in Hobe Sound, Florida. They left most of the boys at home—**Riker Schiff** (1 yr.) stayed in Raleigh, NC and **Anabella** (3 yrs.) and **James Cacioppo, Jr.** (8 mos.) stayed in New York. They are all anxious for Jackie's first baby due at the end of Feb.

Kory Aldrian Faulkner is working as a RN in a surgical cardiac intensive care unit. Kory just switched to working 12-hour weekend nights at the hospital to allow for more time during the week. Which is a good thing because she and her husband Dana are still making changes in their house. This year they will rip out the first floor bathroom and completely re-do it. On the side she has been busy riding a client's horse for a local hunter/jumper trainer and she was fortunate to have the incredible opportunity to train with Jayne Aryers (FEI dressage judge) several times a week. Kory also has been turning old furniture into new in an upholstery class. In addition to all this she has been working hard sparking interest in SBC with several high school students in the area. She keeps in touch with **Eleanor Phillips** via phone and e-mail. Eleanor is running her own eventing barn in Southern Pines. Kory also sees **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** '91 and **Diane Dalton** '67 about once a month

for dinner.

Cara Ardemagni LaRoche had a tough and long year. Unfortunately, they had several people close to them pass away since last spring, most recently Bob's dad in November. She is still teaching at Ellis and took over as chair of the math department effective July '02.

Flie Carmouche Hill is doing well. She and Keith welcomed daughter #3, McKenna Rose Hill, in August 2002. Madison (5) and Morgan (2) love having a new baby sister. They certainly keep her busy. Flie will be moving into their new home in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the end of February.

Tricia Pheil had a busy fall. She ran (and completed!) her 2nd 50 Mile JFK Ultramarathon in November and followed it up with a vacation to Las Vegas. She didn't win enough at blackjack to retire but she did finally find her dream job in December...Director of Special Events at Hollow Creek Golf Club, just outside of Frederick, MD. Tricia primarily books weddings and corporate events...and gets to play free golf!

Lori Saraniero got engaged in early February and is getting married to Matt Marks in October 2003. She is also going to be a step-mom to Madison 7 and Mason 4. Work is going great for her and she just loves working for Merck. Lori will be moving in July but just locally.

Kelly Arden Friedman got married in April 2002 in her hometown of Vero Beach, FL. She and her husband Jonathan went to Nevis in the Caribbean for their honeymoon. Jonathan is an attorney from Atlanta and Kelly is in her third year with Schering Laboratories in pharmaceutical sales in Atlanta. She still does some counseling on the side—she is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Ga. In her free time she loves being active in the Junior League of Atlanta and in Atlanta Lawn and Tennis Assoc.-ALTA. She still keeps in touch with **Lisa Newman Francisco** and **Pamela Shea**. **Julie Bridesweiser Wingard** and Ed are happy to announce they are expecting again in September. Issac, the love of their lives, will turn one next month. Julie is still working in the Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital and loves it.

Margaret McClellan Driscoll and the clan are doing well in Williamsburg. McRae is getting ready for kindergarten in the fall and Parker loves Mother's Day Out. Christmas was great with **Jen Toomey Driscoll** and her children visiting.

Abby O'Steen Reeder and her husband Tom are doing well in NC. Abby is happy at home with William (4 1/2), Grace (2 1/2) and Ellen (9 mos).

Laura Davis Fiochetta still loves

her job as a marketing manager at American Red Cross National Headquarters. Her 3-year old daughter Kasey keeps them busy with gymnastics and with terrorizing her little brother, Matthew, who is now just 14 months. When they can find a babysitter, they will sneak off to a show in DC. Laura says that life is insanely busy, but she still makes the time to keep up with **Sigrid Zirkle Carroll '93**. **Rokhsan Falah** is still living in the DC area and working in the same Association, in the Marketing department. Rokhsan is expecting a baby girl at the end of May. Lily (the big sister) is extremely excited.

Cricket Rabin Kalalevsky and her husband Kirill, welcomed Pippin Jane into their lives on June 27th. Pippin is adorable and has a great sense of humor—they are enjoying every minute of having her in their lives! They have relocated to Denver to be closer to family and friends as well as the best skiing around. **Sheila**

McWilliams writes that after spending a year in Uzbekistan as a business consultant for a USAID-funded economic development project, she is now working as an investment officer/project controller for a European Muslim development fund on a jointly-World Bank financed hydro-electric power project in Tajikistan. She loves Dushanbe—it is a very quiet town that has a dry cleaning establishment (a step up from where she was last year!). She is busy studying Russian and for the second level of the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) examination. **Holly Caswell King** and her husband David welcomed Caroline Jordan on February 16. Their son Caswell loves being a big brother to CJ.

Diana Bradford Walsh and her husband Nick are living in NYC and expecting a baby boy in May. As for Clay and myself... we are doing well in Atlanta. Lily (3) and Caroline (1) are our constant joy. We will celebrate 5 years of marriage this year with a trip to Charleston. We are all looking forward to going back to SBC in May to watch Clay's cousin Christy Maxwell graduate. I wish all of you a wonderful and hopefully relaxing summer! I will be in touch!

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Our ten year reunion was wonderful! It was a small but mighty turnout, and I think I speak for the group when I say that it did us all good to reconnect with relationships that had faded due to distance or time. The amazing thing about Reunion is that even as

you fall into the easy arms of familiar friendships, there is always someone new to meet. Many people commented that perhaps we lived in a bubble then, and that the power of coming back every five years lies in opening your eyes to new things as well as old. For those of you who have yet to attend, plan on the fifteenth! You are guaranteed to make a new "old" friend.

Ashley Celis Cavalier and her husband Buck welcomed their first child, Cason Ralph Cavalier on January 6, 2003. Ashley is a dermatologist in private practice in Bryn Mawr, PA. Her husband will finish his residency in orthopedic surgery this year. She recently saw **Muffin Steers Farese**, **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams**, **Beth James Longest**, **Maria Bergh**, **Ginger Marks Collier '92** and **Hopie Carter '94** for a weekend of shopping and playing in NYC. She also keeps in touch with **Amy Waite Riley** and **Karen Valanzano**. **Kim Cutting Winter** is in the process of moving from Vermont to Chester County, PA with her husband and baby son, Hayden. She recently had dinner with **Susan Messikomer Horenkamp**, who lives in West Chester, PA. Susan is with Bank One but keeps busy with home renovations, her husband Matt, and their two year old, Trevor. **Lily Anderson McGinley** married the man of her dreams, USAF Sgt Sean McGinley, on July 28, 2002. **Amy Eller Lewis** was a bridesmaid, and led the wedding party in a rousing rendition of Holla Holla, much to the bride's delight. After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the newlyweds endured a lengthy separation due to the fighting in the Middle East—only 101 days together in the first year of marriage! Lily reports that the transition from the west coast back to the south has been wonderful, and being "at home" again feels good.

Kristen Swenson Sloop had happy news of new babies: **Johana Kelleher Hootnagle** is expecting a girl in September 2003, and Kristen and her husband will make their little John, two and a half, a big brother in December. They are busily renovating a new home in preparation, and Kristen reports that her line of hand painted furniture continues to grow and be sold in home stores throughout the south. I got a cute note from Alex Alexander—whose real name, turns out, is **Sarah Robinson Boyd**—with a story about her little boy going off to school recently in her shorts. He thought he'd gotten new school clothes! Suffice to say, Justin continues to grow at a healthy clip. Roy, Alex's husband, has become a full time trout bum, leading fly fishing expeditions and running a fly shop. Alex was offered a wonderful opportunity in Lockheed Martin's Corporate HQ, a one-year term working for one

of the business area vice-presidents. She'll get exposure to the entire company, and when the year is up, she can decide where she'd like to be. How great to hear about good things happening to good people, Alex! Congratulations!

Debra Elkins keeps her nerdy legacy alive, advising GM on supply chain risks, modeling and analyzing threats such as breaches of homeland security. She writes, "While I know it sounds geeky, it pays the bills!" She keeps in touch with Kristina Glusac '92 and Erin Kat '91. **Tracy Stuart** lives a life I love hearing about, teaching in New England at St. Luke's School and spending summers on the Vineyard. She continues to coach hockey and lacrosse and lives in New Canaan, CT. **Norma Bulls Valentine** writes that all is well with her and sister Nancy in Palm Beach. Norma is running her own real estate firm and recently bought a new show horse, and Nancy works for Olympic medalist Sue Blinks. They are gearing up for a busy horse show season and the 2004 Olympics! She keeps in touch with **Sabryna McClung Roberson** and says she loves the emails of her crazy adventures. Speaking of which, Sabryna posts the following: She has graduated from culinary school, sold her home, and is now traveling North America with her husband and pooch, Captain Jack. They plan to stay on the road through the end of 2003 and possibly until summer 2004. Their adventures have taken them to the homes of quite a few SBCers, including visits with **Tracie Allen Weber**, **Laura Warren Underwood**, newlywed **Susan Rapello Santos**, **Ginger White Amon '94**, and **Kelly Cogshall '95**. They hope to see more friends as they drive across the top of the US and down the west coast over the holidays. If anyone is in their path, email her at sabryna_roberson@yahoo.com

Nalini Mani works for the Fairfax County Government as a Sr. Analyst in Workforce Planning. She keeps in contact with Nora Oney '92 and Erin Oney Murphy '95, and recently reconnected with **Melony Joe Ellinger**. She'd love to get in touch with other old pals—email her at nmani1970@hotmail.com. **Lauri Dabbieri** wrote the following: I have found the perfect life! I teach Latin 9 months a year at Langley High School in McLean, VA. The other 3 months I spend under the Tuscan sun in an apartment in the Italian countryside. I have played host to several SBC and HSC friends in the last few years and am looking forward to upgrading my residence in Castel del Bosco (near Pisa) to a larger home I will renovate. Sounds like a slice of heaven! **Stacey McClain** has moved back to sunny Jacksonville, FL after spending the coldest winter in 30 years in Boston.

Everyone is finally thawed out! Bob will start a new job with Modis and Stacey begins school this fall for her Master of Library Science and Information Studies at FSU. She spent the summer working for promotehetruth.org, a website which provides facts about sexual violence as well as online support for victims and survivors, their friends and families.

Patty Friend Douglass sounds wonderful—she was married in 2000 to James Stewart Douglass and had a baby girl, Parker Elizabeth, in the spring of 2003. She lives in NYC and reverse-commutes into Greenwich, CT for work, managing a facility called Partridge Hollow. She loves being a new mother! **Dianne Hayes Doss** is preparing for the birth of her second child and first daughter, due in September 2003. She says that she astounds co-workers daily by returning to the office. Jennifer Charlotte Doss is a big girl! Husband Bill spent the summer turning their guest bedroom into the new nursery, while son Dan prepares for the role of big brother—he says he can't wait to help out! **Gretchen Petrus** must know her life is charmed: She has been living in NYC for 6 years, with a recent move from the Village to the Upper East Side. She walks to the Guggenheim and Central Park, and rubs neighborly elbows with the likes of Woody Allen. She is a French speaker for Delta Airlines, so between seating Katie Couric and Ringo Starr in first class, she gets paid to wander the Champs-Élysées in her leisure hours.

Stateside, she plays keyboard and horn in a band called The Sharp Things. Visit the website at www.thesharpthings.com to see when they are performing in a city near you!

As for me, **Michelle MacMurtrie Constable**, it's true: I found out I am expecting my third baby while at Reunion. I'd like to say that my accident happened at dinner, after three martinis while up on stage with the band in the middle of belting out a perfect rendition of Aretha's famous "RESPECT". Not so. I busted my knee on a slippery patio outside the EB Room while trying to be a good citizen, throwing my baby's dirty diaper in an outside trash can. That's right, folks, I already have a baby...the ugly truth is that this fact doesn't seem to preclude a girl from having another...I digress. Anyway, I busted my knee, tearing a ligament and requiring the use of Amherst County EMT services in the hospital, an overzealous young doctor wanted an x-ray, but peppered me with questions before ordering the test, one of which was whether or not I could be pregnant. Although I denied this vigorously, I was utterly confused as to my particulars—what, when, this month, that month, I repeated to anyone who would listen that I already

had a baby. THAT'S how I knew I was n't pregnant, but that logic didn't seem to cut the mustard with the medical professionals on duty. So they took urine...and the urine doesn't lie. As my sweet husband arrived to check on me, pulling back one edge of the privacy curtain in my little cubby, the doctor peeked in the other side. He said "You can't have the x-ray, but congratulations!" I almost fell off the table and busted my other knee, and I noticed then that Jeff's gaze took on a sort of deer-in-the-headlights quality. He's still got it. My cherished friend Kristen Hooper moved in to care for my family, giving me time to rehab my knee and adjust to what quickly became our happy, if unexpected news. We are looking forward to Christmas 2003, when Grace (4) and Gedd (1) will welcome their new sibling. Space is at a premium, so we'll move in early fall to gain a bit more elbow room. To those who heard this news at reunion, thank you for your notes and emails. I have enjoyed your humor and well wishes! My email remains the same: michelleconstable@yahoo.com. Please keep me up to date on your activities, I love hearing from you! It continues to be my pleasure to serve as Class Secretary, and I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

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Hello to the class of 1999! It has been a busy year with weddings and babies all across the US! **Tiffany Tyler** is currently working for Meriwether-Godsey, a food service contractor in Lynchburg, VA. They own Isabella's and Meriwether's, two upscale restaurants in Lynchburg, as well as provide management to private schools, retirement communities, etc. Personally, she is dating a chef who works at one of the restaurants. As for long-term plans, Tiffany is eager to get somehow involved again with horses; after graduating from SBC she had the opportunity to travel to Europe and Canada to shows and looks forwards to doing that again. **Christy Carl** graduated with distinction this past May with an MA in Communication, Culture, and Technology from Georgetown. Until next spring she is working with MacNeil/Lehrer Productions as a Research and Production Assistant on "Do You Speak American?" a documentary by Robin MacNeil coming out next year. She is also helping to produce the website to accompany the documentary, which is about American English and perceptions of American English. She is dating a recent graduate of GU's School of Foreign Service (James), and in her spare time chats constantly with **Kelli Rogowski** and through her sometimes hangs out with **Pam Fine**. Christy is also in weekly, if not daily, contact with **Regina Yau**, who just earned her second master's degree from Oxford. She also talks fairly regularly with **Traci Haubert** who is now in Newport News, VA and whom she helped move last year in what resulted in a hilarious cross-state adventure starring two SBC alums, a full-grown weimaraner, and a terrified kitten all in the cab of a large U-Haul with a car being pulled behind.

Meghan Pollard Leypoint and Steve celebrated their one year anniversary in April. Since then, they have had many exciting things happen for them. Meghan and Steve found out that their wedding pictures will be featured in the "Real Weddings" section of the national wedding magazine, The Knot. It should be featured sometime after September. Their pictures were submitted by their photographer and chosen to be featured. They also

adopted and welcomed "Lucy" a few months after they were married. She is part lab & German Shepherd. Meghan has been promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions at The Fuqua School of Business. Her fall recruitment travel is taking her to exciting places such as Moscow, Istanbul, Athens and Paris. Meghan tells us that she is a bridesmaid in **Joe Wiherle's** wedding to Kent Griemel on August 9th & she is attending **Leslie Hager's** wedding August 31st, along with **Katalin Chmielniski** and **Andy Gibbs Brown**. **Anne Jones**, **Brandi Whitley**, **Laura Lamb** and **Sarah Kingsley Foley**. Meghan is also the godmother to Katalin Garland's twin boys, Thomas and Connor. **Joanna Slusser**, **Dana Woodbury** & Meghan visited with Katalin in Boston, and met the boys for the first time. Katalin, in addition to being a mom, works as a professional meeting planner with Aramark Harrison, the world's largest conference center and lodging company. She and husband, Philip, are excited to attend Leslie Hager's wedding in August and then Laura Lamb's in the spring. Laura Lamb says that she has been working on planning her May 2004 wedding to Scott McGuckin, where Meghan, **Brandi Whitley** and **Krista Wigginton Gravatt** will be bridesmaids. Laura is also looking forward to visiting Krista after the birth of her first baby, expected in early August. Finally, Laura tells us that she is wrapping up things at Duke and plans to finish graduate school with a Ph.D. in May 2004.

Brandi Whitley tells us that she is still at UNC, in the Pathology Department, and plans to graduate in May 2004 with a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pathology. She and Tom are very happy, and her dog, Indiana, is doing very well!

Amy Gibbs Brown will be finishing her interior design MFA at George Washington this December and will needs lots of residential interior design clients if anyone is interested. Amy and husband Kenton went to Hawaii this year and saw active lava. She is also going to be a bridesmaid in Jocelyn Wiherle's wedding in August. Amy bought a baby horse named Manhattan that will be ready to ride in three years. **Valerie Roche** and Derek Kite were married March 22nd of this year in Malibu (where they live), and since then, have been traveling everywhere for his triathloning. Valerie tells us that her whole life has just been a whirlwind! Next month, Valerie and Derek will be going to Switzerland for World Championships in Duathlon, where he championed a place on the US Team. They are also planning on moving in the near future, most likely to Boulder, CO. Valerie tells us that there are no children in

the horizon...at least not for a few years! **Leslie Stokes** is living in Atlanta, GA, attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University, with two years remaining on her MDIV. She works as a youth minister at a local United Methodist Church and also assists with homeless children in after-school/daycare programs. She is working towards ordination in the UMC.

Marlena Dearman McGuire tells us that Chris has been deployed for 5 months and should be home in another 3. He went to Iraq and is now on his way to Liberia. Marlena is still working as the director of a day care. She has seen **Jill Triana** and **Meredith Bonnell Houff** and they are both doing well. She also tells us that **Leslie Hardy Dunville** and husband Jochen are doing well and are expecting their first baby any day now! **Sarah Dornimey** is living in Blacksburg, VA and finishing up her thesis for her master's in landscape architecture. **Emily Sartor** received her master's of social work from UNC-Greensboro in May '03. She is currently a Child Therapist for the Family Counseling Center in Hillsboro, NC. She and Jill have been living together for the past 2 years in Chapel Hill. **Elizabeth Melvin** recently bought a house in Charlotte, NC and is still employed with Bank of America Investments. **Rachel Brattie** recently got engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Chris Taylor. They are planning a wedding in California, in June of 2004, right before she graduates from medical school. They are living in San Francisco and loving it!

Wendy Webb Walker tells us that after getting married to Sean in 6/01, she finished up law school at Villanova in 5/02, took the PA and NJ bars [and has no idea how, but passed both]. Although she had fun interning as prosecutor in the local district attorney's office, she ended up accepting a job as a medical malpractice defense attorney. In PA it's busy given the state of the medical crisis. Wendy has been with her firm for almost a year now and has been working way too many hours, but learning a lot. Sean and Wendy live with 2 kitties and a Rottweiler that they adopted from the SPCA. These will be her furry kids for the foreseeable future... Wendy and Sean are in the process of buying a different house and moving back to their hometown, [Kennett Square, PA] in September. Wendy admits to not having been the best at keeping in touch, but does talk with **Bridget Meier Visari** and had fun seeing her and Kris, Mel, Tina & Susan at her wedding in 4/02. She has also been blessed with a visit from **Katie Leeming** when passing through PA.

Tina Hansel Snover married David

on June 15, 2002. They are currently living in Bristol, VA with their two Boston Terriers, Maggie and Lucy. Tina is still working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. On July 27, 2002 **Melissa Henning** married Barrett Hill at Sweet Briar. They recently purchased a condo and are living in Annandale, Va. Barrett surprised Melissa with an upright piano, and she is absolutely thrilled to be able to finally play piano in her own home! Melissa is working in DC with Textron, VA. She plans all kinds of meetings, dinners, and other events. In December, 2002, **Susan Hurley Upshaw** gave birth to a little girl, Ashley Paige. Susan, Gary and Ashley still reside in West Point, Va. Tina also tells us that **Kris Harris** is living in Arlington, VA and has a great job with Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Heather McLeod lives in DC and works at Politics and Prose, a book shop in NW DC. She and her boyfriend TJ are very musical—he plays in a band and she plays guitar and sings periodically at club events. **Aracelie Castro** is working as finance officer for the 1st Support Battalion, Multinational Force and Observers of the US Army. She is waiting on her next assignment. **Allison Dubenezic** writes that she is going to Shenandoah University to complete a masters degree in TESOL. She plans to stay put in Virginia and soon teach English as a Second Language in an elementary school. **Kelly Turney Gatzke** writes that she doesn't have any really big news since she got married last year. Kelly and husband Ben are still in Savannah, GA where Kelly is working as a paralegal with Dorothy W. Courtingin, II '72. Even though Ben is a Captain in the Army, they were very lucky that he was not deployed with the rest of the 3rd ID to Iraq. Ben had duties back at Ft. Stewart. Kelly and Ben will be changing posts and heading to Ft. Knox, Kentucky in October. There are not any kids in the picture yet, but they do have Lady and Dexter (the dog and cat). Kelly still keeps in touch with **Andrea Sharretts**, **Sarah Elkins**, **Julie Harju**, **Aracelie Castro**, **Kelli Rogowski** and **Kristin Smith**. **Kristin Smith** is living in DC and working for a firm in their Legislation department as a lobbyist. She writes that she has become an avid runner, gearing up for her second 1/2 Marathon, Labor Day weekend.

Devon Vasconcellos eloped with Stephen Biansky in December, 2002. They were on a friend's boat off of Waikiki. They spent Christmas with her father's family in Honolulu and then honeymooned on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. **Kristine Bria** graduated from the Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work with her MSW in May, 2003. She is currently interning with the

department of children and family services in specialized foster care. She also consults for Bridge Communications and the National Council of Adoptable Children as a diversity educator and co-facilitator. She keeps in touch with **Julie Harju**. **Sarah Dean** and **Erin Vlasaty**. **Alex Sienkiewicz** says that things are proceeding busily at AMNI, and she is closer to obtaining her CMP. She has moved yet again, this time to a condo about 30 minutes from the beach! She also tells us that she and Greg are doing extremely well, and have enjoyed another year of fun in the sun! **Jill Triana** received her master's degree in rehabilitation psychology and counseling from UNC in May, 2002. Since then, she has been working part-time for the Meredith College Counseling Center as a Disability Counselor. Jill also recently began a new job at UNC's Learning Disability Services. In this job she will be providing coaching and academic skills training to students with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder. Jill and Emily Sartor are still living together in Chapel Hill. **Meredith Tillery** is currently working and living in Greenville, SC but by press time, will be in Knoxville, TN working in an insurance consulting firm.

Kim Andolshek-Bolz says that her biggest news for the year is her baby girl Kate Alyce born 2/24/03. She is so much fun! Kim decided not to stay with Pharmaceuticals after Kate was born, and is at home part of the day and many days spends part of her time at the grocery store and coffee shop with husband Justin. Kim says that it's been a year of change, but all great changes. **Katie Leeming** came and visited Kim after Kate was born.

Aimee Armentrout is living in Richmond now and has just accepted a position as an Instructional Aide in Special Ed., working with children in grades K-2, at Cool Spring Elementary in Hanover County. She is also beginning work towards getting her teaching license in elementary education, with the hopes of teaching K-1. (All this after teaching English on the college level and discovering she didn't like it all that much...) Aside from that, Aimee has been working on writing her first novel, and has about 215 pages so far—still not done! She keeps in close touch with **Jennifer Crutcher**, **Emily Clark Kang**, **Hunter McOwen** '01, and **Allison Clark** '01. Niners—please keep your notes coming so we have info to include in every issue of the alumnae magazine! My e-mail is kgarland4@cs.com

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Mo Robertson would like to announce her engagement to Michael. They are waiting until 10/04 to get married but are currently preparing for married life by living together and taking care of their cat Pumpkin. Mo is working in the Office of Graduate Medical Education and is working closely with all the different residency programs. In 7/03, Mo and Michael attended a family reunion with Michael's family in Crawford, Colorado. **Melissa J. Bellan** writes that she is finishing up her last year of law school at SMU. She is still happy in Dallas with Jeremy and their dog. After law school, Melissa plans to look for a job in Dallas. **Tara Putegnati** writes that she is teaching 6th and 7th grade history at a Catholic Middle School in Brownsville, TX.

Christine Bump reports that she has just one year of law school left and can't wait till it's over! In addition to classes, Christine is the Executive Managing Editor of the law review. This past summer she was in Washington, DC as a summer associate at Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, a food and drug "boutique" law firm. Christine was able to work on a lot of interesting projects relating to drug approvals, food labeling, and laboratory certification. While in DC, she saw alums at the Campaign celebration and got together with **Ginny Gilbert** (before she moved to Syracuse!) and **Kim Harden** fairly often. After she graduates in 5/04, Christine hopes to permanently relocate to DC. **Marilen Sarian** was married on 6/28/03 to Eric Edwards in VA. And **Elizabeth Hyland** reports that she is now Elizabeth Swann after marrying Kevin Swann (HSC). Elizabeth and Kevin celebrated the birth of their first child, Aaron Michael in 10/01. Liz stays in touch with **Casey Herman**, Joanna Slusser '01, Chanel Smith '01. **Nicole Rodriguez**, Ameka Reeves Cruz '01, and Meg Frier '01.

Ashley Hill gave me an update from Lake Tahoe, CA to say she is leaving Squaw Valley USA (ski mountain) after two years to attend grad school at UVA. Ashley began school in 6/03 studying landscape architecture. **Lacey Banis** writes that she was married on 10/19/02 to William Yarnall, Jr. on Captiva Island, FL. Alum Jennie Lee '99, was in attendance and played the violin during the ceremony. Lacey reports that she has had numerous articles published in TV Guide, including an interview with American Idol's Randy Jackson in 12/02, in 4/03, Lacey accepted an Associate Editor position at M magazine, a Heinrich-Bauer published tween magazine. **Elizabeth Davis** became engaged to Brian Baker of Raleigh, NC on 2/14/03 and the two are planning a 5/04 wedding. Elizabeth also says that Josie Beets recently moved to Brooklyn, NY and that **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** was

married in 3/03 in VA. As for Elizabeth, she is working at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, working with first-generation college students as a program coordinator. Elizabeth sees many SBC alums such as Brook Tucker '02 and Meghan Pollard '99. On 7/20/02, **Alicia Hart** married Michael G. Palmore (HSC '97) in St. Paul, MN. Michael is employed by Lehman Brothers and they live in Atlanta.

Thanks to **Evangeline Easterly**, all of us should have received the remaining "dot dots" (quotes or messages that appeared next to your picture) that weren't included in our senior yearbooks. If anyone did not receive these, contact me and we'll see what we can do. As for me, I'm working in DC at the Department of the Interior and living in Woodbridge, VA. I saw **Alissa Harris**, **Marlena Koper**, **Jessi Livingston**, and **Liz Keating** recently at Katie Woods '01 wedding. Alissa is living in Boston, MA and continues to work in film and photography. Marlena successfully defended her thesis at Miami of Ohio and is teaching classes there. Jessi is out in AZ and Liz is still teaching in Northern VA. Additionally this summer I saw **Emily Pegues**, **Katie Wright**, and **Jackie Hauslein** to celebrate Jackie's pending nuptials. I also visited with **Elizabeth Rice Kinnaman** who is preparing to send off her oldest to preschool and recently bought a horse, Autumn. Keep the notes rolling in either through the mail or to my e-mail. Thanks everyone.

2001

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Another year has gone by, and it sounds like we're all still doing great. There are tons of marriages, as well as some births to announce! I'm still at the same company I started working for after graduation. Along with "learning the ropes" of direct mail, I've also been testing and developing a new database system for my company. I've also been keeping up with my high school by continuing the role of vice president & secretary of the alumni association. (And for those of you who remember "Ole Bessie", she's finally being retired!)

Melanie Naquin lives in Charlottesville, and works for an organization called Christian Aid Mission, where she assists the Director of Southeast Asia ministries.

Vanessa Corry has entered her second year of medical school at a foreign M.D. program in the Netherlands-Antilles. She will return to the US in the fall of 2003 to take the USMLE and begin her clinical rotation. She will graduate in 2006, and plans

on specializing in family practice.

Brianne Vogler married Brian Midura this past winter.

Whitney Smith lives in Richmond where she now works at Prosperity Mortgage, a joint venture between Wells Fargo and Long & Foster. **Emily Black Burns** moved to NYC after taking some time off after college. During her "break", she completed a half-ironman triathlon in 6:55:00! She is currently working on her Ph.D. in neuroscience at The Rockefeller University.

Nicole Gikison was married in January, and in November, moved to San Diego with her husband and their baby boy, Ethan.

Lisa Williams lives in London, near Regent's Park. She is currently using her life experiences for a comedy pilot for the BBC Network, called *N16*.

Kim Schmidt Miscavage married Brian, a sailor in the Navy, in May of 2002. Her sisters **Jennifer Schmidt Major** ('99) and **Abby Schmidt** ('00) were the matron and maid of honor. The bridesmaids included **Katy Kruschwitz** ('01) and **Nia Fonow Hughes** ('01). **Ariana Wolynec-Werner** was a reader. Kim now lives in Seabrook, NH where she works as the Human Resources Manager for ITW Holographics. Along with reading at Kim's wedding, **Ariana** had a great time catching up with Illinois-located SBC alumni at a luncheon held this past December. She will graduate from the U. of Chicago in June with an M.A. in Divinity/Political Ethics. She plans on entering a joint degree graduate program in Law & International Relations, concentrating on Diplomatic Ethics.

Laurie Kovatch was recently promoted to a new position working as a quality control analyst in the Microbiology department. She is also attending a graduate program in microbiology at Seton Hall U. Laurie has also completed two triathlons, placing second in her age group in the second one. She also plans to compete in a 1/2-marathon, as well as another triathlon. Laurie and her boyfriend are both still enjoying living in Central Jersey.

Amy Tabb is finishing up her master's degree in the Performance Practice of Music (piano) at Duke. She will graduate this spring.

Heather D. Tucker and Carroll L. Simpson had their first child, Hannah Elizabeth Simpson, on Sept. 6, 2002. She weighed in at six pounds, fifteen ounces.

In August of 2002, **Leah Solivan Busque** married Kevin in Massachusetts. They now live in Lunenburg, MA. After spending nine months as the Registrar and Exhibitions Coordinator at a regional Contemporary Art Museum, **Natasha**

Nickodem accepted a job offer from the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, FL., where she is now working as the Events and Membership Coordinator.

Diana Church is attending the London School of Economics, where she is pursuing an MSC in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries.

On June 15, 2002 **Ameka Reeves Cruz** married the love of her life, Scott, in the Sweet Briar Chapel. They now live in a townhouse in a new subdivision of Lynchburg, and had their first child in October! Ameka still loves teaching algebra at E.C. Glass high school.

Congratulations to all of you all of your accomplishments. Please stay in touch—I love hearing from everyone. I wish all of you nothing but the best in 2003!

2002

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Hard to believe that we've been out of school for one year! And what a year it has been for our class. We're all getting used to the "real world" and what it has to offer. **Brook Tucker** is working for Novozymes, an enzyme producing company that gets the ring around the collar off, protein residue off of contact lenses and makes bread fluffy. She is doing quality control in the microbiology lab testing products used in food production. She was the maid of honor in **Tiffany Moseley's** ('00) wedding in February. She lives in Raleigh and has been hanging out with **Meghan Gregory**. She is in contact with **Lori Smith** who is living in Charlotte, NC attending the Art Institute of Charlotte. Lori will graduate in December 2003 with a degree in Fashion Marketing and hopes to find a job in fashion journalism.

Maria Thacker is back home living in Atlanta, GA for the year. Currently, she is working a one year fellowship for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at their sister agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). She is doing research and community involvement work in the environmental public health field. She has applied and plans on attending graduate school next fall with the goal of obtaining her Masters in Public Health (MPH). She is also teaching swimming lessons part-time. **Kelly Monical** is attending law school at Willamette University in Oregon and will be studying international law in China this summer. She is living in Salem, Oregon and will graduate from law school in 2005.

We have quite a few teachers in our class. **Mary Beth Colvin** is teach-

ing at Liberty High School in Fauquier County, VA. She teaches ninth and eleventh grade English. She is also Junior Class Sponsor with another teacher at the school, and was assistant field hockey and volleyball coach, and will soon be the assistant softball coach. She is also getting ready to move into her own apartment. **Becca Carter** teaches at the same school and has recently gotten engaged. Congrats Becca! **Kathy Fowler** teaches Latin in that same area at Fauquier High School. She is working on her teaching licensure this summer so that she can become fully qualified to teach. She is still very active with anime and is part of Dark Muffins Productions, an anime cosplay group in Grafton, VA. She keeps in touch with **Rachel Roth** who is starting a teaching assistant position at a preschool in Bethesda, MD. In the summer, she went to Disney World with her family and was the drama director for her church's vacation Bible school. She also had a major role in her church's Purim play in March.

Other teachers are **Donyele Gibson**, who is teaching middle school Spanish at Southern Middle in Lothian, MD. She is still living at home. **Megan Tarnowski** is teaching 6th grade communication arts in the Bronx with the NY City Teaching Fellows Program. She is having fun enjoying all the city has to offer and loves her kids to death (some of the time at least!) She was able to go to Seattle to visit friends for her mid-winter break.

Jee Park is currently teaching high school Spanish and ESL in Washington, DC through the Teach for America program. She loves her crazy kids because they "keep it real" and inspire her to be the same way. Besides spending wacky hours in the classroom, Jee spends a lot of time driving aimlessly around the city because she has no sense of direction. Occasionally, she runs into her delightful roommates, Aja, Tia, and Amy Mullen, and the unwelcome addition to the household, the landlady's cat. "Overworked and underpaid" is a completely internalized concept to Jee now. If anyone is interested in pursuing Teach for America after Sweet Briar, Jee says, "Bring it on."

Aja Grosvenor is living in Arlington, VA and is currently working for a nonprofit company in DC called the Forum for Youth Investment as a meeting planner. She has recently gotten married and now has three kids. She asks for your prayers (just kidding, she didn't just get married and she doesn't have any children).

Tia Trout is working for the National Rural Development Partnership at the US Department of Agriculture. She has decided to stay on for an extra year, and has recently

had some of her work there published. **Amy Mullen**, the final roommate is currently working at Nordstrom's and basically enjoying life. There are also several graduates pursuing further studies.

Christie Rose is finishing up her first year at law school at Regent University in Virginia Beach.

Sonya Truman is also finishing up her first year at Law School at Loyola University in New Orleans. She's looking forward to her first Mardi Gras ever. And she is planning on volunteering this summer for Legal Aid in New Orleans. **Nicole McDaniel** is working on her master's in English at Texas A&M and is planning on graduating in May 2004.

Ashley Trantham is working on her masters in organizational communications at NC State and working in Raleigh. She went to see the Faculty Show with Aja and Amy and absolutely loved it!

Alicia McCartney is at the University of Georgia at Athens. She is really enjoying college football, and eating some really good vegetarian food at the great restaurants there. She is concentrating in environmental sociology and hopes to do her thesis on water issues in Georgia. She is in touch with Allison Gross, Jenn Taylor, and Chantal Yavari.

Michelle Dunn is at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN. When she graduates she will have her D.C. (Doctor of chiropractic) and wants to open a practice in Minneapolis or somewhere warm (Hawaii??). She lives in Bloomington with 3 non-student roommates and most of her time is spent in the library. She claims that she has become a semi-professional nerd. **Laura Reither** is working in a lab at Harvard Medical School that is studying the structure of viral proteins involved in replication. She is fairly certain that she will be joining this lab for her thesis work. She has made some great friends in Boston but has now run into some SBC grads. She saw **Amanda Atkinson** ('00) in the grocery store and **Jen Brown** lives a few miles away.

Then there are those with other jobs in different fields all over the country.

Casey Perlow is working for a CPA firm Argy, Witlsey, & Robinson in Arlington, VA doing HR and administrative work. **Misa Sarmiento** is also living in Arlington. She just started a job as a clinical researcher for a small private company. She does lots of wonderful volunteer work as well. **Becky Lewis** is in Alabama working for Camp McDowell Environmental Center. She loves it and gets to hike in the woods and play in the creek with kids. She says it is so beautiful and the people are wonderful. She is

applying to law school. **Lindsay Keller** was in London for three months enjoying all it has to offer and since returning she's been offered a job at a new children's theatre in Denver and will be starting work at the end of March. She's in touch with **Jaime Henna** who is in Florida working as an Electrics Assistant at Riverside Theatre. Jaime talks with **Joanna Mullen** who is living in Charlottesville doing her art. She had a show at her sister's store at the end of November. They are all in touch with **Jill Tremblay** who lives in Minnesota (don't worry, not for long). She works for a hospital (data entry, ough). And she saves pennies in old milk bottles as she contemplates her future and the wonders of the world. But what she really wants to do is direct.

Amanda Davis is living in Sacramento, CA as a legal advocate with WEAVE, a domestic violence agency. She helps people with the legal process of leaving their abusers. She fairly often sees **Kathy Pierce** who is working for the Sacramento Business Journal in their marketing department. **Jennifer Burke** is working for the Department of Defense and living in Fredericksburg, VA.

Two more of our classmates have gotten married!

Amanda Barbour got married on November 2nd to John Michael Lee Johnston. They are living in Danville, and Amanda is commuting to Duke for the Master's of Divinity program. **Meg Pringle** reports that **Tamara Young** got married on May 8, 2003 to Dennis Metzfield (HSC '02). Meg was the maid of honor and Amber Solivan '05 was a bridesmaid.

Finally, the last bit of class notes comes from the UK. CK (**Christina Kingsley**) was living in London working for Christie's Auction House in their furniture division until March.

Megan and Caroline ('04) Ogilvie came over to visit her at the beginning of February. Megan is living in Canada and working for an environmental company. **Katie Wilson** is living and working as a shop manager at a clothing store in St. Andrews in Scotland and loves it. **Emily Johnston** is currently working in London as a Personal Assistant to the Managing Director of Spink and Son Ltd. Auction House. They have asked her to stay long term and she has decided to accept their offer. There are no shortages of parties, galas, or openings to attend so Emily is enjoying herself. She encourages all to come and visit. Last but not least, I (**Arney Walker**) am living with Emily in a great flat in North London. Prior to that I was working at Sweet Briar in the admissions office as an

Admissions Fellow traveling all over the eastern US. I lived with **Sophie Wackenhut** who was also an

Admissions Fellow. Sophie is now living and working in Huntsville, AL. She got into all the graduate schools that she applied to and has chosen Boston University to get her Master's in Advertising. Since I have been in London, I have worked for Zenith Entertainment as a producer's assistant on a show similar to Trading Spaces or Design Challenge. I'm now a receptionist at a non profit water professionals company until I leave in early June. After that, I'll be searching for a job in a city on the East Coast. Emily and I enjoyed visits from Brook Tucker, Megan Tarnowski, and Jee Park in April, and Aja Grosvenor joined us in May. I hope you have enjoyed our first set of class notes. Please remember to submit class notes on the alumnae website so that I can include you in the next set of notes!

September 1, 2003 Notes:

Well, it's been a little over a year since we've graduated and our class has been very successful in their endeavors. It's back to school for another year of teaching for several of our classmates. **May Beth Colvin** is living on her own in Midland, VA. She is still teaching at Liberty High School in Bealeton, VA. This year however, she did get the head Field Hockey coaching position and is the junior class sponsor. **Liz Waring** is teaching dance at Person High School in Roxboro, NC. **Jenn Taylor** is about to begin her second full year of teaching in Houston, TX as part of the Teach for America program. She recently completed the Texas educator certification program and is now a fully certified teacher in the state of Texas. This year she will be teaching 2nd grade in the environmental science magnet program at Lantrip Elementary. She will also be completing her last 4 classes in a masters of education program at the University of St. Thomas and will finish at the end of this school year. She is also currently training for a marathon in January. She has the cutest Siamese kitten named Jackson.

Donyele Gibson moved to Glen Burnie, MD, where she is teaching Spanish at Glen Burnie Senior High School. She's playing soccer with the Columbia One Touch and she hopes to be Asst. coaching girls Lax at the high school in the spring!! **Megan Tarnowski** is starting her second year in the New York City Teaching Fellows program and is in the process of finishing up her masters in education at Fordham University. She attended an alum event in Central Park this summer and got a chance to meet some of the great alums who live in NYC.

In February 2003 **Rachel Roth** was hired full-time as a substitute/aftercare teacher at Bethesda Country Day School (a pri-

vate preschool in Bethesda, MD), and will be promoted to either an assistant or lead teaching position by Fall 2003. In her spare time she enjoys catching up with her friends from Sweet Briar, including fellow alums Katherine Morse '01, Kathy Fowler '02, Stacey Armentrout '02, Angel Milone '03, Sarah Peterson '03, and Amanda Schwink '03. She has also kept herself busy by volunteering at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, teaching Sunday School and doing Praise Dancing at her church. **Kelly Monical** is going into her second year of law school at Willamette University in Oregon. **Nicole McDaniel** is working on her master's in English literature at Texas A&M and that's pretty much it!

Maria Thacker has finished her fellowship at CDC/ATSOR and will be attending Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, LA. She is pursuing a master's in public health in the Department of Community Health Sciences. **Shelly Jozwiak** is pursuing her masters degree in entomology at University of Kentucky and should graduate next December. She is examining the relationship between blight resistance and susceptibility to insect attack among American x Chinese chestnut hybrids. **Christi Rose** just finished an internship for the office of chief counsel for the IRS in Washington DC. She will be returning to Regent University next week to start her second year of law school. For the past year **Erin Beazley** has been taking accounting classes at Central Virginia Community College. Now she has a position with Central Virginia Community Services as their sole payroll technician. **Aja Grosvenor** is working at Campbell, Peachey and Associates, a Special Events firm in DC. Currently, she is working on the Kennedy Center Honors, and will have no life until December 7th. She continues to live with Tia, Jee, and Amy in Arlington, and is having a great time. **Casey Perlow** is doing well, working in the Human Resource Department for a CPA firm in the DC area. She and **Misa Sarmiento** are living together in Arlington, VA. **Amy Gardner** is living in Alexandria, VA and working in Washington, DC. She is a Management Analyst for BearingPoint (formerly KPMG Consulting) and she is really enjoying the hectic workplace of a Big 5 firm. She is on a project at the Department of Veterans' Affairs and really loves being in DC. She is also actively involved in Young Republicans and has been able to do a lot of great political things with them in DC.

Amanda Davis is working in Sacramento as a legal advocate and applying to law school. Life is good for her. **Meg Pringle** is living in

Dallas, TX. She will begin attending grad school at the University of Texas Arlington to start a masters of science in human resource management in August. She also just bought a new horse and plans to start showing him in the jumpers very soon. **Shannon Robison** had the opportunity to travel to England for a week following graduation, and then to California for **Monique Moshier's** wedding. She is now back home in Illinois and is currently working at the local health department in the environmental division. **Lori Smith** is living in Farmville and working as a Lighting Consultant in her parents' lighting showroom. She still sees Denise, Brook, Ashley, and Kelly when they have time to get together. **Denise McDonald** is working in DC and recently purchased her own home!

Brook Tucker is working at Novozymes, North America which is an enzyme company. They help make Coors Light, Tide, Cascade, Sarah Lee breads, and Animal feed. She is living in Raleigh and hanging out with **Meghan Gregory** when she has time. In April she went to visit Emily in England and had a blast, and she was in Tiffany Moseley's wedding in February. She has been to a couple of SBC functions and seen alums from 2001-1999. **Mary Litman** joined the Army and is now in training at the Armed Forces School of Music. She will graduate from the school Sept 16 and go to a band in Ft. Lee VA. Hooah!

For **Jaime Henna** after a year in Florida, she's back home in northern Virginia working at a vet clinic.

Lindsay Keller is currently working in Colorado at Walden family playhouse, a local children's theatre, as their stage manager and as part of their tech crew. **Jill Tremblay** was recently visiting Lindsay and she is doing well. **Megan Ogilvie** is going to MIT for nature and science writing at the end of August. **Christina Kingsley (CK)** has an internship at Arlington House in DC with an SBC alum.

A big congratulations to two of our classmates. **Heather Minor Gelormine** moved to an Army base in Germany with her husband, Tony (VMI '01), two weeks after we graduated, and she's currently working as a test examiner at an Army Education Center. She'll be giving up her job at the end of October because they're expecting a daughter—Brenna Marie Minor Gelormine—in the beginning of December; then she'll be volunteering on the Army post as an instructor for the Army Family Team Building program. We all hope that Heather and Tony have a healthy baby girl! **Emily Johnston** is an aunt! Her older brother and his wife had a baby girl, Charlotte, on August 19th. She is living in London, working as the business

development manager for North America for Spink Auction house. Congrats Emily!

I. **Arney Walker**, recently got a new job with the Culinary Institute of America as a regional representative in the Mid-Atlantic. I'll be recruiting future chefs. I'm moving to an apartment outside of Baltimore, MD. I had a great time in London, and I'm hoping to have a chance to go back again soon. I went to Sara Catherine Clyburn's ('99) wedding to Courtney Corbett on August 2 and saw many SBC alums there, and we all had a wonderful time. I hope everyone in the Class of 2002 is well.

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For those of you who may be hearing this for the first time, the alumnae office is no longer sending information cards notifying members of each class to submit class notes. I want to make sure that everyone is involved so if you'd like to send news I can still be reached at my SBC account. If you have a new email address, send me a message so I can put you on the list. Even though we are the newest alumnae at Sweet Briar there is a LOT going on in everyone's lives....

Rachel M. Snider is living in Nashville, Tennessee and has begun her first year in the Ph.D program in chemistry at Vanderbilt University.

Monique Hayes moved to her own apartment in Hyattsville, Maryland. This past fall she became the Creative Writing Fellow at the University of Maryland-College Park. She is pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing.

Needless to say, Monique is looking forward to her graduate experience and she wishes everyone a good and safe year. **Courtney Arnett Silverthorn** married Matt Silverthorn (VT class of 2003) and moved to Silver Spring, Maryland. She also began graduate school at Johns Hopkins and is currently doing HIV research in the Clinical Pharmacology department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Courtney recently learned to scuba dive and snorkel in Florida! **Nicole Crowder**, **Jenny Smith**, **Laurel Spielman** and **Julia Schmitz** all attended her wedding. This past summer Julia moved to Birmingham, Alabama to begin graduate study in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Alabama. She still keeps in touch with **Laura Ison**, **Katy Kummer**, **Laurel Spielman** and **Jenny Smith**. **Lindy Guill** is currently living in Amherst County and is working as an Employment Services Social Worker for the City of Lynchburg. **Jessica**

Shannon lives in Houston, Texas and spent the summer as a youth ministry intern at her church, Grace Presbyterian. She took her group of kids on two mission trips to Mexico. Jessica now teaches middle school students French and Spanish at Grace School, a private Christian academy.

Hilary Pool moved to Washington, DC in mid-July. She works for AAA Government Affairs (yes the car people) and she LOVES her job! Hilary has received visits from **Tara Conte** who is in nursing school in Jacksonville, Florida and **Carrie Speck** who was working at a barn in Lynchburg through the end of the summer. Hilary also met with **Shirley Pinson** for happy hour in DC where they spent some time reminiscing about their days at Sweet Briar! Shirley is still excited after meeting George W. Bush at the White House! After graduation Shirley moved to DC and began working for Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR). In July Shirley spent her birthday with **Courtney Paff** at a Kenny Chesney Concert. Also in July she went shopping with **Amanda Crighton** and **Christy Maxwell** in downtown Annapolis, Maryland. Shirley frequently talks to **Kylene Smith** and **Lana Davis** who both seem to be doing very well. Shirley and **Courtney Coalter** see each other weekly. Courtney moved to Arlington and is working as a staff assistant for Congressman Bob Goodlatte from the 6th District of Virginia (he represents Sweet Briar). She lives near **Meg Foley**, **Sarah Foley** '01 and **Nada Basanti** '02. She is having a great time in DC!

Samm Grist moved to Atlanta, Georgia at the end of May. She has a job aiding attorneys and paralegals at Bird and Mabrey, a law firm in Atlanta. **Olevia Neary** moved to Dallas, TX in late June. In July she attended an SBC alumnae dinner where she met Kyle Duvall Blonde '01, who offered her an internship at NCH Corporation. Olevia is helping Kyle Blonde finish up a long-term project in the International Marketing Division. Olevia is learning a lot and having a great time. She plans to take the LSATs and then move on to a law firm.

Some of the most exciting 2003 news comes from **Virginia Uchello**. Virginia moved to Miami in March to work at WSVN-TV, the FOX affiliate in Miami. She was recently promoted to video editor at FOX. She cuts stories for the afternoon updates and for the noon, 5 and 5:30 newscasts. She also moved to an apartment on the beach. She is very excited and has been spending her time playing golf, swimming, going out with friends and exploring the City of Miami. She keeps in touch with many 2003 alumnae including **Megan Doughtie**, **Danielle Ross**, **Carrie DeShazor**, **Kristin**

Farris, **Rachel Snider**, **Christy Maxwell**, **Shirley Pinson** and **Zoraida Palencia**.

Tica Stoevchase moved to her first apartment outside of New York and is working as a Marketing Associate for SAP Global Marketing in the city. **Amanda Crighton** is in Atlanta, Georgia working as a substitute teacher and coaching Middle School Volleyball and Assistant Coaching with the Varsity Volleyball team. She is also head goalkeeper soccer coach for the middle and high school girl's teams at Wesleyan School in Norcross, Georgia. This is where she went to high school. Amanda admits that it is great being involved with the people and community that mean so much to her.

Angela Grisby is attending George Mason University's School of Law. **Courtney Yerdon** started training as a commercial banker at BB&T in North Carolina in July. Wedding plans are on hold for now, although the date is tentatively set for August 2004. She has gotten together with **Lara Hansen**, **Tara Conte**, **Lindsay Kinyon**, and **Erin Black**.

Jane McKenzie Davis married Jackson Davis on September 20th. She is a new stepmother of three children—Hadley (13), Evan (9), and Charlotte (6). Jane is working at Sweet Briar in the Admissions Office as one of the Assistant Directors. Her territory includes AZ, CO, VA, PA, WA, OR, and most of the northwest part of the country. She also works with the tour guides. Jane lives in Nelson County and has decided to take at least six months off from studying

before she decides about graduate school.

I. (**Kim Martin**) finished a research fellowship with the Governor of Virginia in Richmond this past summer. I worked in the office of the Secretary of Education, Belle Wheelan (she spoke at our graduation). I keep in touch with **Julie Capodanno** and **Genieve Troxell**. Julie works in Delaware at the Morris, James, Hitchens and Williams law firm. Julie keeps in touch with **Kristin Aneralla** who is living in New York and searching for a job in London (possibly Sotheby's). Genieve worked at the Department of Environmental Quality in Harrisonburg this past summer.

Trisha Olson Basten married John Austin S. Basten, brother of Serena Basten Elean '02 on July 4, 2003 at Smith Mountain Lake. She currently resides in Lynchburg. **Quinn Smith** has a job working as a Behavioral Specialist with Central Virginia Community Services. She is also working on a master of education in community counseling at Lynchburg College. Quinn is getting married December 13, 2003 at Sweet Briar. Quinn and her new husband will then be going on a 7-day Hawaiian Cruise! **Claire Affleck** moved from Syracuse, NY to Wellington, FL. She is working as an assistant trainer at Ravenwood Riding Academy. Claire trains and shows horses and ponies and teaches riding lessons. She has been keeping in touch with **Jenni Stanley**, **Francesca Catucci**, **Megan Ogborn**, **Leta Stalnaker** and **Danielle Philbrook**.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

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Carol McMurtry Fowler: Investing in the Young Women of the Future

Carol McMurtry Fowler is combining sharp business acumen with creativity to contribute to Sweet Briar's dream for the future.

An admitted lover of history, Carol McMurtry Fowler majored in 19th Century Southern Political History at Sweet Briar College, earning an A.B. in 1957, with high honors in history. "History, ancient or modern, to me, is very alive—it's about the people, the politics, the economics, the births, deaths, the inventions, the illnesses, hopes, dreams and aspirations of humanity across time's span," says Carol.

In addition to serving on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors for eight years, Carol has woven an interesting and varied history of her own. She has applied her sharp critical thinking skills, which she credits to Sweet Briar, at Lake Austin Riverboats, a family-owned charter Riverboat business in operation for 55 years; as a newspaper reporter and editor; as a criminal investigator in government fraud; and at the State Board of Insurance, State Street Bank, Boston, all while continuing to do independent research and writing during the span of her career.

In fact, her passion and respect for history helped shape her gift to Sweet Briar. Carol's mother, Mary Polk McMurtry, grew up in central Texas. She believed strongly that women needed to be intentional about their education. She sent two children to the University of Texas and Carol to Sweet

Briar. Carol remarks, "I would never have attended Sweet Briar without her loving guidance. She sent me down the road to freedom."

Carol plans to continue the family tradition and provide the special gift that her mother gave to her to the Sweet Briar students of the future.

"I believe in investing. And I have done so most of my adult life. I have made and lost money investing in oil production and oil rigs, in land and real estate investments, as well as in the stock market. Setting up a Charitable Remainder Trust and pledging 95 percent of my assets to Sweet Briar is the first time that I have invested without risk," she says. "This is the chance of my lifetime to invest in young women of the future. This is the one investment I will make that guarantees a big, fat return. I consider myself fortunate to have funds to pledge, and the opportunity to make the gift. With very great pleasure I can now say I have a Unitrust for the benefit of Sweet Briar College, which makes me feel that I have accomplished a good thing in my lifetime."

Carol placed valuable land into a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT), which will benefit the College and also provide substantial tax benefits and an income to her. Over her lifetime, she will add land, stock, bonds, and other assets to the Unitrust to complete her magnificent pledge. The Unitrust provides a wonderful

way to save current income taxes while also affording the donor the opportunity to sell the property and pay no tax on the sale.

The endowment funds established by The Carol McMurtry Fowler Charitable Remainder Unitrust are the best expression of the spirit and purpose of her gift, adding funds to the Carol McMurtry Fowler Endowment for Scholarships, established in 1980; the Carol McMurtry Fowler Endowment for Special Programs, established in memory of Carol's mother, Mary Polk McMurtry, for special learning opportunities beyond the classroom; and the Carol McMurtry Fowler Endowment for the Preservation of the Physical Heritage of Sweet Briar College, in honor of Elizabeth Sprague.

When asked what advice she has for others who are considering a gift of a trust, Carol remarks, "Invest in young women—the young women of today and tomorrow. How can you go wrong?"

To learn more about the personal, financial, and charitable advantages of making a gift of a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, please contact The Office of Development: 888-846-5722.



Carol's gift is a wonderful example of the creative use of a non-traditional asset to create a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Any type of property that has increased in value, preferably to \$100,000 or more, is a good type of asset to consider donating to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The key is to never sell anything that has gone up in value without considering the opportunity that a Unitrust provides for a tax-free sale. The following types of property are often gifts to a Unitrust and sold tax-free: stock, mutual funds, bonds, real estate, percentage interest in real estate, public companies, family businesses, office buildings, personal property, art, antiques, and jewelry.

There are many people who own closely held family businesses who are building colleges like Sweet Briar and supporting hospitals, conservation societies, and other philanthropic organizations throughout the nation. Often they are entrepreneurs with great energy and many years of successful business experience to devote to improving the organizations they choose to support. These entrepreneurs often donate closely held family stock to a CRUT and accomplish their most important personal planning objective: a tax-smart transfer of the family business to children, grandchildren, or other family members, and the avoidance of a forced sale of the family business to pay a confiscatory estate tax.

The gift often provides an attractive income and also saves an enormous amount of federal income tax.

Special Reunions

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE REUNION

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY 14-16, 2004

1934 70th
1939 65th
1944 60th
1949 55th
1954 50th
1959 45th
1964 40th
1969 35th
1974 30th
1979 25th
1984 20th
1989 15th
1994 10th
1999 5th

Friday, May 14

1:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(after 9 p.m. register at Florence Elston Inn Information Center)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Registration in Babcock

Open Houses on campus

Class Picnic in the Quad

for all classes except
25th, 50th, 55th, 60th,
65th & 70th

Play Day in the Quad

Special Picnic at the Boat House for the
class of 1979 celebrating its 25th Reunion
Class photo

Cocktails & Dinner for classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949
and 1954 honoring the Class of 1954 celebrating its
50th Reunion
Class photos

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Duo Piano Recital:

Sara Anderson Stanton '89 and

Rebecca McNutt, Sweet Briar

Professor of Music

Memorial Chapel

9:00 p.m. - midnight

Le Bistro Open

Saturday, May 15

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

TBA

Breakfast

Class photos for 1959, 1964,
1969, 1974, 1984, 1989,
1994 and 1999

See Reunion schedule at
registration

10:00 a.m. - Noon

12:15 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES include

Alumnae Choir, Alumnae Artists' Exhibit, Swimming,
Tennis, Golf, Fishing, Riding

Tours of campus, Hiking, Exhibits, Open Houses,
Museum/Academic Buildings and more!

Sunday, May 16

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

Reunion Convocation

Update on the State of the Co
Class Presentations

Luncheon

6th Annual Reunion Golf

Tournament at Winton County

3rd Annual Reunion Tennis

Tournament

Alumnae Colleges

Concurrent Sessions led by

Sweet Briar faculty

Open House at Red Top, hosted

Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko

Vice President for Development

and College Relations

Class Meetings in

Class Hospitality Rooms

Children's Dinner and

Evening Programs

Cocktail Buffet with faculty, stu

and retirees

Music by Island Breeze

Breakfast

Alumnae Choir Rehearsal

Chapel Service of Remembrance

Luncheon

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Salman Rushdie Kicks Off the
2004 International Writers Series



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A Message from the **President**



Sweet Briar has been studied a lot this year, and Sweet Briar students have participated in dozens of focus groups with researchers. Some of them met in "Circles of Influence" made up of faculty, staff, and students with Richard Harrison Bailey, The Agency, a firm that is developing our new admissions materials. Others were asked to meet with Mr. George Dehne, on campus in February to get a sense of what Sweet Briar is like, as he began work on some market research for the Shape of the Future Committee.

But the most important exploration of Sweet Briar that has been going on is Project DEEP. As you may know, last year Sweet Briar was selected as one of 20 colleges and universities in the country for a national study exploring how highly effective colleges engage students in their own education. Sweet Briar was the only women's college in the study, and one of a handful of liberal arts colleges. A research team from Project DEEP (which stands for "Defining Effective Educational Practices") was on campus last spring, and again this past fall. We have just received their final report, and it makes for very interesting reading.

The DEEP researchers were enormously impressed with Sweet Briar's faculty and students. They found faculty unusually invested in the College and their students, and "genuinely enthusiastic about learning from other faculty outside their disciplines." Teaching here means, among other things, integrating research into teaching in the classroom, and involving students in research—all of which makes for highly engaged students.

DEEP found a strength of the College to be the integration of the classroom with co-curricular life, and was impressed by the degree to which "the Co-Curricular Life staff tries to put as much responsibility as possible into the hands of the students, thereby creating opportunities for learning and leadership outside the classroom."

According to DEEP researchers, Sweet Briar has a family atmosphere, with unusually close interaction between students, faculty, and staff. They were particularly interested in Sweet Briar's traditions, from senior robes and the rock and hitching post to tap clubs, all of which make this a close-knit place where it is impossible to be anonymous. They found that at Sweet Briar, a watchword is "opportunities."

The DEEP report will be posted on our website, www.sbc.edu soon. If you do not have access by computer and would like a hard copy, please call the Alumnae Office at 434-381-6131.

The Project DEEP will be reporting nationally through articles and presentations; we can expect to see Sweet Briar's name crop up often on the national stage as an excellent model of an effective college.

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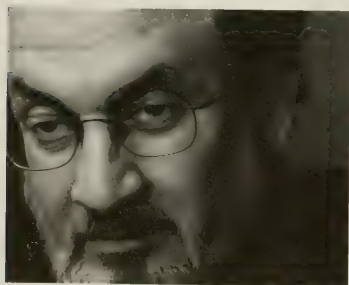
The **International Writers** Series

These words from author Salman Rushdie provided a fitting introduction to Sweet Briar College's 2003-04 International Writers Series, which presented six acclaimed writers from around the world for a program of lectures, readings, and informal discussions. The aim of the series was to offer an opportunity to encounter authors who, through their work and their lives, bear eloquent testimony to the power and independence of art.

The International Writers Series was sponsored by Sweet Briar's Lectures and Events Committee and the Creative Writing Program. Salman Rushdie's lecture was funded by the Ewald Scholars Fund.

The speakers, in order of their appearance, were:

*Today, around the world,
literature continues
to confront tyranny—
not polemically
but by denying its authority,
by going its own way,
by declaring its independence.*



October 8, 2003:

Salman Rushdie, author of many works of fiction and nonfiction, including the novels *Midnight's Children*, *Shame*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh*, *The Ground Beneath Her Feet*, and *Fury*. His many awards include the Booker Prize, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, and the *Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger*. Mr. Rushdie is a past president of the International Parliament of Writers. He was born in India and currently lives in New York City.



October 28, 2003:

Caryl Phillips, author of seven novels and several books of nonfiction, and writer for film, theatre, radio and television. He was born on the Caribbean Island of St. Kitts and grew up in England. Mr. Phillips' numerous awards include the Malcolm X Prize for Literature and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, he is professor of English and Henry R. Luce Professor of Migration and Social Order at Barnard College.



November 12, 2003:

Cristina Garcia, novelist, editor and journalist. She is the author of the novels *Dreaming in Cuban*, a finalist for the National Book Award; *The Agüero Sisters*; and, most recently, *Monkey Hunting*. Ms. Garcia was born in Havana, grew up in New York City, and attended Columbia University. Previously a political journalist and *Time* magazine's bureau chief for Florida and the Caribbean, she has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Hodder Fellow at Princeton University, and is the recipient of a Whiting Writers' Award.

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February 3, 2004:

Ken Wiwa, journalist and senior resident writer at Massey College at the University of Toronto. Wiwa grew up in Nigeria, the son of Ken Saro-Wiwa, one of Nigeria's best-loved writers and an outspoken critic of military rule, who was executed in 1995. Wiwa's memoir, *In the Shadow of a Saint: A Son's Journey to Understand His Father's Legacy*, describes growing up with a politically active, socially conscious and privately demanding father whose death sentence forces his son to publicize his father's plight and take up the fight to save his life.



March 31, 2004:

Poet, novelist and essayist **Adam Zagajewski**, one of Poland's most famous contemporary poets. Mr. Zagajewski lives in Cracow and since 1988 has been visiting associate professor of English in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Houston. Among his honors and awards are a fellowship from the Berliner Kunstlerprogramm, the Kurt Tucholsky Prize, a *Prix de la Liberté*, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.



April 7, 2004:

Naomi Shihab Nye, poet, essayist, children's author and songwriter. The daughter of a Palestinian father and an American mother, she grew up in St. Louis, Jerusalem, and San Antonio. A visiting writer in schools at all levels for 28 years, she has received numerous awards for her children's literature and other honors including a Lavan Award from the Academy of American Poets, four Pushcart Prizes, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her work has been presented on NPR on such shows as "A Prairie Home Companion" and "The Writer's Almanac" and has been featured on two PBS poetry specials.

Legal, Civil Rights Pioneer

Elaine Jones

Speaks at Sweet Briar College, Receives Award from Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal

By Shannon Wells

Sweet Briar College Media Relations
Coordinator

Elaine Jones sees a lot in society that needs fixing. But her desire to fight for the less fortunate—particularly those of color—is not motivated by pity, anger, or resentment. The President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF) instead mixes her wisdom, expertise, and commitment with a fiery, inimitable passion that tends to bring even hardened skeptics around to her way of thinking.

The first black woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law, Jones has been involved with the LDF for more than 30 years. In 1993, she became the first woman to lead the organization. On its website the LDF, which formed in 1940, is called “the nation’s oldest organization fighting for equal rights under law.”

Jones’ warmth and passion were palpable in February, when she spoke before an audience of about 75 at the College’s Florence Elston Conference Center. Her visit was part of Sweet Briar’s Black History Month celebration and sponsored by the SBC Center for Civic Renewal and the Lectures and Events Committee.

Jones held the crowd in rapt attention with high-spirited—and frequently

humorous—anecdotes from her storied career. With voice and arms dramatically rising and falling with the gravity of the topic, she discussed struggles, victories, and her unlikely climb to a key position in the civil rights arena.

She devoted special attention to shortcomings of America’s public school and prison systems. “Prisons and our educational system—they are tied together,” she said, noting that U.S. prisons have been privatized and linked to stock market investments. “The money is coming from the higher education budget.”

A system of funding based on thriving prisons “goes against our goals,” she noted, of having fewer criminals to incarcerate. “We can change this [prison-industrial complex], because it’s nothing we inherited,” she said of a dynamic dating from the 1980s. “We incarcerate more people than any industrialized nation in the world.”

Jones illuminated her point with a video documentary of a well-publicized incident in Tulia, Texas. In 1999, 46 people were arrested there on drug charges from a sting operation. Forty of the accused were black, and the flimsy evidence and subsequent arrests created a firestorm of controversy in the tiny, unassuming town.

With assistance from the LDF, the charges were eventually dropped and all

of the accused were set free. Jones sees the case as a prime example of a misguided federal War on Drugs that unduly targets African-Americans. “It shouldn’t be that our tax dollars work to cause that kind of travesty,” she said. “We have created that system, and it’s wrong.”

As the 50-year anniversary of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* case approaches, Jones notes that too little has changed since the Supreme Court called for public school integration in 1954. “We don’t have another 50 years to waste,” she said. “We’ve got to find a way to keep people from dividing us... We have to educate these children. There ought to be a standard below which we won’t fall.”

A Norfolk, VA native, Jones graduated with honors in political science from Howard University. After graduation, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Turkey. The experience inadvertently prepared her for a pioneering role in academia. “The Peace Corps got me ready for Charlottesville, Virginia,” she semi-joked. “I was used to tough times.”

She entered the University of Virginia School of Law in 1967, three years before the school admitted female undergraduates. Jones learned a little about herself during this period: “I said, ‘I’m here to get a law degree, not to be a statistic.’ I learned something about self-esteem: [Academic] organizations aren’t there to build your self-esteem. If you



Elaine Jones, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) was honored as the recipient of the first Public Service Award granted by Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal (CCR). L-r: Dr. Barbara Perry, Carter Glass Professor of Government and Director of the CCR; Cecelia Valentine '95, visiting Alumna-in-Residence; Elaine Jones

don't bring some self-esteem with you when you walk in the door, you're gonna have problems."

In 1970, Jones became the first African-American female to graduate from the law school. That same year she took a pass on joining a prominent Wall Street law firm—where President Nixon had practiced, no less—to join the Legal Defense Fund's staff. "I said yes just for the money," she recalled of the offer, but realized her conscience wouldn't let her comfortably "walk by the mirror" in such a position.

She immediately distinguished herself at the LDF as one of the first African-American women to defend inmates on death row. She argued capital cases throughout the South, most notably as counsel of record in *Furman v. Georgia*, a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that abolished the death penalty in 37 states. Among the many employment discrimination and class action suits she took on was one that led to eliminating the height requirement for [State] Troopers. "We helped women, Latinos—Who else did we help? Short, white men!" she exclaimed to howls of laughter.

She departed the LDF in 1975 to become special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T.

Coleman, Jr. Jones was instrumental in crafting policy that opened the U.S. Coast Guard to women.

In 1977, Jones returned to the LDF's Washington, D.C. office as the organization's first legislative advocate. Her no-nonsense approach and boisterous personality enhanced her negotiating skills as a leading voice for those left out of the economic, political, and social mainstream. She played a key role in legislative landmarks such as the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982, the Fair Housing Act of 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

In 1989, Jones became the first African-American elected to the American Bar Association Board of Governors, and in 1993 went to New York to head the LDF.

Kim Sandver '04, a senior in economics at SBC, came away from Jones' lecture inspired. "I knew she was head of the Legal Defense Fund," she said. "But I didn't realize until I was there how amazing she was and what she's accomplished in her life."

If you don't bring some self-esteem with you when you walk in the door, you're gonna have problems.

Elaine Jones' leadership in the struggle for equality has earned her numerous awards. Some of the groups that have honored her are the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association; the National Bar Association; the American Bar Commission on Women in the Profession; the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia; the District of Columbia Bar Association; the National Women's Law Center; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the National Council of Jewish Women; and the National Association of Black Women Attorneys. She holds honorary doctorates from the University of San Diego School of Law, the District of Columbia School of Law, and the Howard University School of Law.

A teacher and mentor, Ms. Jones has been a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and a guest lecturer at the law schools of American University, Catholic University, Harvard University, Howard University, Temple University, and the College of William and Mary. Overseas, she has lectured at Oxford, Tel Aviv University School of Law, and the University of Khartoum in Sudan. She participates in numerous conferences, seminars, and panels on the full range of issues that concern women, African-Americans, other people of color, and equal justice under law.

The Sweet Briar History Series

By Christian Carr

Interim Director of the Sweet Briar Museum

Assistant Professor of Arts Management



Christian Carr



Gerry Berg

When Professor of History Gerry Berg arrived at Sweet Briar in the mid-1970s, he brought with him a passion for scholarly research. Although the sources that informed his work on African history were not close at hand, he was delighted to discover a treasure trove of archival material relating to the College's history in the Fanny B. Fletcher archives. Professor Berg recognized the academic potential of three-quarters of a century of materials—photographs, meeting minutes, newspapers—for his history students, and soon his class “Doing Sweet Briar History” was born. Students past and present have been introduced to the process of archival research using these resources unique to Sweet Briar. As many times as he has taught the class, Gerry claims, “I am still amazed at what my students are able to uncover in the archives. Even when a topic is selected more than once, the students use their analytical skills to interpret different facets of it. They are learning to be real historians using these materials.” Titles of former papers include “Awakening a Collective Conscience: The Effects of World War II on Sweet Briar College,”

“The Formation of Honorary Societies,” and “Antebellum Stereotypes Were No Match for Sweet Briar College During the Roaring Twenties.”

“Doing Sweet Briar History” concentrates on exploring the 20th, and now the 21st century history of the College, but it was the inspiration for scholarship concentrating on an earlier phase of Sweet Briar history. Shortly after I assumed the role of museum director from Ann Whitley, I was amazed to find that I was fielding the same sorts of questions about the College's founding family from various faculty members. I'd have Judy Evans-Grubbs from the Classical Studies Department call me to set up a time to look at the daybook of Elijah Fletcher, and then Kate Chavigny, our American historian, would have the same request the following week. Or Kate would call to see what we had on the history of African-Americans at Sweet Briar Plantation, and Lynn Rainville in the Anthropology Department would stop by to take a look through the same files. It was evident that all of these faculty members, who were informally in contact with one another, could really benefit

from a forum to hear what their colleagues were researching in regard to pre-college history. And so the Sweet Briar History Series was born.

Sponsored by a grant submitted to the College's Lectures and Events Committee, and scheduled in consultation with Gerry Berg to coincide with the semester he was offering “Doing Sweet Briar History” to a new crop of students, these lectures have provided the intended forum for presentation of interdisciplinary research that has uncovered new scholarship on the 19th century history of Sweet Briar. Many of the primary sources consulted by these scholars have also been found in the deep recesses of the Fletcher archives, and presented to receptive audiences made up of Board members, students, faculty, staff and area alumnae. In order to strengthen the connection between the “Doing Sweet Briar History” course and the history series, Professor Berg's students presented their research on April 15th, the final presentation of the series, along with Professor Chavigny and Elise Legris, a French exchange student from the Sorbonne who has curated an exhibition on May Day for the Sweet Briar Museum.

Does the history series have a future here at Sweet Briar College? The amount of interest in this has been fantastic. Watching the scholarly collaborations between professors of different disciplines, and seeing the range of our audiences for these events, really indicates the wide-ranging interest in the College's history. If our faculty and students have more topics ready to go next year, we'll definitely repeat this very successful series. But in the meantime, I am always happy to spend time talking about Sweet Briar history. I've found it's truly an inexhaustible topic, and one that is ripe for future exploration.

Following are texts from two of the presentations in the series. The complete set of presentations will be available to enjoy on the website; go to: <http://www.museum.sbc.edu>

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January 15

- Doing Sweet Briar History
- Pastoral Virginia: Literary and Cultural Backgrounds of Elijah Fletcher and Sweet Briar
- The Decorative Arts of Sweet Briar College:
What the Fletcher's Possessions Reveal about the Family

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- African-Americans at Sweet Briar Plantation
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- New England Teachers and Antebellum Slave Economy
- Elijah Fletcher and the Amherst Community

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- Experiences of Bondage in a Slave-Exporting State
Students from the “Doing Sweet Briar History” course presented their research

African-American History at the Sweet Briar Plantation

*A Report on the Research of Lynn Rainville
Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology*



Lynn Rainville

Professor Rainville came to Sweet Briar in Fall 2001 to teach a course on Old World Archaeology (her Ph.D. is in anthropology with a focus on ancient Near Eastern archaeology). Once on campus, she realized that the 3,250 acres of historic, antebellum landscape presented a unique opportunity for instructing students in hands-on archaeological techniques and teaching local history. That same year, she had begun researching slave cemeteries in nearby Albemarle County. Within weeks of beginning her research into the former Sweet Briar Plantation, she was introduced to a network of Sweet Briar faculty and staff researching various aspects of campus history.

In the spring of 2002, Dr. Rainville began planning an archaeological investigation; she was particularly interested in gaining a better understanding of the enslaved community of African, and possibly, Native Americans. Her two years of research have been sponsored by generous grants from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Sweet Briar students have contributed hundreds of hours in searching for sites, analyzing antebellum artifacts, and conducting archival research. Most recently, in January 2004, a newly-renovated archaeology laboratory (supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation) was completed and is currently being used by students and faculty to conduct research.

In this short article, there is only space to briefly review how archaeological and historical research has contributed to improving our understanding of the enslaved community that lived and died on the Sweet Briar Plantation.

Slaves in Amherst County

Slavery was first introduced to the Virginia Piedmont in the 1720s. By the 1750s, the region contained approximately 40,000 slaves, about 33 percent of Virginia's total slave population. By 1790 this figure increased to 51 percent, or approximately 149,000 slaves. In Amherst, the enslaved population increased from about 30% of the total population (in 1790) to over 50% (by 1860). Within Amherst County, Elijah Fletcher was one of the largest landowners in the county

and, accordingly, one of the 10 largest slave owners. His Sweet Briar Plantation is located midway between two famous antebellum plantations, both owned by Thomas Jefferson: Monticello (Charlottesville) and Poplar Forest (Lynchburg). Archaeological and historical research at Sweet Briar provides us with an opportunity to study

one Piedmont plantation in detail, thus gaining a better understanding of the lives of enslaved people on antebellum plantations.

Slavery at Sweet Briar: "a curse on any country"

Elijah Fletcher moved to Virginia from Vermont in 1810, arriving at New Glasgow, about six miles north of Amherst, in 1811. Soon thereafter, he wrote to his father and described the institution of slavery as "a curse on any country." Despite this opinion, in 1813 he referred to owning two slaves, a "black boy" and a "black girl" (this occurred several months after he married Maria Antoinette Crawford, raising the possibility that the slaves were a wedding "gift"). Presumably the two youths came to live with him and his family in Lynchburg. After two decades of living in Lynchburg, Elijah Fletcher purchased land in Amherst near his wife's family home (Tusculum).

Over a decade later, a visitor to the Sweet Briar Plantation estimated that Fletcher owned between 80 and 100 slaves (1846). The 1850 census record that together, Elijah and his son Sidney owned 115 slaves. Of these individuals, 67 are listed by name in Elijah's will, written in 1852. Elijah's will provided invaluable information on the enslaved community: first names and family groupings, e.g., "Daniel & his children," followed by a list of names including "Daniel, Jr." The average age of the enslaved community in 1850 and 1860 was 27.5 and 29.3, respectively. The youngest slave on record was six months old, the eldest 65 years old. The women living on the plantation were slightly older than the men (either because they lived longer or because Elijah purchased women at an older age), with 25.3 the average age for women in 1850 (compared to 16.5 for men) and 31.1 in 1860 (compared to 25.8 for men in that decade).

Elijah died in 1858. Upon his death, the slaves were divided among three of his children: Sidney (who had inherited Tusculum in 1850), Elizabeth (who lived across Lynches Road [Highway 29] at Mt. San Angelo), and Indiana (who inherited Sweet Briar). The Civil War began shortly after Elijah's death and, within seven years, the slaves gained their freedom.

After emancipation in 1865, several of these individuals continued to work at the farm as laborers and tenant farmers. The decades of labor provided by the African-American community contributed to the success of the plantation and, in part, provided Indiana Fletcher Williams with the income to found a college for women upon her death in 1900.





Everyday Life on the Sweet Briar Plantation

For the past two years Professor Rainville has directed an archaeological survey designed to locate artifacts and structures that date to the antebellum period. The archaeological survey of campus has uncovered hundreds of sites, dating from the 18th through the 20th century. These sites range from stone cabin ruins to agricultural features (such as fences or old fields) and from artifact scatters (containing broken ceramic vessels, furniture, and glass bottles) to gravestones. In order to efficiently survey the 3,250 acres owned by Sweet Briar College today, Rainville arbitrarily divided the campus into 22 sectors, named after natural and historical landmarks, such as "Paul Settlement" (along the eastern side of Paul Mountain) and "Williams Triangle" (just north of Williams Creek).

With the help of Sweet Briar undergraduates and UVA graduate students, Rainville surveyed the eastern slope of Paul Mountain. The surveyors (walking east/west transects) located three stone cabins. All three shared similar construction techniques, stone foundations, unpreserved wooden superstructure, rectangular chimneys at one end of the cabin, and nearby rock cairns. Dr. Rainville was fortunate to accompany Dr. Ernest (Buck) Edwards (Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor Emeritus of Biology) on an exploratory walk early in the

survey. He pointed out cabins that he remembered locating while conducting research on the Sweet Briar ecosystems several decades ago. Today these cabins are slowly reverting back to the land, one stone at a time. But they have left an artifactual footprint on the hillside that will be explored through excavations by Sweet Briar students. In another sector, "Williams Triangle," Dr. Rainville and her students located a wooden structure that may have served as an animal pen or tobacco drying barn, several stone terraces, possibly designed to improve drainage for agricultural fields, and a rock quarry. Some of the rocks from the quarry were used to construct the dam at the Lower Lake.

To interpret these sites, Dr. Rainville will apply a combination of archaeological, oral historical, and archival approaches. For example, in the summer, students will excavate test trenches within and adjacent to the cabins along the base of Paul Mountain. Excavated artifacts will allow Rainville and her students to date the use of the structures. In addition, members of the local community will be interviewed regarding their remembrances of the historic landscape and the people who lived on the land.

The historical record provides tantalizing clues about daily life on the plantation. For example, letters written from Elijah to his brother, Calvin (who lived in Indiana), provide insight into the everyday life of the slaves. One letter referred to crops that the slaves grew in their own gardens and sold in nearby markets. In another letter, dated 1855, Elijah wrote to his brother: "We are not doing much except preparing for a happy Christmas for our servants. They have all to sell their crops, which consist principally of corn, and it takes many wagon loads and each wants to go with it and lay in their finery and small comforts." Other letters referred to the rare



February the 16, 1854
Mr. Elijah Fletcher,

I write to you now for you to grant me a great favor which you will oblige me very much. I am now in the hands of Mr. Woodrough and I expect to start very soon too the south if you will not oblige me as much as to buy me I would be very glad if you would. I was a servant of captain Edmond Pen. A sister of Mary which you own. Martha Pen. I was sold in Lynchburg when Mr. George Payne went away. Please to Answer it as soon as you can and buy me if you please.
I shal Depend on you.

Martha Pen
Your humble
Servant
Lynchburg Va.

Burial Ground



opportunities that slaves had for leisure activities such as quilting parties, banjo playing, and celebrating Christmas.

One of the many negative repercussions of slavery was the separation of husbands, wives, and children at the death of their owner (when they were divided among heirs as if they were property). Fletcher appears to have been sensitive to African-American wishes to avoid separation. For example, in 1854, Fletcher received a letter written by an enslaved African-American woman, Martha Penn Taylor. In the letter Martha asks Elijah to purchase her in order to reunite her with her sister, Mary, whom Elijah already owned. Fletcher complied and wrote on the back of the letter "Martha's request to buy her." After emancipation, Martha moved to nearby Coolwell but continued to work for the Fletcher family. Elijah's granddaughter Daisy wrote to Martha in 1882, "We think a great deal of you all." Perhaps because of the close relationship between Martha and Indiana's family, we have a photograph of her, possibly taken at the Sweet Briar Plantation House.

Death and Dying on a Piedmont Plantation: Slave Mortuary Practices

To date, very little scholarly research has been conducted on slave mortuary rituals or cemeteries. In contrast to churchyard and town cemeteries, slave cemeteries are often located on the plantation. Due to the cost of carved and inscribed stones, slave gravestones are often unaltered stones found locally. Because these memorials frequently lack inscriptions it is difficult to determine which direction the body faces and how many individuals are buried in the cemetery.

Research into the aboveground remains of slave cemeteries is important because these sacred sites are rarely mentioned in archival documents. For example, at Sweet Briar, only a handful of archival records mention deaths among the slaves

and even then, there is no mention of the place of burial. One such example is from 1825 (before Elijah and his family moved to Sweet Briar). In a letter to his father, Elijah writes that "I had a Negro Boy about 10 or 12 years old die last week. He had been sick some time."

Several cemeteries have been located on the Sweet Briar property. Most, if not all of the locations, are the final resting places of African-Americans owned by the Fletcher family. The Sweet Briar Burial Ground is the largest slave cemetery on the plantation property. Located on a natural hill above the Lower Lake (the Upper Lake was not created until 1962), the cemetery contains more than 60 stones and at least 19 unmarked depressions. The hilltop location of the cemetery may have served practical and symbolic functions. On one hand, it is helpful to bury people above the water table and away from agricultural lands. On the other hand, hilltop locations situated opposite a stream serve a symbolic function in Christian beliefs: that of the "holy hill" associated with Zion and the crossing of the River Jordan. For slaves, crossing to the other side of a body of water may have been interpreted as crossing the Atlantic to return to Africa.

The gravestones are a combination of local fieldstones and quartz. None of the stones is inscribed, but several are carved along the top of the stone. While some stones appear to be paired head- and foot-stones, other graves contain no preserved markers. The only clue to the location of these graves is unmarked depressions (which tend to occur when grave vaults are not used). Although the stones are distributed across a wide area, the graves appear to be clustered into several discrete groups. These clusters of stones may correlate with family groupings. Elijah's

own recognition of enslaved families (indicated by his paired children and parents in his 1852 will) suggests that the enslaved community included several different families.

Research into the Sweet Briar Burial Ground is important because it helps preserve the final resting places of the enslaved African-Americans and because it preserves the cultural traditions of the enslaved community. Research into mortuary rituals illustrates the complex relationship between the deceased's identity, religion, and socio-economic status in life and the corresponding death rituals. For example, the variability among stone types in the Sweet Briar slave cemetery may correspond to the identity or social standing of the deceased, perhaps indicating the difference between field and house servants or between infant and elderly deaths. The placement of stones (and/or their design) may also indicate family groups or the cause of death. Hopefully the ongoing attempt to locate descendants of the African-American community at Sweet Briar will provide some answers to these and many other questions.

The Sweet Briar Burial Ground was recently re-dedicated and is accessible to visit. Please go to www.faculty.sbc.edu/rainville/SBP/AfAmH.html to take a Virtual Tour of the Cemetery and to learn more about the ongoing research into African-American Heritage at Sweet Briar.

Effects of Historical Agriculture on Sweet Briar Land

By Rebecca Ambers

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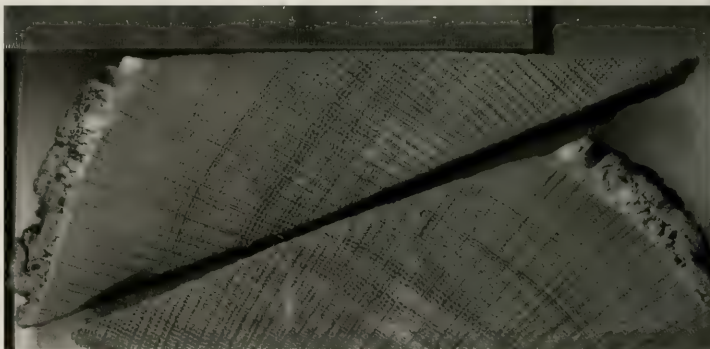
A drive through the Central Virginia countryside in the eastern foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains today reveals a largely forested landscape. Some agricultural fields are also present, serving mainly as pasture for cattle rather than as cultivated land. While the deciduous forest provides a pleasing cloak of vegetation cover, a stroll through the woods almost anywhere in the region reveals to the observant eye the partially healed scars of old and destructive land-use practices. The gullied hillsides and incised streams of the valley bottoms speak of a time beginning in the 18th century when the landscape was denuded and plowed, often right up and down even the steepest of hills, to yield tobacco, corn, and wheat. They reveal the lasting impact of colonial and pioneer attitudes that viewed the land as a disposable commodity to be used up, worn out, and abandoned. That this landscape is now largely in recovery from two centuries of harsh treatment is testimony to nature's resilience, as well as to changing attitudes about the stewardship of forests, soil, and streams.

As society moves into the 21st century facing ever greater challenges in the management of land and water resources, it is important to understand how the landscape responds to stress over the timescale of many human lifetimes. Detailed case studies of representative sites are important sources of this type of information, and the Sweet Briar College campus provides wonderful opportunities for such studies. The study I describe investigates the nature and magnitude of landscape response to deforestation and historical agricultural practices in the area of Monument Hill. Although the focus is on this particular area, the same patterns of land use and abuse can be found throughout the southern Piedmont and Blue Ridge foothills.

Most visitors to Monument Hill today walk or drive to the cemetery on top to pay homage to the College's founders



Buried Logs on stream by Monument Hill



A slice through one of the buried oak logs showing the dark color of the preserved wood and the variations in tree-ring widths through time.

or to admire the view of campus, but relatively few explore the woods that cover the rest of the hill. A couple of years ago when my husband and I were new to campus, we went for a walk along Wyllie Way and continued along Cottage Trail, approaching Monument Hill from the east. Both of us were struck by the deep gullies we found scarring the hillside,

some as much as twenty feet deep. Big trees growing in these gullies indicated that the devastating soil erosion had taken place many years ago and the hillside had since stabilized enough for the trees to grow back. The small stream that drains the east side of the hill was also striking in its great depth and straightness. The key moment came when I walked up to

the edge of the creek near the base of the hill and looked down into its channel. I noticed two logs lying across the stream. This is very common in forested areas and I started to move on, but then it dawned on me that the ends of both logs were deeply buried in the stream banks. I called my husband over to look, and he too was amazed. We climbed down into the stream channel and soon confirmed that these trees were buried beneath about six feet of sediment and only a part of the logs had been exposed by stream erosion.

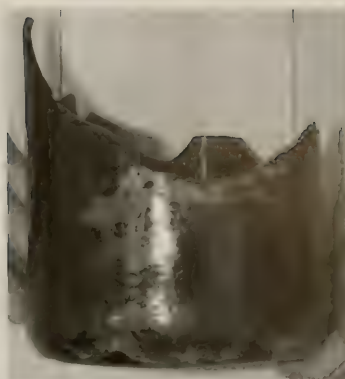
This may not sound very exciting in and of itself, but to a geologist, it is very significant. Sediment takes time to accumulate and to be eroded, and it is very good at preserving objects it buries. If you know how to interpret sediment deposits, you can learn a great deal about the history of a landscape. What these logs were telling us was that they had been buried and preserved a long time ago—long enough for six feet of sediment to be deposited and then for the stream to erode back through all that material to expose the logs. Climbing up out of the stream channel and looking up at Monument Hill, the source of the sediment was clear: the gullies. The questions running through my mind were *what* triggered such intense erosion? *When* did these trees fall down and get buried by the soil eroding off the hill? And *what* caused the stream to stop depositing sediment and start cutting down into its bed? Seeking answers to those questions would lead me in directions I could not have anticipated and resulted in an exciting, interdisciplinary research project that combined aspects of geology, historical geography, and archaeology.

Although it almost boggles the mind to envision the rapidity and extent of soil erosion involved, historical agriculture turned out to be the cause of gully formation. Geologists have recognized for many years that throughout the eastern United States, most stream valleys have a veneer, sometimes a few inches and

sometimes many feet thick, of historical sediment derived from soil erosion that was triggered by deforestation and agriculture of Euro-American settlers. So much topsoil was lost by those early, destructive agricultural practices that it is hard to comprehend the magnitude of the changes that have occurred. If you ask the average Amherst County resident or Sweet Briar College student what kind of soil the area has, chances are they will tell you that it is red clay. Three hundred years ago, the answer was brown loam. Red clay is not the natural topsoil in this area; it is the subsoil. The reason we see it everywhere at the surface today is that almost all the topsoil, and a goodly amount of subsoil, was eroded away when the land was used for agriculture beginning in the mid-18th century. To make matters worse, most of this eroded soil ended up filling in valley bottoms, changing the very contours of the land surface, and choking streams with mud. Only the regrowth of forests and careful management of pastureland has allowed topsoil to begin its slow process of regeneration.

Why was historical agriculture so destructive? Growing crops first required clearing the forest. This was usually accomplished by girdling the trees and letting them stand for a few years before being cut, burned, or becoming rotten enough to blow down. Stumps were generally left in the fields to rot unless a farmer had enough laborers and equipment to pull them out, thus tree roots still provided some protection against soil erosion for a few years. On virgin soil, tobacco was often raised for three to four years until the soil was too worn out to support it. Corn, wheat, and sometimes peas, beans, or other crops were then raised. As Elijah Fletcher observed in an 1811 letter to his father,

"[Rich plantation owners] cultivate a great deal without ever manuring [the soil] which renders it soon poor & barren. On their fresh land they

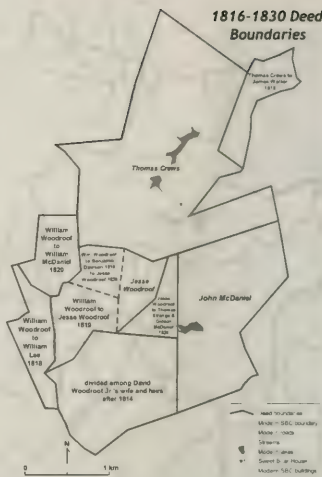
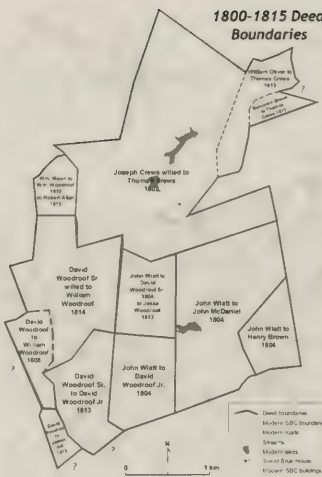
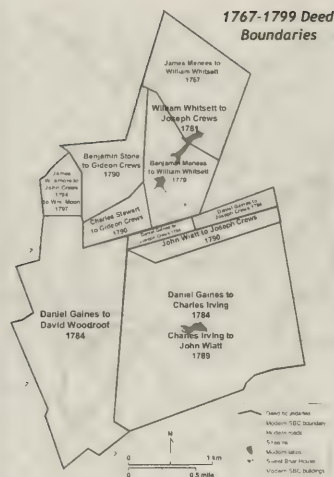


A broken wine bottle found beneath six feet of sediment near buried woody debris. Made of British black glass, its size and style fit the period from 1750-1780.

cultivate tobacco. It requires the strongest and best land to raise this weed & it soon destroys the land. It is so destructive to land, many begin to see the [i]mpropriety of raising it & turn their attentions more to the raising of wheat."

Each field was tilled at least twice using a "check plowing" system, in which plowing was done first in one direction, then again at a right angle to the first set of furrows, often leaving the last furrows running straight up and down the hillsides. Later in the crop-growing season, the soil was again cultivated, usually more than once, to keep down weeds. Although crop rotation was generally not used with tobacco, often during the final cultivation of corn, winter wheat was sown among the corn hills. Livestock grazed the fields between crops. When the soil became too eroded and depleted to support crops any longer, it was usually abandoned to grazing and forest regrowth. Many settlers and plantation owners simply used their land until it was worn out, then sold it and moved farther west. The economic incentives of the time (expensive labor and cheap, abundant land) encouraged this consumptive cycle of land use and abandonment.

Not all farmers were such poor stewards of the land, however. By the early 19th century, a few progressive farmers such as Thomas Jefferson, Elijah Fletcher, and others were searching for



better ways of growing crops. They began to revitalize worn-out fields with leguminous cover crops such as clover, and to apply lime and guano fertilizer. Contour plowing, new types of plows, and terracing of steep hillsides were also experimented with. In 1854, it was written of Fletcher that "he introduced deep plowing, drained the wet land, leveled the gullies and ravines which the washing rains had been so long forming and deepening in a soil which was destitute of sod or vegetable matter to keep it together, and to sow clover and plaster."

Although we will probably never know exactly what happened on Sweet Briar land 200 years ago, it is possible to use historical documents, including deeds, wills, and census data, to learn more about local land ownership and agriculture. Last summer, I began visiting the Amherst County records office to obtain descriptions of deeds dating back to the founding of the county in 1761 in an attempt to trace the ownership history of Monument Hill. I knew that Elijah Fletcher had referred to it as Woodroof's Mound and that David Woodroof, who died in 1814, was the earliest recorded burial in the cemetery. By hunting through hundreds of deeds for promising leads, plotting out deed descriptions using mapping software, and placing land parcel boundaries on a base map showing topography, streams, and modern roads, I was able to painstakingly piece together the land ownership history for much of Sweet Briar from the mid-18th century

until 1834. Because of inaccuracies in the original surveys, copy errors in the handwritten deed records, and limitations of my historical knowledge of Amherst County, I am certain that some of the boundaries on my deed maps are not entirely correct. They provide a geographical link between individuals and the geology and archaeology of the landscape, however, which I think is a useful contribution to our understanding of Sweet Briar history, particularly in the pre-Fletcher era.

For Monument Hill, the sequence of environmental history events I put together goes something like this:

(1) The original forest on Monument Hill was cleared for agriculture by the slaves of a man named Daniel Gaines beginning about the middle of the 18th century, most likely around 1767. David Woodroof purchased the land as part of a 700-acre tract in 1784 and grew tobacco, wheat, and corn. By 1800, the hill area was fenced. Gully formation probably began soon after cultivation and rapidly deposited a wedge of sediment in the valley bottom at the base of the hill. The small stream in the valley was choked with the sediment being produced.

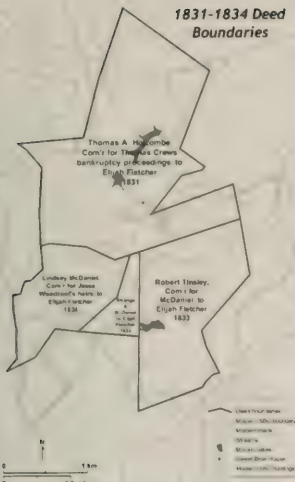
The years 1767 and 1800 correspond to the dates obtained for one of the buried logs and some split rails that were found on top of them. This woody material was dated using tree-ring dating methods (called dendrochronology) that compare the pattern of thick and thin tree rings to

those of wood with known ages. These dates fit nicely with the age of a broken wine bottle found buried with the woody debris that dates to 1750-1780.

(2) Till agriculture on the hillside ceased by 1831 when the oldest known tree on the hillside, a persimmon, sprouted. At this time, ownership of the Monument Hill area was in flux. Elijah Fletcher bought the land from heirs of the Woodroof family in 1834 and probably let the forest grow, allowing no more than livestock grazing to take place on the hillside. He may have had the stream channelized, however, in order to reduce flooding and enhance drainage, resulting in an unnaturally straight channel. More trees began sprouting in later years, particularly in the 1860s, corresponding to Fletcher's death in 1858, the Civil War from 1861-65, the end of slavery, and Indiana Fletcher Williams' marriage and removal to New York. The peak in forest regrowth occurred in the 1880s and 1890s, around the time when Indiana's daughter and husband died and were buried in the Monument Hill cemetery. Forest regrowth resulted in stabilization of the gullies and an end to the erosion.

The source for this information is the age of the living forest. Taking advantage of the forest-thinning operation that occurred in the study area during the winter of 2002-03, tree rings were counted on the stumps of trees recently cut in order to determine the age of individual trees.

(3) With the sharp decrease in sediment supply that accompanied gully



Monument Hill Gullies. Aerial photo taken by remotely controlled camera on a kite during March 2003

stabilization and forest regrowth, the stream had excess energy and began cutting down through its bed over the past century, creating a very deep channel. Eventually, the buried logs were partially exposed. Sweet Briar College appears to have left the area fairly untouched until the recent timber-thinning operation. Stream erosion and adjustment goes on today as the landscape continues to recover from past land use.

The results of this study have been submitted for review and publication in the scientific journal *Catena*, and my findings have encouraged me to investigate other areas of Sweet Briar's campus to flesh out the story further. I am particularly intrigued with the possibility that Elijah Fletcher channelized some of his streams to provide better drainage, because this practice can have a lasting environmental impact on streams. There is evidence for channelization on Williams Creek in the northern part of campus, and this spring an environmental science student, Tasha Marie Purcell '04, is studying the creek for her senior research project. Another student, Medora Hackler '04, is investigating how fast topsoil has been forming in forested areas on campus since agricultural activities ceased. The College's campus is indeed a place rich in environmental history. As much as the many students of Sweet Briar history have learned about this place over the years, there is always more to discover.

GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM KICKOFF

Dedication of the Dorothy J. Sales Building

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

A double celebration took place in November, as faculty, staff, students, retirees, members of the Board of Directors, Emeriti Trustees, and special guests gathered for the MAT and M.Ed Graduate Program Kickoff and the formal naming of the Education and Honors Building.

The event featured a tour of the building, the ribbon cutting of the newly named building by the honoree, and concluded with a brief presentation, "Graduate Studies in Education for Today's Diverse Classrooms".

Opening Remarks by Board of Directors Chairman Michela English '71:

It is a privilege for me to be here today to share in this special kickoff ceremony for the College's first graduate level programs—the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education degrees. We are making history at Sweet Briar today on this momentous occasion by offering programs at this level—a long-desired dream for the institution.

Over the past few years, we have embarked on several new and distinctive programs including the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in interdisciplinary arts directed toward students with multifaceted creative interests; a new Equine Studies Certificate offering Sweet Briar scholars the best of both worlds: a strong liberal arts degree in one of the traditional liberal arts disciplines combined with preparation for possible careers in equine-related enterprises such as farm and stable management and the teaching of riding; and beginning just this fall, a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management designed to accommodate the growing interest in business management among women.

Without a doubt, Sweet Briar College is moving ahead, and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I commend the leadership of President Muhlenfeld, the guidance from the faculty, and the support of the staff in developing these new programs.

Welcome by President Muhlenfeld:

What a special day this is for the College and for the Sales family who have joined us today.

Let me begin by giving you a bit of history about this facility. The old Book Shop building was constructed in 1961, and served that function until this year. Once the Book Shop moved into its new space in Prothro Commons, this building was renovated, and now houses Computer Services (downstairs), and the Education Department and Honors Center (upstairs). The cost of renovating the building was \$151,000 and the project took about four months.

The building has been known only as the Book Shop all of these years. Now that it has a new family living here, it is appropriate to give it a unique name. It is also appropriate in doing so to recognize its past. Over the course of the 42 years that this building operated as the campus Book Shop, it was overseen by several special managers. Each of these individuals left their mark upon the store and upon the faculty, students, and staff who were more than customers there every day. Over those same years, many individuals supported the Book Shop as employees and, again, each left an imprint.

There was, however, one employee of the Book Shop who transcended managers, students, faculty, and staff. Dorothy J. Sales was employed by the College for 48 years, working in the Book Shop every one of those years, from 1945 to 1994. She outlasted four managers and, according to many, was the driving force behind the Book Shop.

Dorothy was actually born right on the campus, in the old slave quarters, now called the Sweet Briar Tool Museum. Her father helped fire the bricks and build the first buildings on the new campus.

Dorothy was an icon to faculty, students, staff, and alumnae. She was made an honorary member of the graduating class of 1994, the year she retired from the College. The Virginia College Store Association also recognized her in 1988 as its Employee of the Year. She made a positive impact on each of the many constituencies who embraced her over parts of six decades of dedicated work for the College.

Naming this building for her immortalizes a woman who came to Sweet Briar with little more than a strong work ethic and left 48 years later with the love and admiration of so many individuals whose lives she touched. She embodies the values inculcated in the Education and Honors Programs and personifies the customer service priority of Computer Services. Every function that now occurs in the building can relate to one or more of the positive attributes remembered fondly and associated with Dorothy J. Sales.

It is therefore my privilege to proclaim that on this day of November 6, 2003, the old Book Shop building be named "The Dorothy J. Sales Building," in grateful recognition of her many wonderful years of service to Sweet Briar College.



SBC Board Chairman Michela English and President Muhlenfeld look on as Dorothy Sales cuts the ribbon on the Dorothy J. Sales Building

THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 6, 2003

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Patio D, Conference Center

The fourth meeting of the Shape of the Future Committee was called to order at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, prior to the main series of Board committee meetings on Friday. With the exception of Madeleine Green, all members of the Committee were present. The meeting consisted of a closed meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by Roundtable Discussions with members of the Board, faculty, and staff from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes, Discussion of Chair's Letter to Steve Wassell:

Following the approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2004 meeting, Chairman Collier called the Committee's attention to the letter sent by her to Steve Wassell, Chair of the Faculty Senate, in response to the Senate's memoranda of June 30, 2003 and September 2, 2003. Her letter reflected the sense of the SOF Committee discussion in the September meeting.

Report from the Faculty; Resolution on Marketing:

Pam DeWeese presented a resolution from the on-campus academic members of the SOF Committee and endorsed by the full faculty at the Faculty Meeting on October 31, 2003. She explained that the resolution grew out of the faculty/staff focus groups and other meetings held to discuss the Shape of the Future initiatives. Particularly in the faculty focus groups held by Pam, Bill Kershner, Scott Hyman, and Jonathan Green, there was nearly universal agreement that marketing of Sweet Briar's programs and events, and the general visibility of the College, has historically been insufficient, and therefore new programs developed by the faculty in recent years have not yet had a chance to impact enrollment. Further, until the issue of marketing is addressed, faculty, staff, and students will continue to have difficulty focusing on alternative blueprints, because there are such serious

doubts as to whether any alternative approaches would be adequately marketed to generate desired enrollments.

The faculty members on the SOF Committee felt that dealing with the issue of marketing constitutes a real opportunity to capture the creativity and good will of the campus community.

Discussion followed clarifying the status of College Relations on campus. Betsy discussed the fact that Admissions has hired a firm to develop a new "family" of publications for our recruitment purposes. Focus groups have been held on campus as the firm begins to develop understanding of the essence of Sweet Briar and create new messages. These will include a redesigned admissions website. The group discussed the importance of an effective website (particularly its front page), one of the chief concerns of faculty members, as well as ways to increase name recognition and raise visibility for the College. Gregg Petersmeyer pointed out the necessity of determining a clear value proposition. Sweet Briar's marketing needs to be segmented to various target groups, and we need to determine how our value proposition is valued by each segment. He pointed out that we need to listen to our markets—our rhetoric may be masking some of their concerns.

The Committee considered how to respond to the resolution. After extended discussion, the following conclusions were reached:

1. The SOF Committee accepts and affirms the resolution. We all agree that marketing is crucial to the success of any alternative blueprint.
2. Betsy is in the process of reorganizing the College Relations Office on campus, and will speed up that process. She will be seeking a director after the first of the year, and will shift College Relations' reporting line to the President's Office through Dr. Linda Shank, who has recently hired a new writer, created a small faculty group to advise on

the website, and is analyzing actual marketing expenditures on campus (currently distributed among several offices: Admissions, Development, Alumnae, etc.). She will determine an appropriate budget to improve our image marketing of the College as a whole.

3. Funding issues will be forwarded to the Finance and Investments Committee of the Board of Directors, which oversees budgets. At this point, the Board is not likely to allocate additional dollars for the 03-04 year, and the SOF Committee will not recommend that it do so. Thus, in the near term, funding can only come through reallocation of existing resources.

4. Although the importance of marketing has always been clear, the resolution reminds us that marketing must be front and center in the whole process. As Gregg Petersmeyer put it, we will do everything a bit differently because of the resolution—ever mindful that marketing considerations must be embedded in every aspect of our deliberations. The External Relations Committee of the Board will oversee marketing.

On-campus Meetings, Focus Groups,

Ideas Submitted via E-mail: The faculty members of the SOF Committee reported that the faculty/staff focus groups, though productive and full of interesting ideas, did not generate any viable ideas that rise to the level of alternative blueprints. Therefore, we will explore three approaches going forward: remaining a women's college but with a shift in mission such that, in addition to a grounding in the liberal arts, we are more overtly preparing women for professional lives (currently called Liberal Arts in Action), a shift to coeducation, and a shift to a Liberal Arts in Action approach as a coed institution.

The Committee spent time looking at the summaries of focus group discussions

as well as a comprehensive summary developed by Ginger Collier of every idea that has been submitted since the beginning of the process. Many of the ideas are excellent, and Ginger noted that we must, as a committee, be committed to the principle that no idea should be lost. Some ideas could be woven into the current blueprints. Others might be worth developing as stand alones. Still others should be considered by the Planning Committee and/or the Instruction Committee in some organized fashion once the work of the SOF Committee is completed. Several members of the Committee commented with interest on a "modules" approach suggested by Alix Ingber.

One theme that emerged from several comments concerned student life on campus. The Committee discussed the effect of the Student Commons on student life, and questioned whether it has provided promised "hangout" space for students. The role of the Bistro was discussed. Betsy indicated that Dean Valdrie Walker is focusing on this issue with her staff. The ground floor of Reid is being outfitted as a student hangout, and Valdrie is working on benchmarking and student focus groups to determine how to meet student expectations. We will have a report at the February Board meeting.

Campus Climate: Betsy reported that the mood on campus has improved and we have communicated more and more with various constituencies. The student Campus Discussion on October 20th went well; students asked good questions, and the on-campus members of the SOF Committee answered as frankly as they could. Student concerns have abated for the time being, following the open meetings and campus discussion. Among faculty and staff, there is considerable anxiety about the impact of budget cuts, but at the same time there seems to be a sense that the SOF Committee and the Board of Directors are dealing with these issues openly and forthrightly.

A letter from Steve Wassell in his role as Chair of the Faculty Senate to the Executive Committee of the Board was discussed. The letter asks the Board for moderation in its announced budget cuts, arguing that new programs have not yet had a chance to impact enrollment, and

that to cut too severely could well harm the health and morale of the College, which in turn would adversely impact student recruitment and the retention of strong faculty. Michela indicated that both the Executive Committee and the Finance and Investments Committee were very sensitive to the potential of doing harm to the College. But we are under real time pressure, and thus equally insistent on the imperative to control the spending rate. In any case, understanding the impact of proposed cuts will be a primary responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Cataloguing: Jonathan Green gave a brief update regarding the academic cataloguing exercise. We have received material from everyone, and are analyzing it. Betsy and Jonathan will be working closely with it over the break between Fall and Spring Terms. Larry Broomall presented his timetable for looking at the administrative side of the College. After discussion, it was decided that the timetable may be too ambitious given the Christmas holidays, and may need to be lengthened.

Communications Plan: Diane Dalton presented the Communications Plan developed by her and Madeleine Green. Inasmuch as communication with faculty, staff, and students is well under way, the discussion focused on communication with alumnae. Just as the level of anxiety was initially high on campus, and then, as more was known and understood, abated, so we can expect an initial surge of high anxiety from alumnae as they realize the seriousness of our discussions. The Alumnae Board will be meeting on Saturday afternoon and Sunday to develop a detailed communications plan with alumnae. Betsy will speak with the group at dinner Saturday night about SOF.

Timing: The Committee discussed a timeline that will enable us to make recommendations to the Board in April. If the Committee feels that coeducation is likely to be a desirable outcome, it will recommend that the Board consider such a move, but would not expect the Board to do so in April. In that case, the Board would inaugurate an exploratory process involving both communication with its wider constituency and more extensive market research with an eye toward a

decision point in Fall 2004.

Market Research: The Committee discussed a timetable for presentation of conclusions to the Board at their April meeting, and decided that we need to engage a firm to do initial market research on our current options as soon as possible. The College must put out a Request for Proposals no later than early December to have a work product that the SOF Committee can use in time to make a recommendation to the Board in April.

Community Roundtable Agenda/

Format: Betsy briefly described the format for the Roundtable Discussions to follow the SOF meeting. Each table will be assigned one SOF member, and one person from the administration to serve as facilitator and to take notes and report out.

Schedule of next meetings: The following meetings are currently scheduled for the Spring semester:

- January 13, Washington, D.C. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- February 12, on campus in conjunction with Board meeting
- March 3, Washington D.C. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- April 15, on campus in conjunction with the Spring Board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50, to move to the Roundtable Discussions in the Boxwood Room. (The notes from the Roundtable Discussions were compiled, and mailed to SOF Committee members on December 15th.)

January 13, 2004

10:30-2:30

Home of Michela English, Washington, D. C.

The fifth meeting of the Shape of the Future Committee was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13. Present were Marshall Acuff, Ginger Collier, Diane Dalton, Pam DeWeese, Michela English, Jonathan Green, Madeleine Green, Scott Hyman, Bill Kershner, Betsy Muhlenfeld, and Francie Root. Larry Broomall and Gregg Petersmeyer were unable to attend. Minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2003 were approved as circulated. Ginger reviewed the timetable we had developed

for the November meeting, and indicated that we are generally on course.

Campus concerns: The first item of business was a general report from the faculty representatives to the SOF Committee assessing the mood of the campus and faculty response to SOF issues since the November meeting. The summary of discussions at the November Roundtables were circulated to the College community immediately, and the President's report at the December faculty meeting included an overview of the November SOF meeting, issues emerging from the Board meeting, and an update on the marketing resolution. Generally, although there is some interest in what will happen to all the ideas that have been generated, faculty have been focused not on SOF, but on completing the Fall Term, and first and foremost developing the budget cuts we are working to effect. Betsy Muhlenfeld indicated a high level of anxiety among staff members who are concerned about their jobs. Students return to campus from a long holiday this week. Prior to their departure in December, they had ceased to focus on SOF because of end-of-term activities. We anticipate that their interest will pick up again as the Spring Term progresses.

Market Research: Betsy reported on a meeting in December in Washington with Ginger Collier, Michela English and Gregg Petersmeyer in which we refined the wording for an RFP for market research. The RFP was issued in mid-December; three proposals have been received. A conference call will be set up within 10 days to select one. Everyone who can do so is urged to join the conference call. Michela English noted that although we hope to be able to meet our April deadline, we must listen to the experts, should they indicate that the timetable is impossible.

Administrative Cataloguing and Budget Development: In Larry Broomall's absence, Betsy indicated that we have developed detailed benchmarking data against several peer colleges, and Larry has been going through that material rigorously with every member of the senior staff. We have all identified various areas where appropriate levels of staffing need to be evaluated. At this point, he feels that

he will be able to meet budget goals for next year, but we are in fact looking at a three-year process. On campus we are in the middle of the budget process and will be having budget strategy sessions in the next three weeks to develop a draft budget. Marshall indicated that preliminary budget information will be presented at the February Finance Committee.

Academic Cataloguing:

Betsy gave a brief overview of the academic cataloguing initiative, indicating that there were no surprises. We didn't learn much that we didn't already know (not surprising in so small a college where it is relatively easy to know all faculty and their programs).

Jonathan Green presented a potential concept for reorganizing academic departments into several "schools." The idea of shifting from small departments to some sort of larger units such as divisions has long been considered and discussed with the faculty; Dean Lenz presented a proposal for divisions at least twice, and Dean Stahl's area advisory committees were a move in that direction. Academic reorganization was proposed by Betsy in her initial Liberal Arts in Action blueprint.

Betsy pointed out that there are good reasons for moving in this direction now. The proposed structure honors the interconnectedness of a real liberal arts approach rather than mirroring in miniature the research university model. What is special about liberal arts colleges is exactly the opposite, the ability to teach students to understand the relationships and connections among and between disciplines. This proposal reflects our current direction, accentuates our interdisciplinary strengths, and promotes our cross-disciplinary interactions, from which we have gotten most of our curricular energy in recent years. Other reasons to restructure include the fact that larger units will provide young faculty members with a broader base of colleagues and mentors. It allows great flexibility into the future. Over the course of three to five years, it permits shaping in response to student demand and in service to mission that may not be possible under the current departmental system.

A number of intellectual and professional issues would have to be worked out, including the implications

for our faculty governance system, promotion and tenure, and especially curricular changes. A small reorganization of academic support will provide better coverage for academic departments, and will involve some reallocation.

Asked when such a structure could be put into effect, Betsy responded that theoretically, an administrative restructuring could simply be enacted. However, an important reason to do it is to promote collegiality, interdisciplinary exploration, curricular innovation, and the like. She stressed that we don't want to create something that looks efficient administratively, but that everyone opposes. Jonathan Green will be talking with chairs in groups over the next couple of weeks about the proposed change.

One other matter that Jonathan suggested was that the College may wish to consider a shift to four-credit hour courses. Students would take four four-hour courses per semester rather than the current norm of five three-hour courses. Many schools use the four-hour course system. Such a shift would require a restructuring of the entire curriculum, so that majors can be completed with fewer courses, covering 33% more in each course. There are a number of advantages to this system. Students would be able to concentrate on four rather than five courses each semester, allowing greater depth. Faculty loads would be shifted from 3/3 (three courses each term) to 2/3—meaning fewer preparations; ideally classes would be a bit larger.

The shift to a four-hour credit system is a change that should be discussed by the faculty. We will be discussing academic reorganization this spring, and will probably ask the faculty to consider the shift to a four-hour system next year.

Report from the Alumnae: Diane Dalton reported on the Alumnae Board meeting following the November Board meeting, in which she was able to walk the Alumnae Board through the power point presentation Ginger used for the Board of Directors. Betsy talked with the Alumnae Board as well. The December *Alumnae Magazine* carried a condensed version of all minutes, and prior to its mailing, Diane sent an electronic version of the article to about 500 alumnae leaders. To date, the reaction of alumnae has been less negative

than expected, and thoughtful. At least two petitions are circulating, however. There will be a large gathering of Washington area alumnae this evening at Michela English's home. Approximately 90 attendees are expected. Inasmuch as the most reactive alumnae are the graduates of the '90s and early '00s, the evening event will be important. Diane reported that the Washington Club has formed a subcommittee on the SOF. Washington alumnae are tightly tied into the campus.

Further Communication Issues:

Students have just returned to campus following the holidays. Jonathan plans a meeting of the Student Advisory Counsel, and the SOF Committee will be meeting with students in Roundtable Discussions in February. We anticipate that student engagement in this issue will pick up dramatically in the next few weeks.

It was recommended that we give some thought to how we will communicate with our various constituencies at the April Board meeting, when our recommendations will be made to the Board. We will continue to have SOF updates in all alumnae mailings.

Progress on current blueprints: Betsy indicated that she is developing a brief "white paper" on coeducation, and in the process of so doing has talked with the presidents of several colleges that made the shift to coeducation. Few data are available indicating how the decision was made or what kinds of market research were done prior to the decision. In all instances she researched, the decision-making process was driven by the president or the board, with relatively little input from the college community. In some cases, the campus did not really understand that the issue was being discussed, which produced some extreme reactions. Betsy could find no colleges that had engaged the debate as fully and openly as Sweet Briar. She provided a brief overview of discussions with the presidents and board members of Goucher, Wheaton, and Hood at the time of the coed decision. Information gleaned from these discussions will be summarized in her white paper.

She proposed that the Liberal Arts in Action blueprint should include a guarantee that every student could do at least one internship, and a further

guarantee that every student who wishes to do so (providing certain language and grade criteria are met) will have an international experience, either study abroad or an international internship. Michela indicated that the clarity of such guarantees is appealing, and that they would provide a good bridge between the traditional liberal arts and professional preparation—the "real world connectivity" circle of our NEXUS concept. Betsy reminded the group that the proposal has funding implications (to tie internships clearly to academic programs will require clerical and other kinds of support, and involves faculty collaboration). Certainly any graduation requirements should be decided by the faculty.

Marshall noted that incorporating practicing professionals as guest speakers in courses is a very powerful way to connect the academic and the professional world, and enormously appealing to students.

The Committee discussed Liberal Arts in Action, and felt that it is past time for the campus—both faculty and staff—to get deeply into what that blueprint would look like. It was decided that the College will develop a short document, perhaps a matrix, showing how current offerings and operations would change with each blueprint. Such a document would make it possible for us to cost out each blueprint, and to judge the blueprints against the criteria developed last fall.

Following some final wrap-up and a review of action items, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2004

12:30-3:30

PATIO D, CONFERENCE CENTER

The sixth meeting of the Shape of the Future Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, prior to the main series of Board committee meetings on Friday. The meeting consisted of a closed meeting from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by Roundtable Discussions with students from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. C. Gregg Petersmeyer, Ms. Frances Root '80, Dr. Madeleine Green were unable to attend; all other members were present.

Also attending: Mr. George Dehne of

GDA Integrated Services to report on the start of his market research, and Ms. Karen Summers to take minutes.

Minutes of the January 13, 2004 meeting were circulated by Dr. Muhlenfeld. She asked that all Committee members review the minutes and send emendations to her quickly.

Market Research: Mr. George Dehne of GDA Integrated Services, the firm selected to conduct market research for the SOF Committee, attended the first part of the meeting to discuss his visits of the last two and a half days with faculty, staff, and students. He found his meetings informative and helpful as he proceeds with designing his survey instruments. As a result of his on-campus discussions, he has decided to stagger his research, surveying women first, and then, informed by what women's responses suggest, developing a parallel survey for men. Telephone interviews will be conducted to achieve the most accurate information. Following the compilation of the survey data, he will be able to present to the SOF Committee an analysis of what pieces of the Liberal Arts in Action proposal are most attractive and what language the College may want to use in marketing if Liberal Arts in Action is the chosen alternative. The surveys will test the issue of coeducation as a possibility for the College.

Mr. Dehne told the Committee that several programs routinely came up during conversations with the Sweet Briar community that in his judgment exhibit potential for increased strength and visibility. The BFA and its interaction with the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts suggests a powerful model for developing further such linkages with nearby institutions of various kinds. The Center for Civic Renewal has the potential to increase its activities, outreach, and visibility. Sweet Briar's movement toward a co-curricular portfolio program reflecting our "total learning community" would be of great interest to students and employers. Our Career Services program is, in his view, among the best he has seen and deserves emphasis. The Learning on the Land program has high potential for increased interdisciplinary development. The College may wish to focus more clearly on the opportunity here for double majors and self-designed majors.

Students' involvement in campus work and providing students with progressive work experience and student leadership programs could be very attractive to students. His market research will look closely at these programs. The theme that he heard during his discussions with students was "opportunities." Students commented that Sweet Briar provides its students with opportunities in clubs and organizations which become a large part of their social life.

Following his overview, Mr. Dehne welcomed questions from members of the Committee. Details regarding timeline were discussed and it was decided that it would not be possible to expect the market research to be fully compiled by the April meeting of the Shape of the Future Committee and the Board of Directors. In response to a question about whether he could provide clear-cut answers on which the Committee might rely as it makes its recommendations, Mr. Dehne responded that he does not anticipate crisp clear-cut answers. Rather, he expects that the research will give us an abundance of information about many aspects of Sweet Briar—current and proposed—but that the Committee will need to draw upon that information to make its final decision. Market research is just one part of that overall process. GDA research will be able to show the likelihood of increasing enrollment among women, elements of our program likely to appeal to women students, as well as the interest of men in a small, private, liberal arts institution such as Sweet Briar.

Dr. Hyman asked about the overall accuracy of the survey; Mr. Dehne said that it will be accurate within plus/minus 3-4%, with a 95% confidence level. The study will be blind until the end of the survey, when respondents will be informed as to what college is conducting the survey. This process is used to alleviate up-front bias. Dr. Kershner asked whether the results of the survey would be applicable long-term. Mr. Dehne noted that extensive environmental scanning will occur during the market research process and he will include predictable trends in his analysis, although predicting the future is always risky business.

Dr. Collier asked whether the term Liberal Arts in Action is understandable or marketable. Mr. Dehne said that he will

test that name as well as other language. Dr. Collier suggested that it would be beneficial for Mr. Dehne and GDA to have the information from the admissions research firm hired by the College, Richard Harrison Bailey/The Agency. President Muhlenfeld also recommended that Mr. Dehne review the Art & Science market report conducted in 1999 which researched Sweet Briar inquirers and applicants.

The Committee talked about the necessity to upgrade the College's athletic facilities regardless of our decision as to alternative blueprints, but especially if we were to recommend admitting men. Mr. Dehne indicated that a coeducational institution would require a considerably larger athletic facility even than we had planned as part of our capital campaign, in addition to some \$3 million or more spent to accommodate males in other aspects of the physical plant.

It was agreed that the March 3rd meeting of the Committee will be postponed to the first week in April, by which time we might have some preliminary information from Mr. Dehne. Because the market research will not be completed in time for the April Board meeting, it was agreed that the Board may need to hold a special fly-in meeting in May, once we have had time to digest Mr. Dehne's research and recommendations.

Additional Agenda Items:

Dr. DeWeese reported that the current faculty perspectives *in re* the Shape of the Future are generally supportive; faculty continue their committee and group discussions regarding both the Coeducation and Liberal Arts in Action blueprints and campus-wide operating efficiencies. There is general unrest/unease about the current budgetary process, as might be expected any time budgets are being trimmed.

Dr. Muhlenfeld presented a white paper she has prepared for the Board entitled "Co-education As an Option for Women's Colleges." She emphasized that it is *not* an argument for or against coeducation, but rather, in summary form, a compendium of information gathered from a wide variety of sources, including not only statistical data, media reports, scholarly studies and other analytical materials but also a number of personal interviews with current and former presidents and board

members of former women's colleges. She will distribute this document to the campus community to provide some context for the broad considerations that must be examined as the College explores alternatives for the future. As the College collectively comes closer to "fleshing out" the Liberal Arts in Action concept, she will be putting together a similar summary on that option.

Dr. Muhlenfeld commented that the state of the administration and the overall campus climate is positive. As we expected, there is heightened concern among students relative to the coeducation option. We anticipate that more than 20 percent of the student body will join the Roundtable Discussions with the Committee following the SOF Committee meeting. She commented that the students have been very articulate in expressing their love for Sweet Briar and why this is such a special place.

Ms. Dalton informed the Committee that alumnae have been generally positive and eager to be involved. There has been a relatively measured response from the Winter *Alumnae Magazine* article that contained the minutes of the first three SOF meetings. However, one e-mail in particular has circulated widely in the alumnae network declaring that its author had "inside information" that the College has already made a decision to become coeducational. The Committee discussed ways to get correct information disseminated as widely as incorrect information, and concluded that once incorrect information is in the e-mail network, there is really no way to control it. Diane and Louise Zingaro, Director of the Alumnae Association, will continue their efforts to present factual information about the Shape of the Future Committee's work, as will the President's Office.

Dr. Broomall summarized the cataloguing exercise for the Committee, but noted it is still a work in progress. Analysis of our benchmarking studies is ongoing, and current thinking will inform the report to the Board's Finance and Investments Committee on Friday.

With no further business, the Shape of the Future Committee adjourned, then met with approximately 120 students from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Roundtable Discussions. The notes from these discussions are attached to and part of these minutes.

Community Involvement in the Shape Of the Future Process

The Shape of the Future Committee has been committed from the beginning to conducting their work in an open and inclusive manner. Minutes of their meetings are on the Alumnae Association website www.sbc.edu/alumnae/sof and have been printed in the *Alumnae Magazine*. Suggestions and comments have been sought through snail mail and e-mail at SOF@sbcc.edu and alumnae@sbcc.edu. In addition, over the past several months, gatherings have been held both on- and off-campus for members of the Sweet Briar College family to ask questions and share their ideas and concerns regarding the process and the College's future plans.

On November 6, 2003 the Shape of the Future Committee met in roundtable discussions with 56 members of the faculty and staff. Many suggestions and ideas were generated, but there was no consensus on whether we should remain a women's college or go coed. Instead the discussions focused more on visibility, image, marketing, and ways to enhance existing programs. Suggestions included developing a unified message and hiring a professional marketing director to increase visibility, promote name recognition, update and enhance the website, and promote our outcomes. In regard to life on campus, suggestions included creating new housing options, enhancing the campus as a social center and building better community relations. Suggestions involving the academic program included making internships a priority in the academic schedule, improving work-study opportunities, and further development of academic summer seminars. Other suggestions were more general, urging the College to retain our strong liberal arts focus, to keep sight of our strengths, to develop additional coed graduate programs, and to be more overt about our essential character as a women's college.

Although the president has discussed the ongoing work of the Shape of the Future Committee at every alumnae gathering she has attended this year,

one meeting was exclusively focused on strategic planning. On January 13, 2004, a gathering was held for Washington, D.C. alumnae at the home of Michela English, chairman of the College Board of Directors. Other members of the Shape of the Future Committee were present as well, including Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld, president of Sweet Briar College, Diane Dalton, president of the Alumnae Association, Gregg Petersmeyer, Board of Directors, Bill Kershner, professor of theatre arts, Pam DeWeese, professor of modern languages and literatures, Scott Hyman, associate professor of physics, and Jonathan Green, associate professor of music and acting dean of the College. Close to 100 alumnae attended the event. After presentations regarding the work of the committee and a College update by President Muhlenfeld, Board Chairman English and Alumnae Association President Dalton, a question and answer session followed. The discussion included questions about the Liberal Arts in Action approach, marketing and visibility, admissions and enrollment strategy, the SOF process and time frame. The group discussed many of Sweet Briar's strengths including our international programs. There was general consensus among the alumnae present that the coed option should only be pursued after all other possibilities are fully explored.

The members of the Shape of the Future Committee present expressed their appreciation for the interest, and suggestions offered. They also acknowledged the excellent work and support of the Washington, D.C. Club.

On February 12, 2004 the Shape of the Future Committee held roundtable discussions for students to share thoughts, concerns, and recommendations regarding the College's future. Approximately 120 students took part in the lively two-hour gathering.

Both the Liberal Arts in Action and coed options were discussed. Those students gathered were overwhelmingly in favor of the Liberal Arts in Action

and opposed to coeducation. Many students felt that regardless of the option selected, Sweet Briar should encourage improvements to campus social life and activities. They also suggested improving internship opportunities, international experiences, and enhancing a career-based academic focus rooted in the liberal arts.

While going coed might increase the number of students on campus and improve social life, many students felt that the College they love would cease to exist. They don't want to lose their identity, opportunities for leadership, and beloved traditions.

Students expressed interest in participating in marketing efforts and being more involved in highlighting Sweet Briar's unique assets.

The SOF Committee was impressed with the students' creative ideas and passion for the College's future. They were encouraged to continue to share their thoughts and ideas.

Additional opportunities for members of the Sweet Briar family to voice their opinions or ask questions are available through brown bag lunches on campus, alumnae club gatherings and by sending them to SOF@sbcc.edu or alumnae@sbcc.edu.

Spotlight



Paul Cronin

Paul Cronin Publishes Book

Sure to be a must-read for avid riders (especially amongst the Sweet Briar family), is the book by Paul Cronin, Sweet Briar College Professor of Physical Education and

Director of the Riding Program Emeritus. *Schooling and Riding the Sport Horse, A Modern American Hunter/Jumper System*, published by University of Virginia Press, will be available in October 2004.

Paul's book is intended for Hunter/Jumper riders, collegiate programs, and field riding – including riding to hounds and cross-country – as well as amateurs and professionals interested in riding theory. He starts with a concise history of educated horsemanship, describes the three basic pillars of the Forward Riding System, and focuses on the horse itself, carefully walking the reader from the beginning stages of training through advanced jumping and cross-country work.

During his 34 years as Director of the Riding Program and head instructor at Sweet Briar, Paul has taught students from throughout the U.S., South America, Europe, and India. He has been a consultant to educational riding programs including the secondary and college/university level. In addition he has ridden and schooled horses in England, taught clinics in Brazil, and studied and ridden at Saumur, France.

An Affiliated National Riding Commission (ANRC) nationally-recognized judge, Paul holds a No.1 rider rating and was an American Horse Shows Association nationally-recognized judge for more than 20 years. He has ridden and trained top hunters at the national level, and coached six SBC intercollegiate teams to the title of ANRC National Champions. Many of his students have been successful amateur and professional riders and have been contributors to riding education in their communities and some nationally.

When Paul arrived at Sweet Briar

College in 1967, the Riding Program consisted of about 20 students and recreational riding in modest facilities. At the time of his retirement in 2001, some 200 students were participating in a comprehensive curriculum of 39 basic to advanced-level courses. Paul was also instrumental in the design and construction of the College's Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center, recognized as one of the premier college facilities in the nation.

Olympic rider Joe Fargis says in his foreword to the book, "If the horses we ride could talk they would say, 'Read this book, this is the way to ride me.'"

Schooling and Riding the Sport Horse will be available at the Sweet Briar College Book Shop. You may reserve a copy by e-mailing www.bookshop.sbc.edu or by calling (434) 381-6106. For advance orders, please answer:

- 1) Would you like your book signed by the author?
- 2) For personal inscription, please list : first, maiden, married, names, and class year.

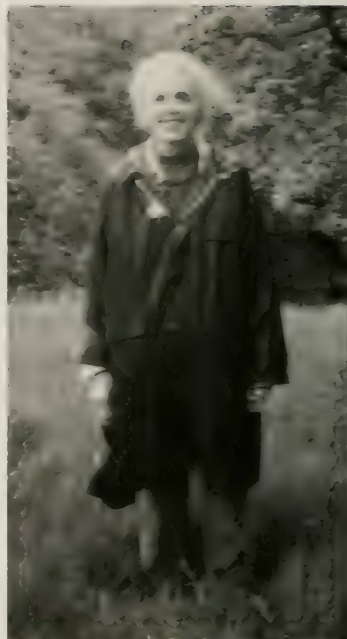
Paul has graciously agreed to be available for book signings at Alumnae Club events. If your club is interested in hosting one, please call the Alumnae Office at (434) 381-6131 for additional details.

Anne Calvert Brooke '54 Helps to Preserve the Welsh Language

By Edith Brooke Robertson '50, Anne's "big sister," who has known her for over 70 years"

Four years her senior, I well remember Anne's birth on February 21, 1933 in Norfolk, VA. She was a picture baby with golden curls and clear blue eyes. I adored her. At a tender age she was already an explorer and adventurer. I can recall my mother's horror when she looked up from the street where she was chatting with a neighbor to discover Anne three flights up on an open fire escape.

I remember when she came home after her first day in school with "Dick and Jane," already reading "Run, Spot, Run" with joyous satisfaction. From that day,



"My sister Anne, an explorer and adventurer even as a child, has combined a remarkable scholarly career with an unusual pursuit, working to preserve the Celtic language of Welsh. It is time to write about Anne as she celebrates her 50th Reunion at Sweet Briar."

she was thoroughly engrossed in the world of books. Trips to the library (where our great aunt was a reference librarian) were the event of the week.

Anne always championed the underdog. While her playmates displayed their beautiful dolls at Christmas, Anne clung to a small rag doll she named Christopher (I was continually called upon to mend its ragged seams and repaint its face).

Anne attended public school until the seventh grade when she entered the Graham School for girls in Norfolk, where she dutifully translated Caesar, Cicero, and Virgil. She followed me to Sweet Briar in 1950, spending her junior year abroad at St. Andrews University in Scotland. This

experience whetted her appetite for the history and culture of the British Isles.

She graduated *magna cum laude* with high honors in British history under the guidance of Lisbeth Muncy. She also took second class honors in medieval and modern history and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. To quote Anne Gary Pannell, Sweet Briar's President, "She had the natural qualities of a scholar."

Anne worked at home for several years after graduation, saving her money to go back to Scotland to absorb Celtic culture. She took part in archeological digs while pursuing her studies at the University of Edinburgh. In the 1950s, Britain was still recovering from World War II. Hot baths were strictly rationed but Anne's fellow students, appreciating her "Southern" penchant for a daily bath would often give her their bath chit! She became adept at doing Scottish dances; when she returned home her family would bounce around the living room to the wonderful sounds of her Scottish records. ("Westerling Home" was my favorite.) After our father's death in 1962, Anne, devoted daughter, saw to it that our mother went "abroad," arranging two trips, to Italy and France and on another occasion, to England.

Anne pursued graduate work in the field of classics at Brown University in Providence, R.I. Working in the library and applying for scholarships, she earned her master's degree and Ph.D. in the 1960s. Her dissertation was on Theocritus, a Greek poet. While working on her dissertation, she applied for a Fulbright to Greece, and enjoyed a year there learning a bit of Greek and drinking ouzo!

After serving as an assistant professor at Brown for a year, she moved to the University of California at Santa Barbara to teach classics. Though she loved the West Coast, she was too far from home. She moved to Vassar College for a six-year stint in the classics department. It was the hippie era; her students rebelled at the discipline of Latin declensions.

On Sabbatical, Anne returned to Britain, this time to Wales. She researched Geoffrey of Monmouth, a 12th century historian who had written "The History of the Kings of Britain" in Latin. Saying goodbye to Vassar in 1975, Anne journeyed to Wales to take a 12-month course in the Welsh language at the Polytechnic of Wales, the first overseas

student to take the course. She resided in Cardiff, the capital, while absorbing Wales' history and culture. A few years later, she moved to the Rhondda Valley, a "bleak" coal mining district. Anne was delightfully surprised at its beauty and the warm reception she received from its people. When my husband and I visited her in 1986, she was fluent in Welsh, a most challenging tongue. Many of the native-born Welsh seemed awed by her use of their language.

Anne soon realized her real mission was to participate in the movement to save the Welsh language. The more "sophisticated" people in Wales spoke English, with the mother tongue only lingering in rural areas. It was predicted to die out within 25 years. But the people of Wales were rallying to the cause. English road signs and names of villages were changed into Welsh. The Welsh Nursery School Movement was offering Welsh to its preschoolers.

Anne came up with an original idea: Why not design educational materials for English-speaking parents who needed instruction and help as well? She wanted to encourage monoglot parents who knew only a bit of Welsh to read and talk to their children in the mother tongue. By 1981, Anne was designing materials for this purpose. She organized mothers and their small children into play groups to try out songs, stories, and games, hoping that these endeavors would carry over into the home.

Her first book was a collection of Welsh nursery rhymes called *Mi welais Jac-y-do* or "I Saw a Jackdaw".

Anne has continued to write books of stories with accompanying handbooks and tapes for parents. Her latest publications are 10 universal fairy tales translated into Welsh for the first time. Her efforts to prod parents to use the native language have extended even to the realm of babies and toddlers. She explains that children learn how to talk at 18 to 36 months. This is the only period in their lives when it is as easy to learn two or more languages as it is to learn one. Several of her books are devoted to this age group. Anne has always been interested in the field of early childhood education and has done a great deal of research in this area.

More about her work in Wales: It is a poor country. It has always been a

struggle for Anne to secure funds for her work and to find illustrators. She often is forced to rely on mercurial grants and the goodwill of the educational establishment. But the Welsh government presented Anne its highest honor: in 1992, she was invested with "The superior white robes of the Gorsedd" (which means she is an Honorary Druid!) for her dedication in helping the Welsh rediscover their ancestral language. This honor was bestowed on her at the National Eisteddford, a cultural festival held each summer in a different part of Wales.

Though she maintains a home in Norfolk, she continues to travel to Wales twice a year, becoming fully engaged in her life there. As long as she can, she wants to keep up her proficiency in the Welsh language and to stay in touch with her friends across the ocean. She enjoys gathering information and "gossip" for the weekly newspaper in her small village, Pentre, often visiting the old and the infirm. She listens to their stories of the struggles of the Welsh people during the coal mining era. (Most of the mines are now shut down.) She takes courses from a Welsh herbalist and continues to write stories for Welsh children (her own creations) which soon will be implemented in a pilot project throughout the whole country.

In Norfolk, Anne lovingly tends a nearby sanctuary which harbors migrating birds and native plants. She is a faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and has spent a good deal of time helping a Sudanese refugee adjust to this country. She also helped its Sunday School prepare a garden for native plants in the ancient churchyard.

She is an adoring aunt and great-aunt to our children and grandchildren. Her Christmas gifts to them are books, of course, carefully selected from British and American bookstores. She studies ancient Welsh texts, writing articles for adult readership; she is seldom idle.

My sister Anne is a well-defined character, a person with true humility, a compassion for the downtrodden, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and an optimistic approach to the future and its many possibilities.

Carolyn Jones Elstner '69 Leader in Preserving Ellwood, Formerly Her Grandparents' Home in the Wilderness Battlefield

Timeless Treasure

With a history as old as the nation itself, Ellwood looks forward to plans for renewal

By Lee Woolf

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More than 3,000 visitors will stroll down the lane at Ellwood this year. Most have traveled some distance to satisfy their curiosity about "the arm."

And it's a fact that the amputated arm of Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson is buried in the Jones-Lacy family cemetery about a quarter-mile walk from the house.

But the 200-plus years of history witnessed by the two-story frame home on the Spotsylvania-Orange county line about 15 miles west of Fredericksburg includes much more than Jackson's severed limb.

And that longevity is part of the message being delivered by the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield in a campaign to raise \$120,000 to restore the two most historic rooms in the house.

"Ellwood has spanned the history of our nation," said Carolyn Elstner, who has family ties to the property and is head of the fund-raising committee.

"Just the fact it's still standing makes it unique. And it needs to be preserved to tell its story to the children of today and to future generations."

The cast of characters who have played a role in Ellwood's dramatic tale include the Marquis de Lafayette; Gen. Robert E. Lee and his father, "Light Horse Harry" Lee; Union generals Gouverneur K. Warren, Ambrose Burnside, Ulysses S. Grant and George Meade; legendary Marine Gen. Smedley Butler and President Warren G. Harding.

And if military history is not to visitors' liking, perhaps they will be intrigued by the story of the home's original owner, William Jones. Five years after losing his first wife in 1823, the 78-year-old Jones created a stir in the family by marrying his former spouse's 16-year-old grandniece.



Today, Jones and both wives are in the family burial ground, not far from Jackson's arm.

Ellwood is part of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. The entrance to the house is a gravel road off State Route 20 about a half mile southwest of its intersection with State Route 3.

The house is open on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through the end of October. The house also is open the first weekend in May, the anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness. Access to the grounds at other times of the year can be arranged at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center on Route 3.

The new campaign

Elstner has a special reason for wanting to see Ellwood restored. She is the grandniece of Hugh Willis, a law professor who purchased the property in 1907. Ellwood was deeded to Elstner's grandmother, Blanche Willis Jones, and her son, Carolyn's father, in 1931. She remembers spending many Sunday afternoons as a child playing on the grounds with her brother and sister. "We had a rope swing and we loved to climb the trees," she said. "We played croquet on the lawn. We explored the woods. We waded Wilderness Run in warm weather and ice skated in the winter. "And I remember my grandfather had a

great whistle that could be heard anywhere on the property. When he called, we'd come running."

It was Elstner's father, Dr. Gordon W. Jones, a longtime Fredericksburg obstetrician, who sold Ellwood and 95 acres to the National Park Service in 1971 for \$159,000. He donated more land so that the site now consists of 172 acres, much of which is leased for farming.

By the 1980s, the house was in bad shape with deteriorating walls and severe insect damage. The National Park Service stabilized the structure and restored the exterior to the way it appeared during the Civil War. But no funds were available for further restoration.

In 1998, the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, in partnership with the Park Service, opened the house to the public. The group, which has 250 members nationwide, maintains the grounds and provides tour guides to interpret Ellwood's history.

"Some groups jump in and bite off more than they can chew," said Greg Mertz, the supervisory historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

"But at Wilderness, this group started with opening the grounds, then extended the hours, then extended the days...They've got staying power and they've gradually increased their responsibilities over the years."

The \$120,000 fund-raising campaign will be directed at restoring and furnishing the parlor—or Warren Room—and the entrance hall. Elstner said the original wood floors will be restored, the woodwork will be repaired, and the walls and ceiling will be plastered and painted. In addition, the rooms will be furnished with antiques.

Mertz said government funding has been approved to install heating and air conditioning for the building.

The goal is to have the funds to restore the two rooms by May of 2005, according to Zann Miner, a Culpeper historian who is helping with the campaign. So far, about 800 Ellwood brochures have been mailed to members of groups involved with history and preservation.

"I know this is exactly what my family wanted," said Elstner. "It's very gratifying to be a part of making this happen."

Said Miner: "With her personal connection to the house, Carolyn helps energize all of us."

Editor's note: Carolyn earned her degree in music from Sweet Briar and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Virginia and has been a schoolteacher in Fredericksburg, VA and Pittsburgh, PA. She lives in Fredericksburg with her husband Tom, a dentist. They have two children, son Peter, a 2000 graduate of The College of William and Mary, and daughter Meg, who is graduating from the University of Southern California this May. A devoted alumna, Carolyn is a member of the Silver Rose Society; she gives particular support to Sweet Briar's Friends of the Library. For information on the Ellwood Restoration Capital Campaign, please contact Carolyn at 540-373-6240 or melstner@aol.com



Annie Laurie Lanier Samuels '58 Publishes Cookbook

The cover of Annie Laurie's book, *dingbats in the kitchen* (Publish America, Baltimore, 2003) states that it is "a highly readable collection of Louisiana recipes. The author states, 'These are not all of the good recipes in the world but all of these are good.' After exploring 'the myth of grandmother's cooking', she concludes there is no way your grandmother was a better cook than you can be.

Originally begun as a set of instructions for her son in his first college apartment and later expanded into a book format when he married, this collection will appeal to both the beginning and seasoned cook. 'Ding-bats,' a printer's term for typographical ornaments used to call attention to something, are used throughout the book in a spirit of fun: singly, for the very easiest recipes and in threes for the more difficult ones. Whether teaching the basics like gravy and gumbo, or graduating to more advanced skills like Crêpes Frangipane, you'll find this book will become your favorite for everyday and special occasions alike!"

Featured throughout the book are sketches by local artist W. C. Frazier. Recipes from many regional sources are included as well as a section contributed by the author's son, Benjamin Lanier Samuels.

There are some recipes with a Sweet Briar connection, including a cheesecake

recipe from the mother of classmate Ruth Mackie Gabay; a divine Chocolate Mousse from Dr. Joe Barker, who was for many years the Director of SBC's Junior Year in France; Banana Bread from Marjorie Purcell, wife of former faculty member Dr. Ralph Purcell (originally published in *Mortar Board Menus* in 1955); Chewy Chocolate Coconut Cookies, an SBC Refectory Special contributed to *Mortar Board Menus* by Refectory Director Linda Spence Brown; and bread making tips from Dr. Lucy Crawford, former professor of philosophy at SBC.

Annie Laurie offers this advice. "Although Ruthie's mother's cheesecake is really good, of these recipes, the most "useful" for anyone to try is Mrs. Purcell's banana bread. It's SOOO easy and just about everybody loves it."

(For a selection of Sweet Briar recipes, see sidebar.)

Annie Laurie graduated from Sweet Briar in 1958 with High Honors in Government and returned to Louisiana where she married Harvey Samuels. A self-described "late blooming career woman," she spent the first portion of her post college years being a homemaker and raising their son Benjamin who now lives in Mobile, Alabama with his wife, Rhonda, and their two children, Zachary Lanier (5) and Sarah Madeleine (8).

Active in volunteering and in entertaining their many friends, Annie Laurie noted. "This last endeavor was where I developed my cooking skills although I confess my love for cooking fancy things and entertaining is a lifelong trait."

Annie Laurie wrote part-time as Women's Editor of the local weekly newspaper in Mansfield, LA. Her volunteer work developed into a position as Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Blood Center. While there, she received her MBA from Centenary College in Shreveport with an emphasis in marketing. She later worked in real estate, both in the U.S. and in The Netherlands and Belgium, in financial services, and as a stockbroker. Throughout her busy career, Annie Laurie has remained faithful to Sweet Briar, and served on the Reunion Gifts Committee for her class's 30th Reunion in 1988.

Taking a sabbatical from stockbroking, Annie Laurie went to

Chocolate Mousse

Melt:

2 squares unsweetened chocolate in $\frac{1}{2}$ C. butter

Beat 3 egg yolks until light yellow.

Add chocolate/butter mixture.

$\frac{2}{3}$ C. powdered sugar.

Beat 3 egg whites until stiff with a pinch of salt.

Fold into chocolate mixture.

Add:

1 tsp. vanilla

Chill at least 4-6 hours before serving. This needs a good time to set up but is not best made the day before serving. Make it the morning you plan to serve it.

Chewy Chocolate Coconut Cookies

4 oz. bittersweet chocolate

2 $\frac{2}{3}$ T. sugar

1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. flaked coconut

1 C. chopped pecans

1 tsp. vanilla

Pinch salt

Melt chocolate with the sugar in a double boiler. Add other ingredients and mix well. Drop by teaspoonful onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 275° until firm.

Nova Scotia Banana Bread

2 eggs

1 C. sugar

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ C. melted butter

3 crushed bananas (blender or food processor will do this nicely)

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. vanilla

1 C. pecans, chopped

Beat eggs, add sugar, then melted butter and then bananas. Then add flour, which has been sifted with soda and salt.

Lastly, add pecans. Put in greased loaf pan and let rise 20 minutes.

I usually line the bottom of the pan(s) with waxed paper before adding the batter so that it will come out more easily once it is baked. You won't be able to tell much "rising" has taken place, but don't worry.

Bake in moderate oven (325°-350°) for one hour.

May also be baked in 3 mini-loaf pans. Reduce baking time in smaller pans. You may have to test for doneness with a clean broom straw as you might for cakes.

Marion Calhoun Snapp (Mrs. Greg Snapp) tops this with a glaze made of 5 T. brown sugar, 3 T. melted butter and 3 T. milk cooked in a saucepan until syrupy. Remove from heat, add some finely chopped pecans and pour over warm banana bread. Return to oven for 5 minutes to finish.

work on getting her book published. Her publisher, Publish America (publishamerica.com) is a "print on demand" publishing house. This is a relatively new concept where using the techniques of digital publishing, manuscripts are acquired and copies of the book published as they are ordered. After a book sells a certain number of copies, it is offered in hardback. Initially, all books are perfect bound with good quality glossy soft covers.

Publish America states that "Annie Laurie may best be described as 'Old South in her upbringing and New South in her thinking.' She writes with the quintessential love of hospitality that carries the wit and charm of both spirits."

For an autographed copy of the book, contact Annie Laurie (e-mail: alls37@bellsouth.net; Tel: 318-872-0136; website: dingbatsinthekitchen.com)



Annie Laurie in the kitchen with grandson Zachary. Inset: Granddaughter Madeleine



Christie at her ordination with Bishop Stanton

Christiana Olsen '86 Ordained an Episcopal Priest

On June 27, 2003, The Reverend Christiana Olsen was ordained a priest at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas, where she is now Associate Rector for Pastoral Care. The Right Reverend James M. Stanton, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, officiated.

"Never in all the ordinations I have attended have I seen such a huge, enthusiastic congregation or such a joyful new priest," said parishioner Winnie Leigh Hamlin '58. "Christie is a bright light at St. Michael's, a caring pastor and wonderful person with maturity beyond her years."

Recently, Christie preached at the funeral of the illustrious pediatric surgeon, Dr. Edwin Ide Smith. "No one could have spoken in a more dignified, mature nor inspired manner than Christie," commented Winnie Leigh.

In addition to preaching and other liturgical responsibilities, Christie's duties at her busy parish include counseling, visiting parishioners in the hospital and in their homes, shepherding approximately 75 lay pastoral volunteers, being chaplain to four or five ministry groups in the parish, and developing a pastoral programmatic life for parishioners that is rich and supportive. Outside the parish, she has served as a Spiritual Director for Cursillo and sits on the Executive

Committee of the Attending Clergy Association of Dallas.

Christie is continuing the pattern of participation and contributions to her community that she showed as a student. At Sweet Briar she was thoroughly involved in student life: she was an Orientation Group Leader, a Resident Advisor, an Overnight Hostess, a member of the Choir and Collegium, Paint & Patches, and the Academic Affairs Instructions Committee. After earning her Sweet Briar degree in music, she moved to Boston where she worked for a consulting firm and, at the urging of her mentor and teacher, Sweet Briar Music Professor Allen Huszti, became a member of Trinity Church and of the Trinity Church Choir. In 1999, she left Boston to attend Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. She received her Master of Divinity in 2002 and upon ordination as a Deacon, moved to Dallas to begin her ministry at Saint Michael.

Sweet Briar ties come up frequently at St. Michael and All Angels. The Reverend Chip Edens, son-in-law of Rhett Ball Thagard '59, is Vice Rector and a member of the clergy, and Darrel Ann "Cissy" Humphrey '76 is on the staff as Communications Officer. Other SBC participants at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church are: Allison Stemmons Simon '63; Jean Craver '65; Nancy Old Mercer '38; Anne Mercer Kornegay '66; Myth Monnich Bayoud '80; Van (Helen) Hartman Ellis '56; Marguerite McKee Moss '66; Litty Jones Turner '61; Lee Cullum '60, and Nell Orand Lynch Beck '52.

Artist Mary Ferris Kelly '58

Kelly's Work Purchased By Whitney Museum

A Drawing From Mary Ferris Kelly's Male Angel Series Is in the Permanent Collection

By Ann Nichols

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Her kitchen tells the story. It's warm and cozy, the clock gently ticking in the background, Molly (the dog) at my feet while my hostess plies me with fresh carrot cake and spiced tea.

That's only half of the story, though.



Mary Ferris Kelly with a piece of her sculpture

Over to one side is a pedestal containing a partially completed clay sculpture of a child. An easel bearing a 4- by 6-foot painting of an Italian market scene is in progress. A floor-to-ceiling bookshelf holds a cherished library of art books, and a cellular phone—encrusted with paint—indicates her link to the outside world.

Mary Ferris Kelly has been a quiet presence in the art scene here for more than 30 years. With so many family responsibilities—her husband, three children, oodles of grandchildren and a sister she has cared for most of her adult life—she makes the most of the hours that she does find to devote to her art.

By necessity, these hours are intense—and it shows in her work. She gravitates to media and techniques that are complex and time-consuming.

Etchings from the 1970s illustrate her facility with the printmaking process. Paintings of rich interiors and lush still lifes in the 1980s reveal her strong sense of composition and color. Her most recent foray into sculpture, two years ago, shows her skill at mastering the human body.

Throughout it all, though, an interest in drawing has been a constant.

"Since I've gotten older, I've noticed a pattern," she said. "I seem to become absorbed in something for a 10- to 12- year period—etching, painting, sculpture—but I always come back to drawing."

In the fall of 1997, Ms. Kelly began

a series of conte crayon drawings of male angels. One of these, "Male Angel Study II," was purchased by the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

The contact was made through Atlanta's Trinity Gallery, which has represented her for the past seven years.

According to gallery owner Alan Avery, the Whitney's curator of works on paper called to request that he choose works by several of his top artists and forward slides of these pieces. The museum, devoted to encouraging contemporary American artists by purchases and interpretive exhibitions, had received money from a foundation to buy an artwork created by a Southern artist.

When the curator visited Atlanta to view the pieces in person, "Male Angel Study II" was selected.

Asked what he feels are the merits or strengths of Ms. Kelly's work, Mr. Avery responded, "Her paintings and drawings are very personal and she makes a broad social statement that is sometimes very veiled. Also, her art is so honest and filled with a tremendous amount of energy."

That energy will be put to the test during the next few months as Ms. Kelly prepares for her first solo exhibition at Trinity Gallery. Scheduled for November, the show will be comprised of large-scale paintings, figurative sculpture and, of course, drawings.

Ed's note: Mary Ferris spent her freshman year at Sweet Briar, graduated from Newcomb College in 1958, and has been a professional artist all her life. She lives in Lookout Mountain, TN, with her husband, retired attorney Paul DeWitt Kelly. The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

Since the above article was published, Mary Ferris's work has been featured in numerous shows. A recent exhibition of her paintings and bronze sculpture on the theme of angels was held at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and was the subject of another article, in January 2004, by arts editor Ann Nichols in the Chattanooga Times Free Press. For more information on Mary Ferris's work, contact her longtime agent Linda Woodall (423-238-9985; lwoodallfineart@earthlink.net)

Ruth Lowrance Street '27 Featured in Junior League Magazine

Chattanooga's Oldest Living League President Tells All

By Anne Rittenberry

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Ruth Lowrance Street is as great a blessing as she has been blessed. She has attained 98 years of life and has filled those years with love of home and family and devotion to Chattanooga through voluntary leadership in her community and her church. A charming person with twinkling eyes and a ready smile, she enjoys a good laugh, family, and friends more than ever.

When I called her to arrange to get together to talk about her life, she delighted me with her warmth. After I'd had the opportunity to meet her in person, I was doubly delighted. She welcomed me to her lovely apartment at the Alexian Grove Retirement Home in Lookout Valley/Tiftonia with a smile that put me instantly at home. I knew that we would have fun together.

And we did. I learned that even with all her accomplishments and honors, Mrs. Street is down to earth and comfortable. We talked about her childhood, her marriage to Gordon Street, her volunteer work, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Born on October 22, 1905 in Clarksville, TN, little Ruth experienced lots of moving around as a child because her father was a contractor who built levees on the Mississippi River. She spent lots of time with both sets of her grandparents while her parents moved from work site to work site, and enjoyed these periods immensely. One set of grandparents lived here in Chattanooga, and she especially liked visiting here. She told me that she has always loved Chattanooga; the city has been good for her and good to her.

Living in Memphis, the family then moved to Oklahoma. Her dad pioneered in the oil business. Later they moved to Montana. There, in 1915, they were among the first to go in automobiles through Yellowstone Park.

Ruth decided on Sweet Briar for her



college, and she traveled there on the train from Oklahoma. She majored in history and minored in English. After her graduation, while she was visiting her aunt, Mrs. W.E. Brock, Sr. (the grandmother of Bill Brock, Senator from Tennessee), she met Gordon Street, a young executive at Street Brothers Manufacturing, and they fell in love. She merrily told me, "When he quit running, I caught him." They married in six months, in 1928.

In 1929, the Depression hit, and Street Brothers closed. Gordon was without a job just like thousands of others during that period.

Luckily, Ruth's father owned some citrus acreage in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, and the young family moved there where Gordon began management of the acreage.

During the five years in Texas, Frances was born in Brownsville. By then, the Depression had worked its way westward, and the citrus business went down as well. Gordon went to work in a bank.

Then in 1933, they moved back to Chattanooga, this time to stay. Ruth was thrilled to be in the city where her mother, sister, and brother were living. Putting down deep roots, she decided that she had traveled enough.

In 1935, Gordon's mother died, and he and Ruth moved in with her mother on Missionary Ridge, then with Mr. Street on Cameron Hill. Times were hard because nobody had jobs. Ruth told me that her husband worked "from pillar to post."

World War II came along and Street

Brothers reopened to build big machinery and windlasses for big navy ships. At the war's end, Street Brothers liquidated, and Gordon sold his share and bought Wheland Foundry. Stability was on its way, and Ruth was so relieved.

Also, in 1935, after living in Chattanooga for the requisite two years, Ruth joined the Junior League. Her first placement was working with children's plays that trooped around to the schools. She loved this work and threw her great zest and energy into the commitment. And we know what happens when a member of an organization throws zest and energy to a project, don't we? Yes, more substantial responsibilities are accorded the zesty individual. That is exactly what happened to Ruth.

Soon she was elected to the Board, where she served for a number of years and then before long, she was President, a job that engaged her organizational and people skills beautifully. She held this office when she was 39 years old and went sustaining the following year at 40. She told me that she hated to give up that office because she "loved telling people what to do."

Being a League Sustainer certainly didn't mean the end of her work for the city of Chattanooga though. She worked harder than ever.

One of the projects that she took up has helped thousands of young people in our state, my own son Wade one of them. When her son Gordon, Jr. was diagnosed with diabetes, she and Gordon, Sr. set out to do something for children with this disease that makes normal life so hard for its young victims. Ruth began serving on the board of the Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children, an organization which ran a camp with all the special adaptations such as diet, medical staff, education, etc. that children with diabetes need. The camp was a place where these children could be with others who were dealing with the same problems they faced. The camp was held at a Girl Scout Camp in Jasper. Word of this much-needed facility spread, and in three years, the camp had outgrown the space.

Gordon, Sr. decided that the camp needed its own place, so he acquired property on the lake near Soddy Daisy, and Double G Ranch (for both the Gordons) was born. Cabins, lodges,

clinics, and other buildings were constructed and staff was brought in. Over the years this camp has provided a haven for so many children and young adults who have grown up to serve on the staff. It is one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. The Street family has been the camp's patron and guiding light all this time. Ruth's devotion to this cause spearheaded this magnificent effort.

Honored many times for her achievements, Ruth is nevertheless very modest. Instead of telling me about these accolades, she shared some clippings that detailed highlights from a life of service. She and her husband were the first couple to be chosen for the Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga in 1972. Named Philanthropist of the Year in 1991 by the Southeastern Tennessee Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives, she also was on the founding board of the Chattanooga Mental Health Association. Additionally, this indefatigable lady helped to establish the Calstead Retirement Home and served on the board for years. In 1993, the Junior League of Chattanooga recognized her with the Elise Chapin Moon Sustainer Award that is addressed to her for "Outstanding Continuous Service to the Junior League of Chattanooga and Your Community."

Despite all her recognition, she insists that she "is not a joiner." She hasn't been a garden clubber, bridge clubber, book clubber, etc. Instead, she reserved her energy for the League, First Centenary United Methodist, her family, and her community.

She takes pride in having passed the League President's mantle down to her daughter Frances Smith [Sweet Briar Class of 1958] and granddaughter-in-law Chris Smith.

She laughingly told me that at 98, she doesn't have to pay League dues or any other dues. She enjoys being an "emeritus member."

The highlights of her life have been her two children, her seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren, all of whose photos she keeps nearby in an album that we leafed through together. As for hobbies, cooking and gardening have always been way down on her list!

Even though she hasn't been a

gardener, she has two magnificent orchids, white and lavender, growing by her chair in her apartment at Alexian Grove. As we chatted, she pulled off some spent blossoms. Alexian Grove, formerly Asbury Place, a Methodist-related retirement center, is itself the product of her interest and labor. She and Bern Hurley raised funds for this beautiful facility nestled in Lookout Valley at the foot of richly forested hills. She is very happy there saying, "It's a good place for me. My children are comfortable having me here, and I am secure and content."

Secure and content she is, although she told me that the most surprising thing at 98 is to have a daughter who is 73!

Mrs. Ruth Lowrance Street is the best kind of institution—one buzzing with ideas, enthusiasm, love, commitment, and merriment. Visiting with her has been wonderful for me, and I appreciate the opportunity I have had to be on the receiving end of her glow. Wordsworth surely wouldn't mind if I use words from one of his poems to describe her—"The reason firm, the temperate will, Endurance, foresight, strength, and skill; A perfect woman, nobly planned, To warn, to comfort, and command."

[The author of this article, Anne Rittenberry, has taught for many years in the English department at UTC]

Ed's note: While a student at Sweet Briar, Ruth was president of the Drama Association, a member of the Executive Committee Student Drive, and a member of the History Club. A devoted alumna and generous supporter of Sweet Briar College, she is a Lifetime Member of Sweet Briar's Boxwood Society and a member of the Silver Rose Society, having contributed to the College for at least 25 years

"Who's Who" 2004 Includes 20 Sweet Briar College Students

Congratulations to 20 Sweet Briar College students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and are listed in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Nominated by Sweet Briar College professors, students, staff, and administrators for consideration in the annual publication, they were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

First published in 1934, "Who's Who" recognizes students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

The following Sweet Briar College students were selected:

- **Briana Beckham '04**, Nashville, TN
- **Kelli Bergmann '04**, Virginia Beach, VA
- **Chasity Clarke '04**, Ashland, VA
- **Sarah Collins '04**, Shipman, VA
- **Hilary Cooper '05**, Richmond, VA
- **Grace Farnsworth '04**, Grafton, MA
- **Khadine Fisher '04**, Greensboro, NC
- **Stephanie Gleason '04**, Virginia Beach, VA
- **Autum Matyssek-Snyder '04**, Afton, VA
- **Michelle Moshier '05**, Cherry Valley, CA
- **Stephanie O'Sullivan '04**, Lewisburg, WV
- **Laura Pearson '04**, Spanish Fort, AL
- **Tasha Purcell '04**, Reston, VA
- **Catherine Scheer '04**, Highlands Ranch, CO
- **Joyce Scott '05**, Cottonwood, AL
- **Camille Simmons '04**, Bermuda VA
- **Jozanne Summerville '04**, Stafford, VA
- **Jennifer Warde '04**, South Portland, ME
- **Amanda Watts '05**, Rockford, IL
- **Caitlin Webber '04**, Bristow, VA

Briana Beth Beckham Named Class of 2004 Presidential Medalist

Briana Beth Beckham of Nashville, TN received the Presidential Medal from Sweet Briar College in March 2004. The annual award is the highest accolade the College bestows on a member of the graduating class.

The Medal honors seniors who have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and, in addition, distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community; contributions to the arts; enlargement of our global perspective; athletic fitness and achievement; leadership; and contributions to the community discourse. Nominations for the medalist are made each year by faculty, staff members, and administrators, and it is one of the most enjoyable—and difficult—tasks for the president and her senior staff to make the selection.

Introduction of Honoree at Academic Recognition Dinner, March 17, 2004 *By President Muhlenfeld:*

This year, all of our nominees were highly distinguished scholars, each of whom has met the qualifications to be awarded the Presidential Medal. Each nominee was exemplary of the best that Sweet Briar has to offer. But, after careful thought, we decided on one person who stands out among an outstanding group.

Our 2004 recipient will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She has been on the Dean's List all four years and is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Even before arriving at Sweet Briar, she received the Betty Bean Black Scholarship, a top-merit award offered to incoming first-year students.

At Sweet Briar, she is dedicated to community service. She has participated in Habitat for Humanity, is in the Sociology Club, is a Bible study leader and Founder of the "Newbees" (a new student association), is a member of the Campus Spirituality Coalition, the Earphones, QV, Big Sister/Little Sister, and is a Student Orientation Volunteer.

She has been very active in community service off campus as well, volunteering at The Miller Home in Lynchburg helping residents with their homework and fostering strong relationships with them. She has also served as a Daystar Ministries

camp counselor and was recognized by parents and employers there as one who had a profound impact for good on their children. She has spent a semester abroad in Kingston, Jamaica at the University of Technology as a teaching assistant. While there, she worked with children ages 3-6, encouraging them in their schoolwork, assisting them with personal problems, and mediating conflicts that third-world nation children have all too often. In her hometown of Nashville, Tennessee, she has tutored inner-city children in math, reading and spelling as well as assisted teachers with preparing lessons for children with behavioral problems.

A compassionate young woman, our recipient is also a hard-driving and highly competent athlete. In volleyball, she has been ranked nationally in the NCAA Division III statistics for the last three years and has received Sweet Briar's Athlete-of-the-Year Award twice. She was selected to the All-Conference First Team in 2001 and 2002 and the All-ODAC Second Team this year. Last spring she was selected by the Virginia Sports Information Directors as the College Division Volleyball Player of the Year—the first Sweet Briar student-athlete ever to receive this prestigious honor. Further, she has qualified for the ODAC All-Academic Team all four years and this year was named to the Verizon Academic All-District III Volleyball Team, College Division Second Team. She is also an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship nominee.

Needless to say, our 2004 recipient is an impressive leader, a terrific role model, and a valuable mentor. It will not surprise you to know that our Presidential Medalist would like to secure a challenging position in the field of human services. It is my great pleasure to announce the recipient of this year's Presidential Medal...Briana Beth Beckham.

Mini Reunions

Lack of space in recent magazines has not allowed a "Mini Reunions" or "Club Events" section. We hope to make up for this in upcoming issues; **please send us mini reunion and club event photos!** Meanwhile, here are three minis that have been "waiting in the wings" for a while.

Bulletin Board

Mark Your Calendars!

Plan to be at SBC for Alumnae Council/Founders' Day September 24-26, 2004

Do we have your correct E-Mail Address?

(the latest, up-to-the-minute address) Although the new Directory has just been published, we know alumnae are out there moving around! Please stay in touch. Send changes to alumnae@sbc.edu. Thanks!

Register a Prospective Student Online!

Know a bright young woman you'd like to see at SBC? Register her with Admissions! Go to <http://www.sbc.edu/woman/> and complete the information form. It's that easy!

Remember the Honor Roll of Donors is now online...

Go to www.giving.sbc.edu and click on "Honor Roll" to view the 2002-2003 edition. If you do not have Internet access and would like a printed copy of the Honor Roll of Donors, contact the Office of Development toll-free: 888-846-5722



1958 held a mini reunion in June 2003 at Claire Cannon Christopher's place in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Left, front to back: Penny Meighan Martin; Lynn Prior Harrington; Claire Cannon Christopher; Eleanor Cain Pope. Right, front to back: Jane Oxner Waring; Eleanor St. Clair Thorp; Flo Buchanan Heywood; Lanny Tuttle Webster.



L-r: Susan Snodgrass Wynne '72, Barbara Smith Young '73, Grace Butler Johnson '66, attending a Princeton U. Conference on Globalization at Oxford University in June 2002 suddenly made the SBC connection!



Eleanor St. Clair Thorp '58 wrote: *Peter and I were at Kiawah at golf school and left the resort for dinner at a nearby restaurant. While we were waiting by the marina for our table to be ready, a young woman asked if we would mind taking a picture of her group of friends who were together on a reunion. Of course we agreed, then asked what they were celebrating—and they said "Our annual reunion of some of our Sweet Briar classmates." This prompted a whoop of delight—we were suddenly all best friends!*

May 2003, L-r: Nancy Betha Howell '90; Amy Ottaway Zambetti '89; Eleanor St. Clair Thorp '58; Amanda Germond '89; Dana de Holl Lesesne '89; Christen Anderson Abernethy '89; Beth Gottlieb '89

THANKS TO

ALUMNAE VOLUNTEERS EVERYWHERE!

Loyal alumnae volunteer time and service on behalf of the College in many ways. Special thanks are due to those who have responded to requests from the Alumnae Office to represent Sweet Briar at the inaugurations of college and university presidents across the nation, whenever a campus representative could not be present. Many have assumed this role through the years. Since February 2002, 33 alumnae have donned academic regalia (loaned by SBC) to participate in these formal occasions. We are grateful!

INAUGURATION	DATE	REPRESENTATIVE
N.C. Wesleyan Rocky Mt., NC	February 8, 2002	Shields Jones Harris '46
East Carolina University Greenville, NC	March 8, 2002	Dr. Jean Felty Kenny '53
Park University Parkville, MO	April 12, 2002	Jennifer Frost Holden '86
California State University Camarillo, CA	April 19, 2002	Claire Williams Navarro '90
Tufts University Medford, MA	April 19, 2002	Katherine Seder '97
Ramapo College Mahwah, NJ	May 2, 2002	Pamela Weiler Colling '79
Northwestern College St. Paul, MN	September 13, 2002	Jessica Hiveley '97
Babson College Babson Park, MA	September 20, 2002	Alissa Harris '00
Columbia University New York, NY	October 3, 2002	Yana Wagg '95
Widener University Chester, PA	October 4, 2002	Tracy Steele '92
Knox College Galesburg, IL	October 11, 2002	Sydney Graham Brady '57
Colorado College Denver, CO	October 13, 2002	Lesley Byers Bush '94
Westminster College Salt Lake City, UT	October 19, 2002	Beverley Crispin Heffernan '75
Smith College Northampton, MA	October 19, 2002	Lucinda Young Larson '73
University of West Florida Pensacola, FL	January 10, 2003	Carol Barlow '83
Pitzer College Claremont, CA	February 15, 2003	Elaine Floyd Fisher '57
The Roosevelt University Chicago, IL	March 10, 2003	Mary Elizabeth Connor Hamlin '76
Spelman College Atlanta, GA	March 22, 2003	Sandra Taylor '74
Averett College Danville, VA	March 29, 2003	Jill Gavitt '97
Franklin & Marshall College Lancaster, PA	April 12, 2003	Kathie Shirk Gonick '75
Montreat College Montreat, NC	April 24, 2003	Gregor Lee '00
No. Virginia Community College Alexandria, VA	May 12, 2003	Alison Stockdale '00
Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI	September 3, 2003	Kathleen Kavanagh '74
Roanoke Valley College of Health Services Roanoke, VA	October 3, 2003	Linda DeVogt '86
Kenyon College Gambler, OH	October 3, 2003	Elizabeth Butler '91
Hamilton College Clinton, NY	October 18, 2003	Kyra Meelan Werner '92
Fordham University New York, NY	October 24, 2003	Nicole Redwine '01
Mars Hill College Mars Hill, NC	November 7, 2003	Eleanor Bibb '83
University of North Florida Jacksonville, FL	February 20, 2004	Katherine Lindsey Auchter '94
Macalester College St. Paul, MN	March 6, 2004	Jessica Hiveley '97
Eastern Mennonite University Harrisonburg, VA	March 27, 2004	Teresa Eoff Walsh '70
Emory University Atlanta, GA	April 2, 2004	Claire Dennison Griffith '80
Huntingdon College Montgomery, AL	April 16, 2004	Alison Hall '97

Letters

Sample of E-mails Received, Responding to Shape of the Future Committee Updates

To: alumnae@sbc.edu 1/4/04

Dear SOF Committee,

I was very interested in your report in the Winter 2004 issue of the alumnae magazine. You asked for comments or ideas, so here are mine:

In order to keep our beloved Sweet Briar alive and well for the future, I think it would be just fine for it to become coed. The arguments you list in favor of this are powerful. Doubling the candidate pool is an obvious benefit, and, besides that, men may well add life and interest to classes, and stir up some debate with their opinions and viewpoints. When auditing classes at Wellesley, my husband and I notice that the students are very quiet, almost passive, and we see the campus quite deserted on weekends.

Perhaps Sweet Briar could attract men to a program of pre-vet training, using the resources of the wonderful equestrian center. Large animal veterinary medicine might be a good field for men, and maybe women would be interested too. The beautiful campus, with opportunities for hiking and nature study, could be appealing to both men and women—also the lake, the fine tennis facilities, and the science and computer labs.

I would love to see my dear college flourish in the future, and this may be the way to make it possible.

As a new name for a new Sweet Briar (after family consultation), we suggest Fletcher-Williams.

I hope you will consider my ideas, along with all the others that come in, and I look forward to future word from your committee. Good luck!

—Mary Jane (Eriksen) Ertman '51

To: dbdalton@milwaukeerep.com

First, thank you for sharing such a detailed e-mail message regarding the SOF Committee and what it has accomplished so far. It did indeed answer many questions for me and disprove some rumors that I had heard. I am glad that our administration, staff, and alumnae association is dedicated to thinking and planning for the future of our college. I have no idea of a specific way that I could help, but I am here if needed. I applaud the ideas or blueprints you have already discussed and hope that more are generated by the soon-to-be published article in the magazine.

While I understand the need and the

intelligence behind studying the coeducational blueprint, I must tell you from a personal standpoint that I am against the idea of becoming a coeducational institution. One of the reasons I enjoyed my time at Sweet Briar and was successful in my academic and career pursuits, is because it was and is an all women's college. It fascinates me to this day how many friends I have that are envious of my college years and wish, if they could turn back time, that they too could have attended a women's college. When I attend college fairs it is with great pleasure that I discuss the many benefits of attending a single sex institution and it is even more of a pleasure when I talk to those women a few years later and they are now experiencing and enjoying the same benefits we once discussed.

Unfortunately, I know that a lot of it comes down to money and do we have it or not to succeed. I am a small contributor to the college in comparison to many due to my personal income, but I try my best to be consistent and I hope to improve my donations each year. I have also included Sweet Briar in my will, but if it takes more than that to keep us from becoming coeducational and/or to keep us afloat for the next 100 years, then I will dig deeper in my pockets and see what I can find. I think and hope I will not be the only one to do this. If there are other ways that we as alumnae can help, please continue to let us know.

—Alison Hall '97

To: alumnae@sbc.edu 3/11/04

I was sorry to miss the meeting at Michela's house because I was in the hospital. I read the first communication with interest. It made me think of the many evolutionary changes over my time as a student and the 22 years I spent as Director of Government Relations and Sponsored Programs. Programs changed. Faculty moved to a new balance of teaching, research and service. The question of going coed surfaced at fairly regular intervals...There is a group of alums, mostly younger than I am, who object, but there are many such as me who think it may be necessary to admit men...If all of those who object to change would recruit one qualified student, where would we be?

The new programs all sound exciting and I have missed coming back to campus more frequently. I have been back to evaluate the summer science teacher-training program, which is excellent and better than many others I have visited as a consultant.

I have four granddaughters, two of whom have visited Sweet Briar, loved what they saw

but opted for a coed school.

I hope you do what must be done and I will support whatever is decided to improve admissions.

—Julie Jacobsen '45

To: dbdalton@milwaukeerep.com

Thanks so much for sending this out. I would have panicked if I had heard any of this as rumor. I don't know if we will be asked, but I would like to cast my vote for changing the focus to a more career-oriented curriculum and against coeducation. The expenses of the latter would be mostly in the physical plant whereas the expenses of the former would be in education, a better place to put one's funds. Sweet Briar has trained leaders for generations. Men would be the leaders if it were coed as Connecticut College and Skidmore have realized. Stressing the international opportunities at Sweet Briar seems an attractive approach too. Easing the college into a university would be my choice of a way to go. Thanks again.

—Bruce Watts Krucke, '54

To: alumnae@sbc.edu 2/28/04

Dear Members of the Shape of the Future Committee:

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the bank of ideas and perspectives you are considering as you carry out your most important charge to help Sweet Briar College chart the course for its future.

Since learning about the SOF Committee, I have spent a good deal of time thinking about and discussing, with a variety of Sweet Briar alumnae, the state of education, especially college and university education at the turn of the 21st century, the pressing national and international need for well-educated, dedicated, compassionate, and creative thinkers, women's education, and the meaning of Sweet Briar College. The comments and ideas I have to offer are derived from these thoughts and conversations and from my own experience as a college professor.

More and more and on all levels, education in the United States is focusing on testing, "standards of learning," and educating students to become proficient in doing a variety of very specific things related to the work they will do after they graduate. Less and less is American education concerned with thinking, imagination, creativity, and the appreciation of learning. It is very difficult for children, teenagers, and young women and men to imagine and to appreciate learning and thinking as abilities to treasure and relish. They have

been educated in a culture that is preoccupied with results. I have spoken with Sweet Briar alumnae who teach on all levels from elementary school through graduate school and this is a trend in education that we all notice and fear. But we all know of schools that are fighting this trend. And Sweet Briar is one of them. Sweet Briar [is] a college where the love of learning and thinking still lives and thrives and that presents to society women who love to think and learn.

We need lovers of thinking and learning. Such persons will be able to engage with and to address the tremendous social, political, economic, medical, environmental, and educational problems that we must address nationally and internationally. Not only does Sweet Briar enjoy a sterling faculty, staff, and administration who love thinking and learning, it also attracts women who do as well. I believe this is an aspect that all plans for Sweet Briar's future should keep at its center. Sweet Briar is a college where thinking and learning is encouraged, expected, and celebrated.

I am concerned that a focus on professional programs with the liberal arts and sciences as supportive of the missions and aims of the professional programs might harm this culture of "thinking and learning" that Sweet Briar has so well cultivated. I do not mean to say thinking and learning are not a part of professions such as business and engineering, but I do know from teaching at a university where the professional schools for undergraduates are quite prominent (especially business, education, and engineering), students engaged in such academic programs tend to see the arts and sciences as supports and less significant than their professional programs. They are focused on "learning to do." Since Sweet Briar has been so successful in bringing together such a creative, engaging, and talented arts and sciences faculty, I am concerned what a shift in focus might mean to the faculty and to the students who are not interested in the professional programs but are interested in a liberal arts education.

In the fall of 2003, I attended a conference at the Atlanta University Center, which is made up of four historically black colleges and universities—Spelman College, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, and Clark-Atlanta University. What was most impressive about this experience was the students I met there. They reminded me in many ways of Sweet Briar students. They had a palpable love and admiration for their schools and for learning, they were bright and wonderful conversationalists, and they had an air of confidence and purpose about them I feel certain they will carry with them in whatever they choose to do once they graduate. Again, they reminded me of Sweet Briar students and alumnae. Though a historically black college or university is not the right choice

for all African-American students, it is clear that the historic identities and commitments of these schools make a wonderful difference in the educations and lives of their students and alumni. I believe the same is true of women's colleges and I want to see this choice in education preserved. I think entering into conversation with faculty, administrators, and admissions at schools like Spelman and Morehouse as well as other women's colleges that are also facing the challenge of attracting students and are deliberating whether or not to carry forth with their historic identities and commitments is important. I think there is much we could learn from each other.

I think I could go on forever because Sweet Briar means that much to me. But I shall close now. I am thankful for all that Sweet Briar offered to me during my years there and for all that Sweet Briar continues to give to me. I believe that the life I live now continues to be shaped by the thinking and learning I was encouraged to engage in and to love while a student at Sweet Briar College.

—Cecilia A. Moore '88

To: dbdalton@milwaukeerep.com

3/10/04

Subject: Re: Update from Sweet Briar College

It took many minutes of reading for me to reach the punch line that finances are tight and that Sweet Briar is exploring many avenues into the future.

Thanks for sharing this information. I will pass along this web address to the small group of Sweet Briar alums meeting in Portland this week.

I am intrigued by the Liberal Arts in Action concept. I am very proud of my degree from Sweet Briar and now 20 years later more than ever convinced that it plays a key role in my current success.

1. Please emphasize business and entrepreneurship as a key "Action" that graduates can pursue. I am passionate in my belief that my success as President, Walking Softly Adventures is soundly rooted in a liberal arts degree. Flexibility in thinking, sound skills in written and oral communication, international experience and fluency in French from SBJYF are essential for me and were gained at Sweet Briar.

2. Coed. My instinct is that this should be pursued as a last resort. When I applied over 20 years ago, I remember the research showing the leadership roles women from a women's college held after graduation. It made so much sense that all levels of leaders, academic honors, athletic honors at a women's college are held by women and that this presents a powerful precedent for women students and alums. This is very special and worth preserving.

3. I echo my support for the viewpoint presented by current students in the minutes:

Both the Liberal Arts in Action and coed options were discussed. Those students gathered were overwhelmingly in favor of the Liberal Arts in Action and opposed to coeducation. Many students felt that regardless of the option selected, Sweet Briar should encourage improvements to campus social life and activities. They also suggested improving internship opportunities, international experiences, and enhancing a career-based academic focus rooted in the liberal arts.

While going coed might increase the number of students on campus and improve social life, many students felt that the College they love would cease to exist. They don't want to lose their identity, opportunities for leadership, and beloved traditions.

Students expressed interest in participating in marketing efforts and being more involved in highlighting Sweet Briar's unique assets.

4. Thank you. There is a reason why Sweet Briar wins awards. The openness of this discussion is crucial. My daughter is now four years old. It would be exciting for her to be a Sweet Briar student one day.

—Amy Boyce Osaki, SBC '83

To: dbdalton@milwaukeerep.com 12/5/03

Subject: SBC

I'm very pleased that you are FINALLY giving attention to the place of SBC in the education of women. I graduated years and years ago. I suppose I was considered a "good" product. That was then. But even then, women should have brought something to the marketplace besides a good mind and analytical skill.

I am for the coed solution. Single sex may be fine for high school. But women need to discover that they have often better brains than men.

I would suggest that SBC develop an engineering department. It is a small school and can take time to bring along the slow learners. Develop strong foreign language departments, Arabic (and dialects), Chinese, whatever they speak in India, etc. Keep up strong English writing skills. Encourage debating societies. The campus should attract all sorts of environmental studies and could combine with VA Tech.

And you MUST attract outstanding faculty. Have you looked at Reed College?

With humility,

—Lola Steele Shepherd '50

To: alumnae@sbc.edu 3/12/04

Subject: Feedback on SOF communiqué

...Somehow this had slipped under my personal radar until now...

My first reaction is that this is an enormous task, requiring great energy and commitment from all involved, and I thank them for that.

Sweet Briar remains dear to me even when I'm in a life-cycle that disallows active involvement. I am comforted that critical decisions about SBC's future are in good, caring, responsible hands.

My husband teaches at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, which has over its lifetime made a number of transitions: from local trade school to local two-year community college, to (currently) a regional college with both two and four-year programs whose current stated aim is to become a full-fledged four-year institution. As its name implies, it focuses heavily on preparing students for jobs and careers (both blue-collar and white-collar) in technological fields. It does not lack for applicants, as technology now permeates our society and it is difficult to find any above-minimum-wage employment that doesn't rely on *some* aspect of technology. Young people nowadays understand that a four-year degree is essential to a successful career (although in many fields it is just a "job hunting permit" and a graduate degree is required for advancement).

With this background, here are my thoughts on the SOF minutes thus far: I think that Option C, Remaining a women's college but refocusing on professional programs, holds the greatest promise for a viable future for SBC. Whether in combination with coeducation or not, this move reflects the fact that young women today expect to work for a majority of their lifetime, even if they take "time out" for child-rearing. While I value highly the liberal arts education that I received at Sweet Briar, I believe it is necessary to acknowledge this reality in the process of making the decisions with which the SOF initiative has been charged. I am confident that if there is any way to do that while preserving the underlying tenets and values of the traditional liberal arts education, Sweet Briar will find a way to do it.

A word about the consideration of SBC's going coed: I feel it would change the flavor of Sweet Briar to such an extent that the College would become just one among many, and would find it even more difficult to distinguish itself from the pack of other small, coed, private, liberal arts institutions. But, having said that, if the Board of Directors, in consultation with all of the other constituencies in the College, makes a well-considered decision to go that route, I could live with it.

Okay—you asked for feedback. You've got mine!

Lynne Manoy Sprinsky '71

To: alumnae@sbc.edu

Subject: Talking Points/SOF Committee

I read with great interest the minutes from the various meetings and the different alternatives...It is my impression that gearing the college more toward a professional preparation would be a more viable alternative.

In today's economy, many students are looking for educational opportunities that will guarantee them employment very soon after graduation. While I cherish my liberal arts education, I had to go to a professional school before I could actually say that I had a career. By refocusing and offering professional training (nursing is an excellent field because it is constantly in demand, it is a profession that can be practiced anywhere without additional training, no state board certifications, etc., and the numbers of nurses needed in the U.S. and abroad are increasing), it will allow students an opportunity to have the Sweet Briar experience and get a job afterward. It will also allow students that are on the professional track to experience other fields and disciplines by taking some liberal arts classes.

It is my personal opinion that becoming a coeducational institution may be more detrimental to Sweet Briar in the long run. There are many alumnae and parents that may cease their financial support of the institution which would further decrease the endowment. While there have been institutions that may have benefited socially from this type of change, the only way young women are really benefiting is with more dates and a better social calendar. One of the reasons why I have the love for SBC that I do is because it is an institution for women to develop intellectually and emerge as leaders of generations. I can honestly say that even as a woman, I did not take women seriously in academia until I went to SBC. It allows women to be intelligent, self-confident, thinking and academically serious without having to compromise being a woman or being feminine. By having a single sex education at the college level, women can grow confident in their skills and knowledge and then compete with anyone later on in life. I honestly do not believe that I would have the same success or confidence in my professional life if I had gone to a coed institution.

I hope that my opinions are valuable in some way. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

—CeCelia "CeeCee" Valentine '95

Message from Diane Dalton

February 5th a current Sweet Briar student sent an e-mail to several classmates and recent alumnae. One of the recipients forwarded it to the College. While it did contain some factual information, it also unfortunately included misinformation, namely that the Shape of the Future Committee had already reached a decision that coeducation was the only viable plan. This was not true.

I e-mailed the student February 6th. Here is her original e-mail with my reply to her.

Diane Dalton

President, Alumnae Association.

Member, SOF Committee

E-mail from SBC student:

Ladies,

I hope this email finds you well. I am sending this to you because I know how much Sweet Briar means to you and I know that if you were in my position you would do the same, for the sake of our alma mater. As most of you have heard, a committee was formed in the spring of last year to evaluate the problems Sweet Briar is facing with enrollment. The committee consists of about 13 members, including some faculty, members of the Board, and Pres. Muhlenfeld. Throughout this year the committee has come up with several options to help with the increase in enrollment. Although not publicized, the option of going co-ed is their most viable and likely option. This may come as a shock, since we as students both on campus and off have not heard anything about going co-ed. Even President Muhlenfeld stood in front of 150 students at an SGA meeting claiming that the co-ed option was not one to worry about. For months this committee has met and has refused to divulge any information regarding what is said at the meetings, and the only printed information is what is in the new alumnae magazine. Even there the option of going co-ed is portrayed as improbable.

I have come across information that contradicts all that is stated by the SOF Committee, information that states not only that the co-ed option is one of many, but that at this point, it is one of two options. The second option also may entail going co-ed, although not specified. I give you my word that this information has come from a more than credible source that I am unable to divulge for obvious reasons.

Please do your part as a SBC student or alum and speak out, because that is all that can be done at this point. Spread the word to your classmates, make them aware that this is a possibility, and make this committee aware of the students' opinion. No student sits on the committee, and the only way for them to hear our opinions are if we tell them. There is an email address specifically for the committee, soc@sbc.edu, and below are the email addresses of everyone that is on the committee. [These were removed before publication.] Please read the article in the alumnae magazine, become informed, and then respond. We all know that Sweet Briar is not just 4 years of our life, but so much more than that, and don't let them take that away from us. The consequences are endless, the school name will change, the traditions will be non-existent, tap clubs will be gone. Let them know there are other options, that there are other ways to increase admissions. The decision will be announced in April. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and if you have any questions for me please please, please email or call me.

My response to her e-mail 2/6/04:

I was forwarded a copy of the e-mail you sent to several students and alumnae regarding the Shape of the Future process, in which you state, "Throughout this year the committee has come up with several options to help with the increase in enrollment. Although not publicized, the option of going co-ed is their most viable and likely option."

As the President of the Alumnae Association and member of The Shape of the Future committee, I feel compelled to correct the information you received from the source you are unable to divulge. While The Shape of the Future Committee is considering the coed option, we have not reached a conclusion that it is our most viable and likely option. We are still doing research and gathering information. We have been very open with our process, which is why we printed the minutes from our meetings in the Alumnae Magazine. We have encouraged alumnae to contact us with their thoughts and suggestions, and all of them are being shared with our committee.

I do hope that you are going to join us for our discussion with students on Thursday, February 12th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. I hope that you will encourage your fellow classmates and friends to attend as well. I do look forward to this gathering and to meeting you.

Sincerely,

—Diane Dalton '67
President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Immediately Thought Of My Former American History Professor

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject or we know where we can find information upon it. —Samuel Johnson (1775)

I found this quote online attached to an article on adult learning and immediately thought of my former American history professor, the late Anne Gary Pannell Taylor. This was one of her many comments on the lasting value of a liberal arts education: To have a broad knowledge of many subjects and to know how to ask questions and where to find the answers. She was an affirming, brilliant person whom I'm grateful to have known. She also told me never to chew gum, but that's another story.

—Betty Booker '66

A Huge Issue And Full Of Good Stuff

Thanks for that fabulous issue of the Alumnae Magazine. [Fall 2003] That was a huge issue, and full of good stuff. I must hand it to you for getting it all together in such a handsome presentation. Since Walter and I each get a copy, we were able to sit and read it together, sharing comments as we went...fun!

—Catherine Barnett Brown '49

An All Around Great Issue

It was an all around great issue [Winter 2004]...and thanks so much for letting me squeeze class notes in.

—Carol McMurtry Fowler '57

A Great Person

Thanks for letting us know about Professor Rosinski. I did not ever have a class with her, but I worked a lot of hours in the Science Library and I got to know her because of this and always thought she was a great person.

—Cecilia Moore '88

Sad To Hear Of Miss Muncy's Passing

Now that the holidays are over, and the grandchildren have gone home, I sat down to read the winter edition of the Alumnae Magazine...deserved kudos. It was fun to read about the faculty in the departments of History, Government and International Affairs. What great curricula exist for the students of today! Makes old retirees want to go back full-time to study. I hope similar articles on the faculty in other departments will continue to be published. You've done a great job with the magazine!

I was sad to hear of Miss Muncy's passing. Although I never took a class with her, she was one of my favorite faculty members, a true scholar, a true lady, so gentle and genteel. She was always encouraging to me, even though she never had me as a student. My schedule as a lab science major was just always too full to be able to register for her classes, although I've always wished I had managed to do so. I hope

my gesture of asking her and Miss Sprague to rise when I gave my Distinguished Alumna talk in '94 showed them how much I respected them.

I never had a course with Miss Sprague either—she was on Sabbatical the two years after I declared as a Biology major, so I was really a Zoology major. The department at that time...only had three faculty members, Miss Belcher, Miss Sprague and Miss Bennett was the newcomer. Having taught at the college level myself, I still don't know how just two faculty members managed to teach all the courses of a major.

Anyway, just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the magazine.

—Anna Chao Pai '57

SUPER!

The mag arrived yesterday—SUPER! [Fall 2003] It just gets better and better.

—Nannette McBurney Crowds '57

Really Enjoying The Alum Entrepreneurs

Although I haven't had time to finish the magazine, I'm really enjoying the alum entrepreneurs. It's a great issue. [Fall 2003]

—Diane Dalton '67

Sweet Briar Graduates Really Are Leaders In Their Community!

Rhoda Harris '82 and I were attending an Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) as President and President-Elect, respectively, of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills [NJ] this past weekend. Well, who do we see a few tables away, in a room full of hundreds of women, but Liz Rodgers Boyd, the Junior League President-Elect from St. Paul. MN and a 1984 SBC graduate! Like Betsy [Muhlenfeld] said two weeks ago at the Short Hills Hilton [Northern NJ Regional Event], those Sweet Briar graduates really are leaders in their community!

—Ava Spanier De Ghetto '86

Many Thanks

Many thanks for sending the two copies of the Alumnae Magazine. They are wonderful to have and to show to friends...and Mom would have liked the nice picture of her from the Briar Patch. Thank you again for your kindness in remembering her in this way.

—Ginger Hite, daughter of the late Hilda Hite.
(See "In Memoriam," p. 41, Winter 2004.)

I Felt Very Informed

What a terrific issue for Winter 2004! I felt very informed about the college, its people and its vision. And the cover photo is outstanding. One of my first memories of SBC is the Book Store in the persona of Dorothy Sales and Helen Mac.

—Kat Barnhardt Chase '67

See A Revolt Coming

Noreen [Parker, Class Notes Ed.]: I want to say again what a bad idea stopping the post cards was. It's not the money, it's the sending of the cards when the office has the resources to do it. From my e-mails and comments from other class officers I see a revolt coming. Who can change this policy? Do they know what a disaster this is?

—Julia Mills Jacobsen '45

Dear Julia:

Thank you for your note letting us know again your concerns about the double postcards. I'm afraid that in light of budget realities, it was a necessity for the Alumnae Office to stop sending the cards. I do hope that you will be able to work within the current system.

As you probably are aware, all College departments, including ours, have had their budgets cut in terms of both money and staff time. The postcards were a big expense on both counts and even before the budget crunch, we had been considering they might have to be omitted.

As you may remember, we surveyed all the class secretaries before any change was made. The majority agreed with the change in system, especially since they can now have notes published three times a year. Some secretaries were displeased, especially among older classes with fewer members online. Nearly all secretaries, however, have agreed to work with the new system, and we are still receiving good numbers of class notes. (A reminder that the winter magazine, containing the great notes that your co-secretary Martha sent and that I'm sure you helped compile, is already at the designer's and should arrive in mailboxes before Christmas.)

Do let me know if I can be of more help.

—Noreen [Class Notes Ed]

Absolutely The Best Of Any Story Ever Written About Me

I received the advance copies of Fall 2003 Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine, and want to thank Mary Abrams. Mary's article and the graphics/presentation for my story on pages 6-7 are absolutely The Best of any story ever written about me during my career. Many thanks. The other "Taking Care of Business" stories are equally awesome. Great job!

—Libby Harvey Fitzgerald '68

Farther And Farther Back...

I think you should be congratulated on the Alumnae Magazine. It is an excellent piece. The only thing I don't enjoy is the fact that our class notes keep getting farther and farther back!

Laurie Lanier Samuels '58

Issue Of The Alumnae Magazine Terrific

The Winter issue arrived and I thought it

was terrific! I enjoyed seeing the Board profile section—amazing how many new ones there are since I retired 3 years ago—and I think that the spotlight section for alumnae is a terrific idea!

—Sara Finnegan Lyeett '61

Thought It Was Great

I hope you have received my compliments on the current issue (which I read right before our Board meeting). I thought it was great... [Fall 2003]

—Michela English '71

Sad To Read About Martha von Briesen

Thank you for another fine issue of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine [Fall 2003]. I knew about Toddy Barton (1951) but was sad to read about Martha von Briesen. I had seen her in May of 2000. At that time I thanked her again for a beautiful photograph of Sweet Briar House she had given me when I graduated in 1951.

I was interested to read about her involvement with the Mary K. Benedict Scholarship as I was a recipient in my senior year (1950-1951). Several years ago Martha sent me a print of Sappho in a round frame with the following typed message taped to the back: "Sappho (or the Lady with the Pen) was bought by Miss Benedict in Naples in 1926; she left a note saying it was to be sent to me after her death. Miss Florence Benedict found the note in October 1959 and sent the picture to me at once, M v B"

As you can imagine, it is one of my treasures. I have a picture of Miss Benedict and me taken by Martha in 1951.

Toddy was marvelous—she lived across the hall in 3rd floor Gray our senior year, a spirited and delightful person...

Thank you again for producing such informative and interesting Alumnae Magazines.

Patty Lynas Ford '51

Two Subjects I Would Like To Address In The Next Issue

SBC Women in Business

I thoroughly enjoyed the Fall issue. The articles about our graduates who have achieved so many milestones in their business careers make me very proud to be a Sweet Briar graduate and a small business owner! I've shared the magazine with several friends and relatives. The cover was also beautifully designed.

Re: Stopping the Cards for Magazine Notes

This is in response to Julia Mills Jacobsen's letter regarding her concern over the college's decision to stop funding the printing and postage of the cards to the alumnae. I have mixed feelings about this. I do think it will cause the notes to be shorter since so many alumnae depend on those cards. Wasn't this

an issue raised two or three years ago? It will take some time to adjust to this new procedure. Some may never adjust. And, there are several classmates of mine who refuse to use e-mail so I imagine that there are many from the classes before me who will not respond that way. How difficult would it be for the college to print up a postcard and insert into a page in each Alumnae magazine? Then, everyone could still respond when they wished but would at least be reminded to respond. I think that it is very important for the college to keep the alumnae happy!!

Paula Brown Kelley '78

Dear Paula:

Many thanks for your note—we do appreciate your comments about the Fall magazine. Regarding your second question: That is an excellent idea, inserting a reply postcard in the magazine. Your timing is really coincidental—that idea was raised at the Alumnae Association Board meeting and we are going to look into the cost of doing that. If it is feasible and we decide to do it, I will let you and the other secretaries know. Best wishes from us all.

Noreen [Class Notes Ed]

Looking Forward

I am looking forward to the Alumnae Report as always. The last recent one [Fall 2003] was chock full of terrific information about interesting women.

—Rhoda Harris '82

The Very Nice Tribute To Martha

On behalf of the family of the late Martha von Briesen, I, her brother, thank you for sending the Alumnae Magazine containing the very nice tribute to Martha [Fall 2003 issue, p.58]. It is appreciated. May I compliment you on issuing such an attractive, informative magazine.

Ralph von Briesen

Mona Lisa Smile And We Ladies Of That Generation

Did you catch the article by one Mary Beth Marklein of *USA Today* about the present outlook for women's college education? I can't remember when it was that I heard a learned lady say that there would always be a reason for the unit female education opportunity. The article states what I have always believed: it also gives me the update that educators are saying women's colleges are more important than ever. My regret is that Goucher knuckled under

—Victoria Worden Owen, Goucher '57

In Memoriam

Clement E. Conger 1913-2004

News has reached us of the death of a former member of the Sweet Briar Board, Mr. Clement E. Conger. He died at a Delray Beach, FL hospital on January 11, 2004, at the age of 91.

Mr. Conger was elected an Overseer in 1978 and served until 1985. He was a member of the Development, Buildings and Grounds, and Public Relations and Admissions committees.

He was the State Department curator credited with transforming nondescript diplomatic reception areas into the settings for fine American antiques.

Born in Harrisonburg, VA, he graduated from Strayer College in 1932. He served in the Army during World War II, where he became assistant secretary for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee. After the war, he joined the State Department and became deputy chief of protocol in the late 1950s, helping to oversee visits from such people as Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. After he retired as White House curator in 1992, he spent two years as a consultant for Christie's Auction House.

Mr. Conger spent most of his life in VA, before moving to Delray Beach in 2002. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lianne Hopkins Conger, three children, and two grandchildren.

20, 2003.

Born Dec. 6, 1914 in Lynchburg, Mrs. Forsyth was the daughter of Monroe Davenport Morton and Elsie Fleet Morton. The widow of Harry Douglas Forsyth, she later married Colin Tassie Montgomery and after his death in 1975, she wed James Barnett Hodges who preceded her in death by 10 years.

Mrs. Forsyth served 60 years on the board of C.B. Fleet Company, a pharmaceutical company founded in 1869 by her grandfather, Charles Browne Fleet. She was the author of three family books: "C.B. Fleet: The Man and The Company" (1986), "Charlie's Children: The Fleets at Home" (1991), and "A Forsyth Genealogy" (1992).

Mrs. Forsyth was very active in philanthropic causes throughout the region, among which are her endowment of the Harry Douglas Forsyth Engineering Chair at the University of Virginia, the University's Elizabeth M. Forsyth Jefferson Scholarship, and the Elizabeth Forsyth Professorship in Education and Human Development at Lynchburg College. In 1992, Mrs. Forsyth founded Miriam's House, a local transitional home for homeless women and children; in 1997, she founded Elizabeth's Early Learning Center (EELC), a premiere childcare center, accredited by the National Association for the Education of young Children; EELC's endowment fund helps provide scholarships for children in need.

In 1997, the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly passed a resolution recognizing Mrs. Forsyth for her philanthropic contributions to the region. In 2003, she was named The Distinguished Alumna of the Year by Sweet Briar College where she graduated in 1936.

Mrs. Forsyth was a long-time member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where she sang in the choir for many years. She served as President of both the Lynchburg Garden Club and the Lynchburg Junior League. She participated in the League's Children's Theater as well as The Little Theater where she received Best Actress Award for her role in "Time Out for Ginger." In addition to writing, Mrs.

Forsyth enjoyed garden design, flower arranging, playing the piano and working wooden jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by four children, Elizabeth Forsyth Harris ['60], Elsie Forsyth Chambers, Harry Douglas Forsyth, Jr. and Nancy Forsyth Walker; three sons-in-law, William Preston Harris, William Russell Chambers, and James Roger Walker; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren.

Ed. Note: Due to Hurricane Isabel, the Fall 2003 Alumnae Council weekend, during which Elizabeth Forsyth would have been formally honored as the 2003 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, was cancelled. The formal presentation was then planned for Reunion 2004.

Lynchburg philanthropist passes away

By Caroline S. Wallinger

Excerpted with permission from The News & Advance, Lynchburg, Va., Sunday December 21, 2003

Elizabeth Morton Forsyth once said she didn't want to be remembered for anything in particular.

"Just as a Lynchburg citizen," she said.

All the same, she leaves a legacy that will not likely be forgotten.

Granddaughter to Charles Browne Fleet, founder of Lynchburg's C.B. Fleet pharmaceutical company, Forsyth was proud of her history. She authored three books about the Fleet Family.

At the same time, though, she lived a life that guarantees she will not be remembered only for those who came before her.

Forsyth founded Miriam's House, a transitional shelter for homeless women and children, and Elizabeth's Early Learning Center, an acclaimed daycare center on Bedford Avenue.

These two establishments reflect her commitment to people, especially children, less fortunate than herself.

"I had such a happy childhood," Forsyth said when she started Miriam's House. "I can't get over those who don't."

In 2001, Forsyth contributed \$1 million to the renovation of the Academy of Music.



Elizabeth Forsyth

Elizabeth Morton Forsyth '36

Obituary excerpted with permission from The News & Advance, Lynchburg, Va., Sunday, December 21, 2003

Elizabeth Morton Forsyth died on Dec.

The Free Clinic of Central Virginia and Amazement Square children's museum have also benefited from her support.

Honored on several occasions for her continued philanthropy, Forsyth was named Paul Harris Fellow by the Lynchburg Rotary Club in 1999.

Of her lifetime in Lynchburg, Forsyth always held she would have it no other way.

"I'm so Lynchburg," she said. "I don't go anywhere else."

Professor Joanne Rosinski 1944-2003

Professor Joanne Rosinski died November 24, 2003 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Joanne Rosinski began her teaching career at Sweet Briar in 1981. She received her B.S. degree from Marquette University and her M.S. degree and Ph.D from the State University of New York, Buffalo. She was a member of Sweet Briar College Faculty Fellowship, project director of the NSF Undergraduate Research Participation Program, project director of the NSF Instructional Scientific Equipment Program and was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University.

Her research interests were in plant and cell development, plant tissue culture, and electron microscopy. As director of the electron microscope facility, she worked with students and faculty in the biology and other departments who wanted to use the digital scanning electron microscope for special projects. She received two National Science Foundation Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement grants as well as a Sweet Briar Faculty Fellowship.

A memorial service was held February 20 in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel with a reception following. Invitations were sent by the Department of Biology to all biology and biochemistry majors and minors from the classes of 1984-2003 for whom the department had e-mail addresses.

Remembering Dr. Rosinski

By Stacey Maddox '04
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An African proverb states: "When an old person dies, a library burns down." On Nov. 24, 2003, Dr. Joanne Rosinski passed away after a brief battle with ovarian

cancer, and Sweet Briar lost a library. For many of us, her death came as a complete shock as we were expecting to see her in her office and lab again this semester. Now the halls of Guion seem empty.

Dr. Rosinski taught at SBC for longer than most of us have been alive. She began her career as a biology professor in 1981. Most of the courses that she taught involved the scanning electron microscope, or, her main interest, plants. But her focus was her students.

Biology professor Linda Fink said, "Above all else Dr. Rosinski loved teaching biology students. Those of you who were in her classes know that she put great thought and effort into each of her courses, and that she was always pleased at your successes."

Her passion for her students was evident. Dr. Rosinski inspired many students to do their very personal best. She always had a funny story to tell or a great analogy to make learning interesting and rewarding. She was also a great source of information. Robin Davies, professor of biology, commented that sometimes when she has a question about something, she finds herself thinking, "Joanne would know that." Admired by students and faculty, Dr. Rosinski positively influenced many lives and will not be forgotten.

Dr. Rosinski A Wonderful Professor

By Evangeline Easterly '00

I am sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Rosinski. She was my first biology teacher at Sweet Briar. I remember how she always tried to incorporate real life events into our intro biology class. The biggest news that semester was when "Dolly" the cloned sheep was born. We were studying the components of the cell and she explained the whole process of cloning. It was one of the most fascinating lectures. Throughout my experience at Sweet Briar she really tried to talk to students about everything: wanting feedback on tests, congratulating us on good scores, asking for ways to be a better instructor, wondering how she could help encourage other students...At our senior research meetings she always asked questions to help us think about our research. I found all of this quite remarkable as she always wanted to do better and help us do better. She



Joanne Rosinski

loved talking to her students and was a wonderful professor.

I am currently studying and researching breast cancer at Vanderbilt University in the Cancer Biology Department. Today and this weekend I am gathering data for a meeting next week...In this new department we are striving hard to understand mechanisms and cell-cell communications to understand and find therapies for many forms of cancer. Research takes time and there is always a long road to go down to find out answers. Perhaps my endeavors will help those like Dr. Rosinski live a longer and less painful life with cancer.

Recent Deaths

1919	Louise Hammond Mrs. Frederic H. Skinner October 1983	1935	Dorothea Loebmann Mrs. William H. Gengareilly January 22, 2004	1948	Margaret Addington Mrs. John Twohy IV January 22, 2004
1926	Dorothy Fairbairn Mrs. Lermond H. Miller Date unknown	1936	Elizabeth Morton Mrs. Elizabeth M. Forsyth December 20, 2003	1948	Eleanor Potts Mrs. C. Stribling Snodgrass, Jr. March 8, 2004
1928	Catherine Via Miss Catherine Via August 15, 2003	1937	Rebecca Douglass Mrs. George W. Mapp, Jr. June 20, 2001	1949	Anne Haff Mrs. John D. Byron September 5, 2003
1929	Helen Schaumleffel Mrs. Edwin H. Ferree November 11, 2003	1937	Frances Kemp Mrs. Walker Pettyjohn, Jr. December 31, 2003	1950	Nancy Day Mrs. Donald B. McCammond January 17, 2004
1931	Virginia Bristow Mrs. Lee Davis September 16, 2003	1937	Norma Rogers Mrs. Norma R. Cook April 7, 2003	1951	Diana Weeks Mrs. Henry T. Berry April 21, 2002
1932	Sally Ainsworth Mrs. Richard C. Glass November 20, 2003	1938	Cornelia Hicks Mrs. William M. Kaufman December 15, 2003	1954	Agnes Bull Mrs. Michael Sherman Date unknown
1932	Letha Morris Mrs. John W. Wood November 7, 2003	1939	Nancy Gatch Mrs. Nancy G. Svien January 5, 2004	1954	Ruth Crawford Mrs. Ruth Crawford Haizlip February 25, 1997
1933	Helen Bond Miss Helen G. Bond February 9, 2002	1939	Marion Mann Mrs. Alfred W. Roberts July 19, 2003	1954	Suzanne Stribling Mrs. Robert J. Koster November 2, 2002
1933	Elizabeth Cassidy Mrs. John M. Evans February 2003	1940	Hazel Sterrett Mrs. William A. Allen December 6, 2003	1959	Diane Clark Mrs. Clark Schweigaard-Olsen January 4, 1999
1933	Helen Martin Miss Helen Martin December 19, 2003	1941	Lillian Fowlkes Mrs. H. Tyler Taylor, Jr. February 10, 2004	1964	Sue Brown Mrs. Whitfield H. Clark February 2004
1933	Frances Quinn Mrs. William Bond June 19, 2003	1943	Dorothy Campbell Mrs. James D. Maher November 26, 2003	1969	Courtney Rucker Mme. Robert D. R. Arpage November 8, 2003
1933	Susan Stratton Mrs. Robert A. Grossenbach January 18, 2003	1945	Elisabeth Hicks Mrs. Julian A. Pollak, Jr. November 10, 2003	1988	Judith Roberta Faris Miss Judith Roberta Faris November 28, 2003
1934	Joanna Fink Mrs. David M. Meeks April 22, 2003	1946	Jane Lawrence Mrs. Vangel Katsidhe November 3, 2003	1999	Shani-Jinaki Whipple Miss Shani-Jinaki Whipple November 2, 2003
1934	Louise Moyer Mrs. Goodrich Lowry December 19, 2002	1946	Douglas Parker Mrs. John Moncure July 16, 2003	If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.	
1935	Ruth Gilliland Mrs. Thomas J. Hardman Date unknown	1946	Nan Puckhaber Mrs. M. R. Harrington March 3, 2004		
1935	Cynthia Harbison Mrs. Carl W. Heye February 26, 2004	1947	Laura Lee Grogan Mrs. Meade B. Crane January 30, 2004		

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Greetings from your fill-in Class Secretary, **Ruth Mealand Schwartz** is busy with her move from Ohio to Florida with all that entails, so this letter will be considerably shorter than hers and with less "new" because I haven't heard from many of you.

Clara Call Frazier writes, "My tid-bit of news for the Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine is the birth of our first great grandchildren—twin boys—born to our grandchild, daughter of our first son, Bill III, who was the class baby of the Class of 1940." (Lot of firsts in that!) The twins and their parents live in Portland, Oregon and are "adorable, naturally" according to Great Granny and Great Grandpa! Clara and Bill are living in the Richmond area and attended a wonderful "Kick-off Dinner" for the Sweet Briar "Campaign for Her World." **Emory Gill Williams** was there and told me later that she was feeling her age when her daughter, Dabney (SBC '65) celebrated her 60th birthday recently and announced that she, Dabney, is expecting her 4th grandchild shortly who will be Emory's fourth great-grandchild! In all, Emory has 14 grands and 3 greats plus the one on the way. **Cannie Lancaster Pasco** and Merrill have 17 grandchildren including 3 greats who keep them very busy. Cannie and Merrill spend as much time as possible in their mountain home in Bath County, Virginia. Cannie reported that **Kitty Estes Johnston** has succumbed to the retirement community move but

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has remained in Birmingham. **Georgia Herbert Hart** also lives in a retirement community in Columbia, SC which she says is lovely and keeps her very busy, as always. She calls it "The Finishing School", although the real name (as far as I can determine from her card) is "Still Hopes." **Connie Chalkley Kittler** would have liked to attend the Kick-Off Dinner, but she and Kit live in the Gloucester area and it is a bit too far to drive at night. They also have an apartment in Washington where their daughter and family live. The Kittlers joined another Sweet Briar family (**Tabb Thorton Farinholt**, SBC '59) in purchasing the "Ware Neck Post Office and General Store" which faced being shut down upon the retirement of the former owner who had run it for 50 years. So unlike most of the country post offices in Virginia, it is still in operation! **Cynthia Noland Young** is thinking about moving from her beloved North Carolina home back to Richmond where she grew up. Karl passed away last fall and her children are all here and there, but not with her.

Jane Bush Long had a lovely trip to London (Elderhostel), and saw old English friends, and stopped on

the way back home to see **Margaret Dowell Kearney** in McLean, Virginia who is having problems with macular degeneration.

Mrs. Chattanooga (otherwise known as **Mildred Moon Montague**) sent me a wonderful picture of her and First Lady Laura Bush. Mildred's son, Will, had his 60th birthday this past year and celebrated with a party at the Fairyland Club on the mountain in Chattanooga with Peter Duchin entertaining. Wish I had been there!

Virginia Leggett Cameron now lives in Bettendorf, IA at Palmer Hills, 2617 Maplecrest Road #304. This is a retirement residence "full of happy people and a positive attitude pervades both residents and staff." Virginia doesn't like the dreary, cold Northern winters—a far cry from Florida, but here she is near her daughter and not too far from her son.

This is it! Not much news from the Class of 1940. I don't know when Ruth will take up her Class Secretary duties again, but if you have a "tid-bit" please send it to me so that between one or the other we will have some "news" for the Class Letter. Love to all! **Adelaide (Poly)**

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Ginger Barron Summer writes from Sautee-Naoochee GA of recently lunching with Phaon Derr whose wife, **Irish Munter Derr** was Ginger's roommate. Irish died Dec 2002 but Ginger remains in close touch with the family. She also reports the happy news of a 2nd marriage for **Pat Hassler Schubert**. Despite some serious cardiac problems, Ginger is feeling great. **Maria Tucker Bowerfind** keeps up with Bozzie's 10 grandchildren and adds that **Mary Stuart McGuire Gilliam** is a great grandmother! How many of us have reached that exalted state?

Kay Weisiger Osborne had "the trip of a lifetime" last Sept, flying to London by Concorde returning by the QE-2 with fellow passengers P.D. James and Dick Francis. Her Alaska daughter has moved to Long Island, NY which must make family reunions a good deal easier. Kay continues to write personal essays for her local newspaper. Globe-trotting **Marna Bromberg Williams** and husband Dan Jones took an early winter cruise to S.America with a visit to Machu Pichu. April and May have them cruising the Seine to be followed by 10 days at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. In August they go to Tacoma, WA for a conference followed by an Elderhostel version of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The Golden Years, says Marna, are GREAT!

Evie White Spearman continues to be the literary guiding light of Huntsville where she belongs to reading groups that invite distinguished authors to speak. She also teaches advanced Sunday school classes to adults. Evie is busy (was she ever anything else?) with a slew of grandchildren who live both in Huntsville and Birmingham which translates into frequent visits with **Joan McCoy Edmunds**. Joan and Bill recently celebrated their 50th

anniversary and are off in early summer for a cruise that puts into ports along the French coast.

Sue Van Cleve Riehl announces that daughter Chris (SBC '69) having finished post grad work at Harvard's Kennedy School of Govt. is spending this year in Washington DC learning Greek before being posted by the State Dept. to Athens. Sue's twin granddaughters graduate this year from Amherst and Stanford, one with honors, the other Phi Beta Kappa. Sue saw **Ann Colston Leonard** in Washington DC who showed off pictures of 2 sets of twin grandchildren. **Sara Ann McMullen Lindsay** runs 2 households while serving on 7 boards. She was also reappointed a Regent for Gunston Hall which is managed by the Natl. Society of the Colonial Dames. But she and Doug still find time for R & R weekends at Long Boat Key, FL.

Aimee Des Pland McGirt is finally retiring from 20 years teaching senior high school and 11 years at a community college. She loved teaching but says high school was "really tough." She's fully recovered from a recent hip replacement and sends warm hellos to all 47'ers, "especially Jackie Stilwell." **Mary McDuffie Redmond** says her house has had a revolving door with graduating grandchildren and relatives from every side coming and going. She and Lee were in California for a step-granddaughter's wedding last August and recently hosted a SBC luncheon with speakers from admissions and development on hand for a bit of SBC promotion.

Rawson Haverty who terms himself a "fortunate husband" reports that he and his wife **Margaret Munnerlyn** were in the Swiss Alps last summer, repeating a past climbing trip but ascending this time by cog railway. Their 5 children are all successfully launched in interesting careers. They beat winter blahs by retreating to a condo in Ponte Vedra, FL. **Sue Fitzgerald Van Horne** is only "semi" retired as she teaches piano 3 times a week. She and Van still live in Columbus, OH. **Wenlian Jenkins Stallings'** hard work for the Colonial Dames includes golf outings which

doesn't sound so arduous. She devotes a lot of time to genealogy and is discovering family hitherto unknown. Her oldest grandchild is a TV reporter with Channel 5 in Phoenix AZ and another grandchild is with the Peace Corps in the Republic of Georgia. She still recalls when Sue and Kay Fitzgerald were sent several fur coats by their father so they could choose for themselves! "Not P.C. but fun."

Elaine Davis Blackford and her husband Chuck have retired to Amelia Plantation, FL. Elaine is chairman of the local garden club which she manages despite a busy schedule of library work and gardening! Their 3 children have produced 9 grands and 2 greats and the final count is not yet in! Surprising news from **Isabel Zulich Rhoads**: she reports that thus far neither she nor her husband Wayne has been awarded an Oscar, a Grammy, a Nobel and not even a Pulitzer. Don't give up hope! The year's still young. Even if we're not. Meanwhile 3 kids have morphed into 6 grandkids, all keepers.

From **Martha Budd Shelnett** comes an open invitation to any 47'ers interested in visiting Winterthur. Martha lives nearby and would be a great guide. She reports that all goes well with 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren, including granddaughter Alex, a professional photographer recently cited as one of the top 25 young photographers in the country. From the City of Light **Marguerite De Lustrac Labouret** reports that she and Claude have 4 more or less happily married children living in 4 far-flung corners of Planet Earth, all still with their original spouse, as is she. The results thus far: 54 years of married bliss.

Katie Street Sharp is not trading her country house in Nashville for any easier living "facility." A married grandson lives on the same property. He keeps an eye on things for Katie and once a week she keeps an eye on grandson Stefan. Sounds like a good deal all around! **Cordelia Lambert Stites** moved to Durango last July where she has many friends and works hard on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. She counts herself among Friends of the Arts and is active in more than one book club. **Gloria**

Gamble Jones, in an extended living facility in Lancaster, PA, enthuses over the availability of extra-curricular activities including academic courses taught by retired pros. She bowls, plays golf and does volunteer work so obviously Gloria is blooming.

Finally many thanks to all of you who responded to my pitiful plea for '47 news and special thanks to the technologically talented who replied by e-mail...a process that turns a job like this from a chore into a piece of cake.

Linda McKay Stewart...still living in the swamps of NJ, still doing travel writing for newspapers and magazines. LAST WORD: Be sure to vote!

Addenda: Since these notes were submitted, word came of the death of Laura Lee Grogan Crane. Class Secretary Linda Stewart adds the following message: The Class of 1947 extends heartfelt compassion to the family of Laura Lee Grogan Crane on the occasion of her tragic death, January 30, 2004. Contributions in Laura's memory may be sent to the Laura Lee Crane Scholarship Fund, Donor Relations, Box 297044, TCU, Fort Worth, TX 76129.

The fund will benefit Graduate Education students studying special education at Texas Christian University.

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These notes were sent previously by email and snail-mail, but are repeated here with a few additions as we get even closer to our reunion in May. More and more are signing up, so we will have a full attendance. Don't miss it!!!

As we look forward to our 55th

reunion at Sweet Briar, it seems fitting to send you a column of news items gleaned from the world wide web of my computer. I encourage any of you who are not "on line" to seriously consider it. You can even get "Web TV" which hooks into your television set and gives you email and access to the net (that's where you can look up anything, and find information about everything). This does not involve a whole computer, so is less intimidating and much less expensive. About 15 or 20 of our classmates have email addresses, and it would be nice to have more.

Meanwhile, before I get to that news, there are a few items sent from the College, sad ones. The Alumnae Office sent word that **Joyce Smith White** died, though the exact date and details were not known. Also, **Mag Towers Talman** and **June Eager Finney** have both suffered the loss of their husbands in recent months. We send our sincere condolences to them and to their families. More recent news of the death of **Anne Haff Byron** has also been received.

On a happier note, **Fritzie Duncombe Millard**, our class president and now a poster girl, sent me a wonderful brochure from The Hyatt Park Lane Residence in Monterey, California, where she lives. It features Fritzie with some vibrant photos and words extolling the activities and amenities, which she enjoys. "This is My Story," reads the script heading next to a great portrait of Fritzie. She says, in part, "I take advantage of outings to the theatre and wine tastings. I participate in tai chi and yoga, and take regular walks around the Vista Lounge" and lots more, if I know Fritzie!

Ann Eustis Weimer sounds unchanged, on the phone and on the computer! We look forward to seeing her and John next spring at Reunion. Walter will be there, too, and Don Ballard (along with Mary Fran), so we should have quite a male contingent. Perhaps we should plan a stag evening (with dancing girls?) for them!

Preston Hodges Hill's email letter, back in June, included much news: a lunch with Phil and **Katie Cox Reynolds** who had

had an encouraging report on their granddaughter, Charlotte, who is still having treatment for the cancer which was discovered while we were at SBC for our mini-reunion. Pres also reports that Katie and Phil saw Ann and Yorke Bannard in Boston where one of the Bannards' sons lives. Another SBC connection, says Pres, is that her SBC granddaughter, Alyssa Hill, has become friends with Sarah Takvorian, daughter of **Kathy Upchurch Takvorian** '72 and granddaughter of **Ann Samford Upchurch** who was a year ahead of us. Gene Hill continues with cancer treatments and chemo, which seems to be working, says Pres.

Ann Henderson Bannard writes, in July, from Tucson: "The fires are really terrible and threatening many homes...We have a box seat for viewing the smoke and flames, our throats and noses are scratchy...there is a constant parade of helicopters going over our house to dump slurry and water on the fires....sadly, they are bringing down truckloads of dead animals, 12 mountain lions at last count...so far 1/3 of the Catalinas burned. We will never see it as we have enjoyed it for over 30 years." During the summer, the Bannards attended a Bach Festival in Carmel, and are looking forward to a trip to New Zealand, Sydney, and the Great Barrier Reef in February.

Libby Trueheart Harris writes (in shades of pink and green!) that she is to-ing and fro-ing between Richmond and Irvington.

Sally Ayres Shroyer sends her new email address, and gives thanks for her wonderful husband of 55 years. Though he has congestive heart failure, a pacemaker allows him to mow the lawn and be "still the fun companion he always was." Sally herself had a mild stroke 2 1/2 years ago but now walks 3 miles a day and plays tennis twice a week; lots of bridge, flower arranging and church work. Her small church is full of Sweet Briar graduates, but none on our class.

Peggy Cromwell Talliaferro emails that she had a little SBC gathering in June when Pat Brown Boyer came up to visit Judy and Bill Waxter. June Finney joined them along

with Peggy's sister Sally, who went to France on our Junior Year Abroad program and met, there, her future husband.

Several notes from **Larry Lawrence Simmons**: She describes trips to Provence and Paris in July, to their wonderful place in Costa Rica in November, and to Ohio for Christmas. Larry says Charles' latest medical reports indicate he is clear of cancer and his "innards look great!" Charles says that makes him "sound like a turkey, but that 's O.K!" They are both looking forward to Reunion (though it's the 55th, Larry, not 45th!).

Judy Easley Mak and Dayton helped move Holly and Mark into their new house at Chataqua last spring, but Judy had to rush home to tend to her real estate business which, she says, is very active in the D.C. area.

Alice Trout Hagan is a reluctant computer participant. She keeps busy in Roanoke with family affairs and intellectual activities. Stevie is content in Charleston, but operates the telephone rather than email. She and Rutledge still live in the Tradd Street house where Stevie was raised, in the center of the city's historic district.

Patsy Davin Robinson was the only one who reported being blacked out during the electric outage here in the northeast...caught under the hair dryer, no less! Walter and I were lucky, no outages, and by the time you read this he should have his new knee joint, which we believe will turn him into a semi-pro golfer!

A late postcard from **Marilyn Hopkins Bamberough** reports that her grandchildren, Prairie and Chris, had a baby boy, the first great-grandchild (who else has "great-grands"?); Ethan graduated from Grand Valley State U. and works for the Grand Rapids Museum; Scott graduated from Xavier U. in Cincinnati and is a graphic designer in Cincinnati (while there, the Hopkins had a nice visit with Sally Strickland Johnson); Anna is a junior in high school and Hayley is in middle school, both in Grand Rapids, MI.

1950

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Notes by Class President **Sue Taylor Lilley**: Lots of traveling this year for **Betty Browder Nibley** and her friend Jake Allen. They went to a Mini West Point reunion in Maine, Class of 1950. Also visits with family, "It has been a great year." She heard from Julie Micou Eastwood, Mary Kraus Pierson, and Ann Klepinger Mueller. Betty also runs into Nancy Pesek Rasenberger at the Post Office. She reports all are doing well. **Susan Taylor Hubbard** sounds great. She has 5 grandchildren, two in Richmond and two in Asheville and one in Havre de Grace, Md. Her son is trying to adopt a child from China. They have a little girl that they adopted from Vietnam. She sees them all from time to time and is the proud owner of a new hearing aid. Way to go Susan! Susan is looking forward to our reunion in 2006.

The news from San Luis Obispo and **Anne Sinsheimer** is the earthquake. Fortunately it did little damage there and Anne is alright. Ann is still busy volunteering and started back playing bridge. I wonder how many of us learned to play at SBC. I know I did. I received an E-mail from **Joan Davis Warren** and hope to chat with her when she comes to Orlando to visit her son and his family that just increased with the birth of twins. All seems well with her. Andy, her husband, had some health problems but is doing better. Also have corresponded with **Jean Stapleton Hillier** and their family had a great Thanksgiving at the family homestead in Cuthbert, Ga. Jean's mother had restored the home and lived there until

her death at 96. They are now back home in McLean, Va.

Had a brief note from **Mary Emery Barnhill**. She and Dick live in Hilton Head, SC. What a wonderful spot. She also volunteered to be class secretary. Bless you Mary but Shelly already agreed. **Annie Mountcastle Blechta** sounds great and has had a busy year. Celebrated George's 90th birthday with family members from all over (France to Hawaii) and had visits from children and grandchildren. Anne is a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church, still on the Founders Garden Club and spends time on the golf course and plays tennis while George loves the beach. She must be in super shape. Good for you Annie Moo!! They are planning to go on the Washington and Lee Trip, Waterways of Holland and Belgium in April. Hope to run into SBC friends.

Speaking of an active life, **Patty Lynas Ford** and husband Dick have had a very busy year. In April and May had a fabulous trip to England and Italy. They had a bon voyage dinner with Dick and Julie Micou Eastwood and Randie Burns. Visited friends in England and Elizabeth (daughter) and her husband Paul joined them for the trip. In Italy they rented a car (Dick driving all the way) and went to Bellagio, Monterosso, Florence, Siena and Orvieto and other charming spots. In August their daughters gave them a 50th Wedding Anniversary Party. Then off to New England for the fall colors where they met up with old friends and revisited Yale for Dick and Middlebury where Patty studied French for two summers. They saw M.J. and Gardner Ertman in Wellesley, Ma. Dick had back surgery after all the travels and is slowly recovering.

Also had a note from **Mary Jane Erickson Ertman** and she also has been doing lots of traveling. Visited Denmark with each of her daughters, one in 2002 and one in 2003. They visited Copenhagen and drove to the little island of Fano, where Mary Jane's Great-grandparents lived. Last fall she and Gardner visited daughter Susie in Lausanne, Switzerland. She had a visit with Sue Ostrander and Lloyd Hood at Lake Bluff, also saw Patty Lynas and Dick Ford. Mary Jane writes that she

heard that Barbara Lasier's mother died January 2 at 99. She sent M.J. a picture on her 99th birthday looking great. Mary Jane sends her love to all the class.

Carol Ralston Toulmin writes that she spent the holidays in Utah "not to Ski" but be with family. Lots of Snow. Carol hears from Nedra Greer Stimpson and reports her husband Ben is doing well after a couple of years of bad health. Another busy person is **Lynne McCullough Gush**. Very involved with her music performing and teaching. Played a duo concert on the 21st and a Black Tie Champagne dinner for 34, which was "fun." More fun with a planned Vodka party with wonderful Rachmaninoff music in February. In her spare time she is keeping up repairs on her home she built 40 years ago. Also had ballet classes and dog walks for relief from all this work. By the way Lynne, the "Sue Who" is Moi, Sue Taylor Lilley.

Sue Lockley Glad and Ned also celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year with a family gathering in Hawaii on the island of Maui. Sounds like a great time. Then spent the summer in Black Butte, Oregon. More travels to Finland and Russia (Moscow and St. Petersburg and points in between). Sue's mother is 104 and in failing health and quality of life which is difficult. Sue wrote that she heard from Kitty Arp Waterman and Kitty had lost her husband Bob. We send our condolences to Kitty and her family. Also she saw Jo Williams Fraser who was out in California to attend a dinner honoring her late husband. Sue is feeling "more and more nostalgic about friends from college" as many of us are.

Janet Broman Dingle and husband are spending three months in Florida and hopefully enjoying our wonderful weather. She had the sad news that our classmate Billie Herron Goeltz succumbed to cancer last spring. Her obituary listed many activities involving children (horseback riding for handicapped kids etc.). Janet saw her last 16 years ago. Great to hear from **Mary Street Montague**. She said my note quickly took her back to our college days and so many

fond memories. Mary wrote how impressed she was with Sweet Briar and all it has accomplished in the past and the way the "Shape of the Future Update" is facing the challenges of the future. Had a Christmas card from **Ann Petesch Hazzard** and she and Rutledge have moved out of their home to a retirement apartment in Alexandria and are enjoying it very much. Lots of activities and interesting people.

Jo Williams Fraser is another extensive traveler. She has been to California where she saw Sue and Ned Glad and to London to the Royal College of Radiology that also honored her late husband, Bob. Jo is living in Birmingham and her son Jim Ray is living with her. She is going to visit Nan Snook's husband and his wife who is amazingly enough the sister in law of one of Jo's best friends from prep school. I am hoping maybe we can get together when she is in Florida. **Jean Duerson Bade** sounds good and is sporting a new hip. She is still swimming daily with Diane Richmond Simpson and enjoying her "exceptional" children and grandchildren. She and John still enjoy boating. Jean can't believe how long it has been since the good old SBC days.

Jean Randolph Bruns wrote: "I'm leaving for Seagrave Beach FL to take care of granddaughters Lily, 14, and Robin, 10, for five weeks while my son Bryan is on a project for CARE in Tajikistan. My daughter-in-law Paking returns to her work in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Daughter Mary lives in the same Florida Gulf Coast community. Then I'll resume the B&B, the 20th year. Julie and Dick Eastwood are due here in May en route to his 60th class reunion at University of Pennsylvania. Otherwise, it's my usual Read-and-Weed life. Last year was a lovely time in the garden after years of drought. And I had a fine time in England, mostly in Cornwall, in August. Thanks for doing the notes. I did them years ago when these middle-aged children were babies. Now they're nearing the age for AARP and have gray hair. Best, Randie"

I am so happy to report that **Ann Sheldon Taylor** has agreed to be our class secretary. Shelly has big news!

She and Bill Campbell will be married on Feb. 21, 2004 in a small ceremony with their immediate families. Shelly met Bill in 1947 when he was dating her Ethel Walker roommate Ruth Sykes. Bill and Ruth were married and lived in California and she saw them through the years. When Bill's wife died Shelly sent her condolences and Bill was touched by Shelly's letter and replied and it has developed from a rich correspondence to a new life together. They will live in Richmond but plan to do some traveling. Thanks Shelly for taking over and best wishes for the future Mrs. Campbell.

Now for my news. I was happy to have a visit from Mary Pease Fleming and Rives when they were in Florida. Unfortunately they were in Florida for Rives' sister's funeral. They are great and enjoying all their wonderful family. This has not been a banner year for me as I started 2003 with surgery for colon cancer which was successful but in July found it had spread to the liver so I have been on Chemo since then. I am happy to report that the tests all show good results and I am very positive about the treatment being successful. Also have added an addition to my house and my daughter Susan and family have moved in and we are having a great time. It is fun having my 15-year granddaughter around. I continue to work at the Crisis Nursery and the Lilley House (shelter for abused children) is doing great and I hope making a difference in the lives of these little ones. I was honored to receive the Friend of Children Award this year from the Florida Coalition for Children. I have really enjoyed hearing from all of you and I hope many more will write next time. I, like so many others have written, have many wonderful memories of our days at Sweet Briar and hope to see many of you at our next reunion in 2006.

May 2004 bring you all good health and happiness. **Sue Taylor Lilley.**

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The new system seems to be working—many of you sent in news.

Please do make known your e-mail address to the college or to me—if we don't already have it. Again this time, all the news arrived by e-mail!

Penny Fisher Dunclee and John were happy to learn that they have been chosen by The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, NM, for the Author of the Year Award for their bi-lingual children's book, *Manchado and His Friends/Manchado y Sus Amigos*. He wrote it; she edited it and illustrated it with 14 watercolors. Amazon.com has *Manchado*, as well as the other nine books John has done in the last ten years. Penny has done a couple of the covers and illustrations, and all the first editing. Last May she was elected President of the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. Kudos, Penny! **Gay Hart Gaines** writes that they sold their wonderful home on the beach in Palm Beach and moved into a small guest cottage next door. Their new address for the next couple of years is 1473 North Ocean Blvd. Eventually, they will tear everything down and build their "perfect home on the beach."..... She is working very hard as the Vice Regent from FL for Mount Vernon. They have an 87 million dollar capital campaign and will be building an Education center, a Museum, and Orientation center. Mount Vernon is the most visited historic home in the USA, except for the White House, and their board is the oldest Historic Preservation board in America. She hopes all her classmates have visited in the past and will return with children and grandchildren. She is also President of the Palm Beach Republican Club. Their four children are married and they have eight grandchildren ranging in age from 18, a granddaughter, freshman at Vanderbilt, to a two year old grandson in Summit NJ. From **Betsy Smith White** comes the news that Bill finally retired at 71 and they are both active in a lot of volunteer efforts in Charlotte. Their three daughters are all across NC (Raleigh, Charlotte and Asheville) and they have 6 grandchildren. They are both healthy and most grateful for that. **Judy Chalmers-Simpson** reports that she and husband Kep are "racing from

one grandchild to another"—12 in the UK (soon to be 13), 3 in Atlanta. They split their time between Amersham, an hour north of London, (with families in Oxford, Somerset, London and near Amersham) and Summit, NJ. They had a lovely ceremony in the back gardens at Shardeloes, in Amersham, on Kep's 70th birthday in August—with 6 of their 7 children there, plus 12 of the 15 grandchildren—ages 3 months to 17 years. Her daughter Cameron graduated as a PA from the Univ. of Utah Med School in August and is now Board Certified. "A long dream come true." She and her husband are now plotting where to go to practice—Judy hopes it will be back on the east coast nearer them. In Hawaii **Ali Wood Thompson** is still leading her Hawaiian Band called the "Plunkers" (average age is now up to 74 yrs. old!) and still singing, hula dancing & playing ukuleles for the nursing homes & Geriatric Hospital. She's done a lot of traveling this year, mostly to the East Coast and back, visiting relatives and classmates from school and taking trips with Travis to his Republican Nat'l Committee meetings. **Polly Space Dunn** reports the happy news of a new baby boy (Henry), born to their daughter Elizabeth and her husband who live in Rumson, NJ. He joins his sister, Maggie, who is 3. The Dunns spend summers in their mountain home, where she plays golf every day ("when it doesn't rain!"), and paints. A new grandchild, her first and only, has provided "immense enjoyment" for **Susan Montague**. Sarah Montague Row was born July 3, 2003 and lives in Philadelphia which is less than 3 hours away by train. In June Susan took a trip to the Loire Valley with a Sweet Briar group. This is the second one she has taken and she highly recommends them. She writes that she and her husband and another couple spent 2 weeks last fall in Umbria and Tuscany. They rented a car and drove around to many of the charming hill towns and then had an apartment in Florence for 6 days. They were a half a block away from the Duomo, so it was a fabulous location for walking around the city. She thinks she will probably not be traveling ("except for Philadelphia,

of course") for a while. **Barbara Sampson Borsch** is "sort of" living in Philadelphia because her husband is now teaching Anglican Studies and New Testament at the Lutheran Seminary there. He also teaches at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale one day a week. She goes back and forth from Los Angeles, where fires came quite close to their house last fall! She says that one additional good thing about Philly is its relative proximity to their grandson (Jack) in New York City. She sends love to all. This has been an exciting year for **Mary Todd Singh** and her family. Her husband has taken a part time job in Honolulu, and provided her with an excuse to visit that city several times during the year. His continued consulting in Malaysia leads him to travel extensively in Southeast Asia and some nearby countries. Mary took advantage of the situation and accompanied him on visits to New Zealand and South Africa. During the holiday season she and he will be playing host to their family members, including two granddaughters. **Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb** writes that she and Lloyd continue to enjoy retirement, including time to visit Sweet Briar occasionally, most recently for the Friends of the Library fall meeting and a performance of *Othello*. She says we will see many changes on campus when we come for reunion. She sent news of their sons: George finished his Ph. D. in education at Florida in August and is teaching in the education department at Furman. The grandchildren, Burke and Josh, are now 5 and 2. Bill is still at Los Alamos; Tom finished his MFA at UNC-Greensboro in May and is doing free-lance documentary work. **Sue Hight Rountree** sent a message to say that Colonial Williamsburg has published another of her books—*From a Colonial Garden*—and they went over to Singapore to do press checks at the printer there, and had a fabulous time. It's a book similar to the others of ideas, decorations, recipes, etc. All How-to with drawings to help out. She is very busy there at Christmastime with a lot of extra jobs. "With all the hard times for the tourist business I feel lucky to be there! I encourage all

of you to come to Williamsburg and have a great time wandering through the gardens, the museums, taverns and of course the exhibit buildings! It's a marvelous place. Our nephews were here this summer for a week and didn't want to leave, they had so much fun...." This is funnier than the Bahamas! was the 6-year-old's comment." A Christmas card from **Trish Chandler Burns** brought the news that their son will receive his Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City this spring, right at the time of our reunion. **Rachel Bok Goldman** wrote, "Allen and I are loving retirement in Camden, Maine where I summured from infancy on. We finally broke down and have a dog but one was not enough so now we have two. Both are standard poodles, the elder white, the younger black. They are aunt and niece. For those of you who watch the Westminster Dog Show in February their sire/grandsire is Mikimoto On Fifth who has won best in nonsporting for at least the last two years. He is a magnificent white standard! Allen and I finally admitted that we needed to change from sail to power so we are selling Nепенте and bought a used Duffy35, named Rachel. She has a lobster boat hull and Maine tradition names workboats after the wife. I am president of the board of directors of Coastal AIDS Network, which keeps me very busy indeed. Our sons and grandchildren are all thriving. I look forward to our 45th reunion in May and hope to see many classmates there.

It was good to hear from this many of you—I'll hope to hear from even more next time. Letters are welcome too! The next deadline is July 15th. I hope that our class will have an outstanding turnout for our 45th!!

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June 30th marked **Pat Russell Howard**'s retirement as professor

of English after 40 years of teaching (first two at Bryn Mawr, last 38 at the University of Toronto). Pat spent September and October in Barcelona and England, thereby avoiding the nostalgia of the start of classes. She continues singing in the Tallis choir and painting watercolors and restarting pipe organ lessons. Like so many of us who have retired, Pat is finding her plate full of interesting and new things.

Elsie Burch Donald's new novel, just published in England by Doubleday, is a flashback to the 1950s when five Sweet Briar girls and a chaperone tour Europe. You can order a copy via Amazon.com.uk. Sounds intriguing!

Phyz and I welcomed our 3rd grandchild (also **Nina Wilkerson Bugg**'s), James Robert Bugg on October 14th in Florence, SC—a few hours up the road from Atlanta. We rejoice that Madeleine Lemmon (1) is just a few miles away.

Please all remember (better than I have!) that SBC doesn't send cards anymore so please send your news on to me via e-mail or postal mail and I'll see that it fits the next publication deadline. Most of all, keep in touch by sending your news! Ann

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Well, ladies, we still do as good a job cutting deadlines as we did when term

papers were due! Both my postman and my computer were very, very busy on December 15! And now here I sit the week before Christmas compiling news you will be reading next summer. Go figure....

The "high" of reunion is still with us. **Prue Gay Stuhr** called it "a chance to see women 40 years later, some for the first time, but I saw them as 22 year old classmates!" Two weeks after our reunion Prue and Ed attended Ed's 45th reunion at Princeton. They have since welcomed their third grandchild, first grandson. **Betsy Parker McColl** writes, "The highlight of our 40th reunion for me was having **Penny Pamplin Reeves** back for the first time. Our senior suite was intact again with Penny, **Julia Arnold Morey**, **Katharine Blackford Collins** and me. What a treat!" Hopefully you saw the write-up on tennis-star Betsy in the winter issue of the alumnae magazine. And mother-of-the-bride Betsy continues, "Our daughter Eliza's marriage to Jonathan Liles in August was a blessed occasion. The notorious Columbia SC heat and humidity were mercifully absent and we had a truly wonderful weekend. **Judy Johnson Varn** was a most welcome addition to the festivities. Jim is delighted to have a fellow Tar Heel alumna as a son-in-law and we are so pleased that the newlyweds are living in Charlotte, just an hour-and-a-half from us."

Weddings abound! **Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer** writes, "Our daughter Anne was married to Josh Prentice on September 6. The reception was in the garden and the weekend was the most beautiful of the year." The reason the garden was so lovely is that Mary Lou and Charles have made it a three-year project! The newlyweds are living in New York where Anne works for Christie's; son Charles is in his first year at U. Va.'s Darden School. And yet one more wedding story—this one is a doozy! From **Barbie Rockefeller Bartlett**: "Our younger son, Jonathan, was married to Paige England on September 20 in Richmond. The unexpected "guest", Isabel, turned a year's planning upside down. Everything was closed down, little

electricity, no water. But the church had electricity (God works in strange ways) and we were able to move the reception from the Richmond Country Club to a Disco next to the hotel! What a weekend. The bride and groom were remarkable...and thank heavens for good friends and family! Who says you can't plan a wedding in 24 hours?" On a less stressful note Barbie and Jim recently traveled to South America—Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, Buenos Aires and more.

Our inveterate traveler **Betty Stanly Cates** says her trip to Ireland in September was *absolutely fabulous!* Her group "walked through thousands of acres of private gardens, drank and dined with earls, knights and lords and were royally entertained in their homes." A few weeks later Betty attended a house party on St. Simon's Island hosted by **Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck. **Nancy Dixon Brown** and Don were there as well. Sue reports that she and Chuck are now full time on St. Simon's Island and are tearing down their current house and building a new one. They have three grandchildren who love to visit. The highlight of last fall was taking William, age 4, to his first Georgia Tech football game!

Julia Arnold Morey and Russ are also building a house in Lewes, a small historic seaside town in Delaware. Julia hopes to retire in early 2005 and move there. She reports it's all on one floor with nearby community swimming pools, tennis courts and fitness center so she can get in shape for the 45th! She suggests we plan a pre or post reunion trip to a spa—I think we ought to go visit Julie and Russ in Lewes! **Barbara Sullivan Wanamaker** is in the throes of renovation of her 30 year old home—"new kitchen, baths, siding, windows, probably should just have started over with a new house but they are hard to find on Long Island." She is still enthusiastically selling real estate and playing Grandma to two-year-old Matthew (from daughter Amy) who is expecting a sibling in April, 2004. Son Dave is in New York City and daughter Laura in Paris but plans to return home in April to marry Sebastien, a French chef.

Nikki Griess Deupree says now that she has retired from real estate and is back in the antiques business with Tom they are hardly ever home in CT—they spend time in their condo in Venice FL, travel to Sedona AZ to visit their daughter and grandchildren, antique shows and buying trips, and in January 2004 an exciting trip to the Antarctic. Their son Taylor, his wife and baby son Nicholas live close by, in Brooklyn. **Karen Gill Meyer** has taken on another huge project out in Phoenix, starting an Institute for Mental Health Research, the only one in the west. They were granted \$5 million matching funds from the State and have begun to hire scientists. Karen and Jim are both financial consultants with Smith Barney and collect contemporary art. They've recently had two house tours featuring their collections.

Jean Meyer Aloe spent two weeks in Tuscany in September attending a writing workshop. Jean had a poem published in the "Best of the Fairfield Review 1997-2002" last spring which was one of three to receive an Editors Choice Award. Jean planned to attend the December 6 opening of the new National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport where her father, a test pilot killed in 1945, will be listed on the Wall of Honor.

Margaret Milender Holmes and Tom were recently on a photo course/sightseeing/camping trip to Montana and the Dakotas. Maggie says she can still walk after a night in a tent—but just barely! She goes to North Carolina frequently to check on her Dad who lives there, still "fiercely independent." **Martha Kirchheimer Culbreth** sadly reported that her father passed away in Raleigh, NC, in October 2003 at the age of 92.

Our artists remain busy! **Laura Lee Brown** says she is painting as much as possible. She and Steve planned to travel to Cuba with their local museum group in December and had participated in many of the Lewis and Clark events, which took place in Louisville last fall. **Renee Regan Sage** reports from Adelaide, Australia, that she's "an extremely happy retiree, pursuing my love of art, mainly painting in oils but also

drawing and some sculpture." Check out Renee's talent on her website, www.reneesage.com. Most of Renee and Ed's children and grandchildren live nearby, the exception being son Chris, his wife and young son in Dale City, VA. Renee says, "All the young women in our family are career-oriented and have been very successful. I credit my enthusiastic and encouraging feminism to my years at SBC." **Mary Trabue Meyer** retired from the Nashville Public Library and is "recreating my life", spending time with her mom, babysitting her year-old grandson and working on a home studio to pursue her art interests. She had all her closets redone by a closet design company which meant "going through all my stuff—out with the old and in with the new!" Sounds good to me! **Anne Carter Brothers** says she "promised myself to do it someday so am heading for Longboat Key to paint daily without interruption for a few weeks in January. John will be in and out as he is still seeing patients but not operating."

And on the musical front **Nerissa vom Baur Roehrs** writes that her String Quartet, Op. 15, No. 1, debuted in August at the Royal Academy in London. A concert of her entire *oeuvre* will take place on June 10, 2004, to benefit the Robert and Clara Schumann House in Leipzig. Congratulations, Nerissa! **Pat Calkins Wilder** writes that she is "fully engaged with photography, proving that old dogs can learn new tricks! Am traveling more and ironing less which must be part of the formula for living well." Pat is working on a couple of photo projects, one in Mexico, the other in Italy, and looks forward to a trip to England next spring when daughter Kelley receives her Ph.D. from Oxford.

Valerie Elbrick Hanlon writes that she is no longer living in Washington but splitting her time between Paris in the winter and her country place in upstate New York, near Cooperstown, in summer where her youngest son, Nicholas, will be married in 2004. She is back to writing with several big projects nearing completion. Valerie says she just missed seeing **Chris Devol Wardlow** in Paris in

September—Chris spent a week in Valerie's apartment there. She did see Nerissa and Nerissa's daughter, Marina, who is studying at St. Andrews, and she reports she sees **Debby Doherty Geller** and her husband, Dan, regularly. Debby is a psychologist in Hartford with a thriving practice.

It's fun to hear who has run into whom—we do delight in meeting, even after many years and particularly when unexpected! **Tish Skinner Dace** said she saw **Gail Blanke Cusick** last spring and it was a treat. Tish's note, sent in November, came from New York where she had just returned from an international theatre critics trip to Bucharest. She was looking forward to returning to Bonaire as quickly as possible. **Mary Stollenwerck Lynch** reported that she "ran into **Cinnie Hooten Magowan** recently and she looked terrific! I hadn't seen her since she moved to California in the late 1960s." **Jane Goodridge** told of **Maxine Tichenor Greene's** recent visit to Charleston. "We had not seen each other since graduation but found each other immediately recognizable and we had a great time." Maxine, who lives in London, stays in touch with **Cathy Detmar Nicholls** who lives in Somerset, about four hours from London. Cathy and Jane correspond by e-mail. Another of our European contingent, **Harriet Reese Jensen**, writes, "I have nothing to add to the class news except to say that among my six grands there are now three little girls. Needless to say I have my fingers crossed that one of them will be interested in SBC at some point."

My former roomie, **Lee Kucewicz Parham**, called yesterday morning for a pre-Christmas check-in and to tell me she and John would be spending Christmas in Savannah, just the two of them, enjoying the holiday festivities there and a sumptuous Christmas dinner at one of Savannah's elegant B&Bs. **Lisa Wood Hancock** and Pete are off to Northern Virginia for the holidays—Pete recently retired with much fanfare in Lynchburg as he had been the Pediatrician of choice there for at least three generations—front page news article, etc. Today (Dec. 18) just happens to be Pete's 75th birthday

so *Happy Birthday, Pete*, and also to my husband, Heinz, who is 69 today (how did we manage to get married to all these old men?). Heinz and I are also running away from home for the holidays this year—next Sunday we board the Regal Princess for a 14 day cruise from Los Angeles to the Hawaiian Islands, stops at each island, and back to CA.

It's great to hear from everyone! Keep those cards, letters, e-mails, faxes and phone calls coming!

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We're straddling a new plateau. If we've retired, we're busier than ever and if we're not retired, we're thinking about it and designing our new life. One thing is really clear—grandchildren are sprouting up all over the place and, from all reports, it's bringing big smiles, until perhaps the last day of a visit, when you retire to the bath and bed. Herewith your news, edited with green ink instead of red to preserve the vitality and joy in your stories. It's clear that our SB years are helping us reinvent our lives every step of the way. **Alice Fales Stewart** is grateful to have her Navy son and "grand-dog" back safely from 18 months in Bahrain. "Whew! I get to see him a lot, which is lovely. I continue to work (but now only part-time) as a tour guide in DC showing school groups around and giving neighborhood and special interest walking tours (for example on German immigrant history). I love doing the research and I also enjoy the performance/public speaking aspect of it. My major hobby is now playing chamber music. I started studying violin 25 (!) years ago, and have improved enough to enjoy playing with several very amateur chamber groups. Plus I have a mini-garden and my new love is to putter in it and brag about my compost, which did it to my tomato, cucumber and summer squash plants what steroids do to athletes. I had quite remarkable return

on my tiny investment! Sweet Briarites I see regularly are my sister **Willia Fales Eckerberg** ('61), my Freshman roommate **Leezee Porter** (known at the time as Leaside Scott) who still sings and makes me laugh, and Janet West Garrett ('65) who has become my favorite walking companion either for doing the NY Marathon together (no kidding; we DID it!), or for going to the National Zoo to check on the progress of the latest baby elephant.

Marsh Metcalf Seymour: "My year has been a whorl of 'pictures in a lot of exhibitions' at the Freer and Sackler Galleries where I am a docent. I ran into Anne Little Poulet who curates the Houdon exhibition. Husband Jack is now in a new job after a stint as a Woodrow Wilson Scholar. We've enjoyed coast-to-coast travel in the US to visit friends and family. **Libby Kopper Schollaert** is teaching French and chairing the Foreign Language Department at Yorktown High School. Daughter Stephanie and Mete, and their two boys have moved to Arlington from Rhode Island. Her lap is happily full with grandchildren (including Chris and Laurie's two in Raleigh). Husband Jim retired from the Foreign Service and is now working for a lobbying organization. Son Charlie has also moved back to Washington from Colorado. Retirement and serious travel is on hold for the moment.

Caroline Keller Theus: Could you handle three weddings in one year? Caroline did. Three children decided to tie the knot in the same year. She talks to Susan Dwelle Baxter and sees Nancy Green and Susan Croft in the summer. She owns a plantation where a couple of buildings are a Bed and Breakfast Inn and the plantation itself is used for special occasions. When I asked her about coming to reunion, she said she'd think about it tomorrow... but we hope she'll decide to come. **Joan Moore Biddle** tells us that she'll be planning a wedding for her daughter this year.

Carrie Peyton Walker: Please understand that the pace of Carrie's life, travels, and associated stories extend way beyond the capacity of this publication. You'll just have to come to reunion. Here are a few highlights that

begin with eight short legs belonging to Fritz (11), an inherited daschund and his new pal Sasha (3 months). "It's a May-December romance, I guess you'd say. Our summer holiday this year was tailored for the four of us. Rick and I drove across California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and Kansas as far as Arkansas; on the return we drove from Arkansas through Missouri to Nebraska and South Dakota, to Wyoming, and back home through Utah and Nevada to California. The best part of it was we had three weeks and no schedule. We avoided big cities, taking instead back roads through fields and small towns. In Arkansas we found a great luxury cabin in the woods, perfectly appointed with a fireplace, a kitchen, a heart-shaped double jacuzzi and plenty of green trees. (We could have stayed a month!)" Then Carrie and Rick took a trip to France with Stuart (her first husband) and his Japanese wife, Keiko, "to celebrate Stuart's 60th birthday with two weeks of eating and drinking all over France at the best restaurants we could find. All four of us speak French so we feel very much at home there."

Elizabeth Matheson: I called Elizabeth Matheson and found **Helen Dunn** too. She had come down to see Elizabeth Matheson's photographic exhibit at North Carolina State—70 black and white photographs of all types (people, landscapes etc.). Elizabeth is not working full time any more but she's clearly not "retired."

Nancy Hall Green: "My year has been one principally of travel, mainly to Europe to our home in France. This coming year will be devoted to my volunteer activities, principal among which of course is the Sweet Briar Campaign. We need everyone's participation to keep this college moving forward."

Genie Johnson Sigler: I saw Genie and Bill briefly in New York. We recognized each other just fine after 40 years. Genie writes, "Bill and I are just old folks at home, I guess, and are enjoying it to the fullest! He has not retired yet; I have been "retired" for a long time! We went to France in May 2003 for a nice visit to Normandy and Paris and hope to return soon. My

college French is lacking, so one of my goals is to go back to school and brush up! It's amazing how much one forgets!" **Tina Patterson Murray**: My news is that I am still teaching full-time at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). I am in the communication skills department and got tenure last November. My granddaughter, Rory, is almost a year old. Renee and Brad, my daughter and son-in-law, opened a new restaurant on the upper East side of Manhattan called The Pioneer (betw. 74th and 75th at Third Ave.). They specialize in game and fresh water fish. Needless to say we eat there a lot. (*Ed. Note: I can recommend it!*) I plan to go to Romania this spring for a criminal justice conference. It will be held in Bucharest and should be very interesting. It is being organized by John Jay College and the FBI, Scotland Yard and the Romanian government. Brean and I got together with **Genie Johnson Sigler** and her husband Bill. Genie and I roomed together at SBC our sophomore year. We had a lot of laughs like old times. Genie plans to come to our SBC reunion and it will be her first time back for a reunion. My good friend **Donna Pearson Josey** will be spending more time in New York (as her husband passed away about a year ago making it easier for her to travel). So, it will be good to see her more often. (*Ed., As these notes go to press, we've learned that Brean, Tina's husband, passed away suddenly Christmas night. The funeral, attended by over 500 people, gave testimony to someone who supported and cherished friends and family above all else. We send Tina our deepest sympathies.*)

Sally Gump Berryman: Living a contented and grateful life on the farm she and Doc shared for so many years. She tends to dogs and horses, and is involved in the Nashville community. Twelve golfing grannies are off to Hilton Head in May. We need to send out a posse to encourage a Solution to the date conflict with reunion. She keeps in touch with **Stewart Baldwin Osmond** who she says is doing well in England. **Lynne Smith Crowe** is still working but managing a good bit of travel. "I was in Mexico in March to see the Monarchs as I reported in an earlier

SBC Alumnae Magazine, and I went to the Azores in September for ten days. That was great! I have two kids back in school now. My daughter is taking courses in photography in Boston and my oldest is in Budapest getting an MBA in international business.

Susan John Mancini: "Our Christmas was exciting as our daughter Mara Bell and son-in-law Derek brought (from Park Slope, Brooklyn) their 15 month old daughter Rosangelica to be with us and our son Nicholas and his wife Lori. She is our first grandchild and what a difference it makes to have a toddler around over the holidays. I'm on break from teaching at Ohio Wesleyan University (first and second year Italian classes). My husband who is retired from Ohio State University taught in the Italian School at Middlebury College this past summer, offering us another chance to see our granddaughter. We took advantage of a convention in Philadelphia to take the train to NYC for a visit and then have Thanksgiving together at the other grandparents' home in New Jersey." (*Ed: Now that Susan has confessed to trespassing very near my home, I hope to see her on her next trip to New Jersey—and at reunion.*)

Mary Duer Colen: I received a Christmas letter from Mary with a picture of her at her daughter Ambler's wedding. Yes, the bride was radiant but so was Mary. She looked lovely as ever in the family photo. "Ambler was married on Sept. 6 to a childhood sweetheart. They met at a Yacht club that my father founded when I was a child. We knew that he was going to propose (ring in hand) at the end of the dock—but Ambler didn't. After he had proposed several people stopped to say hello and Ambler kept her hand in her pocket until she could call her Mom (that's me) and tell me. It was a wonderful celebration. She lives here and her husband commutes from NYC where he is an Internet trader on Wall Street. We'll see how this evolves. Daughter Jennifer has moved to Philadelphia from Washington and is with Morgan Lewis Bacchius, a, if not the, leading law firm in the Philadelphia area. By

the time you read this, we will have two grandchildren as Joe's daughter is about to bring us a Christmas present."

Mary Fitzhugh Miller: "I retired from American Express in March 2003 and am loving it! Sam is still practicing law but has cut back his workload enough to engage in an orgy of travel with me. We have managed to visit all seven continents this year and a number of diverse ecosystems—Antarctica, Argentina, Tucson, Belfast, South Africa, Newfoundland & Nova Scotia, Southampton, Vancouver, Alaska & the Aleutian Islands, Kamchatka, the Kirile Islands, Kyoto, Fort Worth, Bordeaux and Madrid. Still to come: New Orleans and a Civil War tour to Mississippi. It has also been great fun being a tourist in NYC; **Laura Denman Cutick** and I have made several sightseeing and walking tour excursions around the city, with more planned. And, I'm in training to be a docent (interpretive guide) at the Bronx Zoo one day a week, bringing out the closet biologist in me. Also Sam and I are taking Italian one night a week; can't say we're ready to master the librettos at the Met yet, but it's great fun."

M.C. Elmore Harrell: "It is hard to believe that it has been nearly 40 years since we graduated from college. I just don't feel that old. After living in Maryland for over 30 years, I moved back to my hometown of Jacksonville, Florida in November, 2001. My mother was 98 at the time and I had the pleasure of sharing the past two years with her and celebrating her 100th birthday in July, 2003. She passed away just before Thanksgiving. She was a remarkable person. She learned to use a computer at the age of 95 and loved to send e-mails and surf the Internet. I am working for a Jacksonville CPA firm, with no plans to retire in the foreseeable future. In my spare time, I'll be planning my daughter's wedding." **Mary Deas (Boykin) Wortley:** "I'm busier since I retired than ever before, probably because the kids have all gotten married and started producing babies. We bought a crib, high chair, etc, but now we have to borrow extras from the neighbors when they all come at once, which they did this Christmas, including their dogs. They filled up the

house. I'm so glad somebody invented inflatable mattresses—perfect for toddlers, not just for sleeping, but also for bouncing and pillow fights. We had such fun and so many laughs together, but now that they have all gone home, I feel like I've just been through a hurricane. Next to being a granny, my second big thrill is art. I spend every spare minute painting, and am looking forward to spending a week in February studying with a great watercolorist. My husband Tom and I go to SC whenever possible to visit my family there. We have bought into a house on the beach at Jeremy Cay, where we all go a couple of times a year for big family vacations. I want the next generation to have the same experience of growing up in a close family... grandparents, cousins, aunts & uncles etc., all an important part of their lives. Not so easy to do these days, but we work at it."

Nancy Lynah Hood: "This has been a big year for us. Roger has retired from Oxford University after 30 years of running the Centre for Criminology, I turned 60, and we have moved to Hong Kong for this academic year while he takes up a Distinguished Visiting Professor post here at the University of HK. I have taken a year's unpaid leave from Oxfordshire County Council (also after nearly 30 years!) so am now ensconced in a university flat in a tall apartment block overlooking the shipping channel to HK harbour and the outlying islands. It is really interesting to be living a different kind of life! I could even get converted to apartment living. I finished a part time History of Art diploma before coming, so am working on learning something about Chinese art, and also preparing for an MA which I hope to do when we get back. Between the library, the gym, walks around the islands, and inspecting markets and shopping malls in advance of visits from family and friends, the time is flying!"

Rosamond Sample Brown I am thoroughly enjoying my extended sabbatical, which has turned into retirement. Of course I have to meet with my accountant every six months to determine how long this hedonist lifestyle can continue. (Not long at

my current pace, so I'll probably have to slow down). The past year has been terrific. Full of time with family and friends plus marvelous trips to Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Ireland, France, Italy, and Austria. When not out of the country, I am either in McLean, my townhouse in San Diego (where my older son works), or visiting family and friends in Arkansas. I never realized how popular I was when in San Diego. Last summer, everyone to whom I have casually mentioned that they should consider visiting me there booked a flight! I loved running a "B&B" and several friends have already made plans to visit me in San Diego this winter. Ya'll come...but book a reservation for the one guestroom."

Susan Dwelle Baxter: "By the time the magazine is out, Bill and I will have spent six weeks in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and then about three more weeks in Sullivan's Island for Bill's sabbatical leave from St. Thomas Church. I will continue to "do travel planning" on the road but we are looking forward to a little time away from the demands of parish life. We celebrate 25 years here next summer and Bill is taking this time away to see where we might like to retire in about 5 years. Our daughter, Lucy, has moved back to Baltimore and is going to graduate school in city planning, and our son, Parker, is finishing up Law School at NYU in May (which, unfortunately, will keep me from coming to reunion). I'll see Caroline Tate for a long weekend in February and I'm sure I'll see **Margaret Wilson** and **Harriet Shaffer** in Charleston. I had a wonderful visit in Provence, France with **Nancy Green** last summer, along with **Jane Wheeler**. I keep in touch with **Lee Huston Carroll** also.

Susie Glasgow Brown: "I am selling real estate with my oldest daughter Barbara Keith who has two boys, 5 and 22 months—so I am helping her a lot with childcare as well as selling property, which is fun!! Son Allen is married and he and his adorable wife live here, so I am lucky. Youngest daughter Happy is single and living in Crested Butte, Colorado. She loves it and we get to visit frequently—summers there

are the best! My parents are still fairly healthy and independent, thank goodness, at 87 and 85—I am so lucky to have siblings living nearby to pitch in when the old folks need us.

Sheila Carroll Coopider: Our second grandchild was born 12/15: Evan Alexander Gass, son of our daughter, Kathryn, and Roger Gass. Kathryn is taking a short break and will return as a speech and language pathologist in the area schools (O'Fallon, IL). Other daughter, LeaAnn, in finance with Qwest Telecommunications in Denver, and enjoys the outdoor life of Colorado. Chuck retired a year and a half ago—pilot with United Airlines—and loves "retirement." I am Assistant Priest and half time at Christ Episcopal Church in Spotsylvania Courthouse (Fredericksburg), VA—ideal! Travel a lot and love it!

Tappy Lynn: I'm happy not to be retired, but still teaching (since 1992, spring terms only) at the University of Miami, and occasionally at the Yale architecture school, at the pleasure of the Dean. Thank God for the escape from Connecticut winters. My magnolia blood grows thinner and thinner year-by-year. We STILL haven't gotten out the long-gestating book on Yale's architecture, which I've worked on with Vince (my husband), Paul Goldberger, and Erik Vogt for nearly 5 years now. It was supposed to come out for Yale's tercentennial in 2001. We're hoping for a legitimate 2004 publication date. Having spent my teenage years trying to get out of Lynchburg, I'm now scheming for time back there to be in my mother's very nice house, which I inherited upon her death in 2001. God willing, I'll get some time there to coincide with reunion this spring."

Tuck Mattern Harvey: "For me life is work, work, work! I am going on two years as Interim Dean of the College of Business Administration at Midwestern State University. We break ground in a few months for a \$17.6 million new building for our college, thus my desk is covered with plans and schematics. I have been travelling much too frequently all over the U.S. on school business. Someone once described a faculty member as "one who thinks otherwise" and managing 35 of them

makes me aware of the truth of that definition! We are an ornery bunch! It is fun but I have not applied for the permanent position and will be delighted to go back to being Associate Dean as soon as we can hire a new Dean. I keep talking about retirement but worry about what I would actually do with my time. I have been at the university for 22 years! Grandson Tucker (7) and granddaughter Mattern (6) keep me wishing for more time to play. Even though they live in Alexandria, VA, we get to spend a lot of quality time skiing Colorado in winter and at the Virginia lake house in summer. Our son Chandler is finishing his first year of surgical internship at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in North Carolina (this means that we seldom see him).

Vera LeCraw Caravaiolo: The highlight of 2003 for us was the marriage of our son Jean-Philippe to Aurélie Guizet. They had been dating steadily since they met in their first year of University in Paris. After obtaining five-year diplomas in Finance, they are now working in NYC, but plans are to return to France in a year or so. We all hope they will! Philippe and I are still working hard in our company. We very soon expect to see the end of a long court procedure, which ended in our favor. It has been a blessing to work together and be able to share the ups and downs and support each other. We did have a lovely two-week break in our beloved Evian during the August heat wave. We particularly appreciated the record-high temperatures of the water in Lake Geneva! **Anne Booth Hauser:** "I have finally "retired" from my job as a Historic Preservation Specialist for the Massachusetts Highway Department. The working situation got worse and worse under a series of Republican governors and I tired of the political power games. Also, Robert and I have had to live in two different places for almost twenty years because of our respective jobs and we just couldn't do it anymore. As soon as we are settled in one place (what a relief), I will have to sort out what I am going to "be" next. Can't totally stop working yet (or probably ever!). My late sister's

four children have all gotten married in the last three years so Robert and I have been country-hopping—to Big Fork, Montana; Minneapolis; San Francisco; and Napa for weddings. Great family gatherings. I am also now a great aunt twice, which sounds really ancient to me, much more than grandmother. I just got back from a trip to Minneapolis for a screening party for a feature film directed by my Los Angeles nephew. Mostly he directs wonderfully sophisticated and amusing commercials.

Peggy Aurand is enjoying her house and garden at Sugar Hill, north of Atlanta. "I've adopted two Bombay cats, Duffy and Purry Mason who provide many laughs. Every January, **Carroll Tiernan** and I enjoy getting together when she is in Atlanta on business. I'm still working at Latin American Pay Television, writing contracts, keeping the trademarks registered, and going after the occasional pirate." **Diane Hatch** is in some discomfort with back trouble and has moved to a townhouse condo in a beautiful setting with a park next to it for her dog. "He is a Cairn terrier named Brodie, almost four. We are like an old married couple. He is smart as a whip and a sweet rascal. If it weren't for Brodie, I know I wouldn't be good about taking my walks."

Betsy Pidgeon Parkinson writes that she is busy with volunteer work and granddaughters. "We had three within eight months, making five in all. All five were with us for a chaotic but wonderful Christmas." Her oldest daughter, Heather, has just had a first book published ("Redeeming Eve") and Betsy has written a book which she hopes to take to the next step very soon. **Grace Mary Oates:** Grace Mary and Wally had several trips to Italy this year and then this little trip to Idaho. Brace yourself, this one will surprise you. "The greatest adventure of the past year was not in Rome but in Idaho, where in August we spent a week with about twenty other brave souls (and with my brother Jim as study leader and guide) following the Lewis and Clark Trail over the Bitterroot Mountains. We spent four long days (8-10 hours) on horseback over difficult, demanding

terrain and camped at Lewis and Clark campsites for the night. This was not only the first significant riding I'd done in thirty-odd years but also the first camping I'd ever done in my life. It was a painful, dirty, exhausting, utterly glorious experience. We still can hardly believe that we survived." You'll have to come to reunion to hear Grace Mary's tales of Rome and Florence.

VM Delgreco Galgano: VM is busy with parents and grandchildren and especially reunion. She says the same things over and over. "We want a record turnout and the best time ever! If you've never come, it's time you came! Come enjoy and support this place we love." **Ginny deBuys:** "I'm commuting to New York every day from Lawrenceville, NJ. I'm taking sidelong glances at retirement, but expecting to work in some capacity for some years. I'm a technical writer (the only one) for a company that hopes to be the Microsoft of Wall Street. If you only send one Christmas card or email a year, please send one to your Class Secretary with your news. If something newsworthy happens during the year and you think of it, send it on and we'll put it in the next issue of the magazine. I'll end with a quote about reunion that I found in a book at a friend's house. It's from "The Kinship of Women" by Pat Ross (Andrews and McNeal). It's a collection of quotes. This quote is by Melinda Worth Popham and dated 1994. "The mood of a reunion is Fond. That's what it is. Like a strawberry dipped to the stem in a warm chocolate, you will be immersed in kindness and come away coated with it." That's the best invitation I can extend to all of you to come to reunion. See you there!

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Greetings to all during 2004. As busy-oriented as most of us are, a surprisingly large number of class note responses came via traditional mail.

Marilyn Moran Goerler of New York was the first to respond, sending a terrific picture of 8 year old son Chris on Santa's knee. She is doing well with her advertising business, and traveled to Punta Cana (in the Caribbean, Marilyn?) in February 2004 to get away from the NY snow.

Ann Kiley Crenshaw, now of Virginia Beach, VA where she had taken a new job, writes that she and her family were in midst of major renovations to their "new and final" home, moving from Winchester, VA. Her son Clarke, Jr. is 2nd year at UVA, and Gordon is in 9th grade at Woodberry Forest.

It was good to hear from **Jill Sawicki**, now in Carpinteria, CA for the past 10 years with partner Jennifer and 5 pets. She's been teaching 2nd grade in Santa Barbara to principally Hispanic students, "challenging, but I love it." Previously, she had lived in Tokyo for

several years, and Chicago.

Sharon Ruvane of Avon, CT visited with **Debbie Mutch Olander's** family's open house at New Year's in Buck Hill Falls, PA. Sharon was able to introduce her children, Gretchen, now a sophomore at Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland, and son Harry, a senior at Cheshire Academy in CT. She is in private practice as a speech language pathologist, and is making Avon home after 17 years in Stowe, VT.

Carol Wilkinson is (gasp!) talking about retirement! Can it be that soon already for some of us? Carol has 24 years in with the State of Alaska, promoted to the Petroleum Land Manager last year. She and husband Gordy are planning summers in Alaska and winters in Costa Rica, but first a 10th wedding anniversary in March, 2004.

Robin Rodgers Heller writes that life at their house isn't "exciting," but it certainly sounds satisfying. Her children are in middle school, 7th and 6th grades. They took a family vacation to the Florida Keys, are very much into sailing with the family, and both Robin and husband are the co-chairs of this year's Detroit Yacht Club Junior Sailing program. Robin is very much with volunteer work for Junior League, Planned Parenthood, her alma mater University Liggett School, and the Detroit Institute for Children.

Marshá Taylor Horton and husband Bobby welcomed Jasmine Marie-Louise ("Jazz") Horton July 5th of 2003 to join active 4 yr old brother Sam! Marshá travels—widely—for her work as a consultant for the US Dept. of Education, and blesses her child care provider. She keeps up with Debbie Mutch Olander, Lochrane Coleman, Keele Grones and Linda-Jean Smith when time allows.

Kay Ellis Hopkins greets all from Dallas, still with Neiman Marcus, still with husband Joe—25 years!—and they have a commuter marriage with Joe working in Houston. Daughter Sarah graduated from Texas A&M in marketing, middle daughter Beth is a junior at same in speech communications, and son John, a junior, plays HS basketball and is thinking about college choices—maybe

including basketball.

Kelsey Canady Griffio-Grice apologizes for leaving reunion so early, but was getting married to Chuck Grice the following weekend. They live in VA Beach where Chuck has a yacht brokerage, and Kelsey tries to paint and play tennis while juggling schedules for daughter McKenzie, 16, a dancer, singer and actress, and son Parker, 14, who balances life around 5 or 6 sports.

Susan Verbridge Paulson still lives in Colorado Springs, CO, where she is a middle school assistant principal, and her husband is pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Denver. Daughter Cristina is a junior at Tulane, and son Danny is a high school senior.

Liz Farmer Jarvis is full of news. She is publishing her second pictorial history book on the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia, and very much enjoyed the research. Oldest daughter Judy is a freshman at Vassar, Anne is enjoying High School, and son Alex is in 8th grade, timed out from sports with a foot injury. Husband Andrew continues to work in cancer care architecture. She saw **Lisa Schubert**, who has joined SBC Friends of Art Board, and is the project director for a new museum of Tibetan art opening in NYC—"a very big deal." She reports that **Holly Weaver Kenreich**, in Savannah, is doing well as the financial officer for a foundation, is a Master swimmer, and her husband and 2 children are doing well. She saw **Jill Wentorf Wright** at Devon Horse Show; Jill is a landscape designer in Old Chatham, NY. Jill's daughter Catharine is becoming an accomplished horsewoman, just like mom, and is nationally ranked in junior show jumping—and the husband and son are doing well, too.

Meg Shields Duke writes that she and husband Jamie are attending 2 sets of east coast lacrosse games—for son Jamie at Middlebury and daughter Margo at Dartmouth. The last but not least child, Caroline is now a HS sophomore. Meg co-hosted with **Mary Beth Hamlin** a luncheon in St. Louis to start an SBC chapter there, and really enjoyed time with **Ann Stryker Busch** and Mary Dubuque Desloge

'75. Question of the day was how best to celebrate the BIG 50th birthday so many of us now celebrate—she suggested all meeting at **Kit Newman Detering's** "Hart & Hind" Spa in Texas. The Shields-Duke family skied along with **Caroline Bickel McLoughlin's** family in Vail, and were able to spend New Year's Day with **Lisa Nelson Robertson's** family.

Missy Brisco McNatt's son Cameron graduates from Yale in May 2004 with a degree in electrical engineering, planning to work for some years, then perhaps grad school. Daughter Marisa is a freshman at Davidson College, along with **Pam McDonnell Hinsley's** daughter Charlotte. Missy teaches history at the Calverton School, and pursues a Masters in Leadership Teaching from Notre Dame College in Baltimore.

Remember **Lynn Kahler Rogerson's** wee dark-haired sprite of a daughter Olivia at Reunion? She begins kindergarten this Fall 2004, and skis with her mom. Lynn's job takes her to Honolulu to open a show at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, and spring 2004 takes her to Bruges, Copenhagen, and Paris. Lynn, can I have your job?

Not previously reported, **Sally Berriman** suffered a relapse of her leukemia, and underwent a bone marrow transplant. A year after her transplant, Sally met her donor, Colin, a young Canadian man, when he visited her and husband Stephen Brown in Denver, CO. They have since visited Colin in Calgary and were able to visit with **Cheryl Lux** and family on their ranch in MT. Sally is recovering from back-to-back hip replacement surgeries which were necessitated by a side effect of steroid use to combat the graft vs. host disease following her transplant. Fortunately their new house has a master suite on the main floor. Sally is the president of a nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to cancer patients in CO. In March 2004, Sally and her husband are expecting their first grandson, Noah.

Laurie Lenkel writes that her life is good, and she enjoys her job as regulatory counsel at the Food and

Drug Admin, FDA, outside DC. She travels frequently to NYC, which brings her back to loved ones.

Cynde Seiler Eister's business is now online at www.thebathshoppe.com. She and her husband enjoy more time to themselves, with son Ron and daughter Sarah attending Randolph-Macon College, and daughter Laura will soon be searching out college choices. She had lunch with Sally Kennedy McGroarty '77, "it was as if 20 years hadn't passed!" She also keeps in touch with Mr. van Dyne, who is retired and living in FL.

Carrington Brown Wise of Richmond, VA continues "to teach music to little boys at St. Christopher's Lower School and I LOVE what I do." Her accompanist for a music recital in Lexington, VA was Dr. Allen Huszti, still at SBC after his first year in 1972 along with us. Daughter Annie is SBC class of 2006. Son Henry is VMI class of 2005. Daughter Elizabeth, 15, spent time in studying in Germany, and "seems glad to be back home." Husband Alex will break ground in 2004 for the National Civil War Center in Richmond.

A card from **Norris Judd Ferguson** of Corpus Christi, TX finds that with daughters Katie in HS and Cecily in middle school, she has more time for her appraisal and consultation business. Husband Grant is still at EOG, formerly Enron Oil & Gas, and is studying for his MFA in photography. They still sail, and spent a family trip in Vancouver BC summer '03, hiking in the beautiful provincial parks.

Lochrane Coleman Smith in Birmingham, AL was greeted by 50 retro-pink plastic flamingoes gracing her yard on her 50th birthday (and they say flowers say it all!). She is looking forward to the 100th birthday with this sort of fanfare. Both Lochrane and husband are working hard "so they can send their 16-year old to the college of her choice." They all spent 4 days before Christmas '03 in Williamsburg, "a perfect place to be at Christmas time."

Tricia Cassidy Higgins O'Callaghan (does this sound Irish?) is the Dep. Co. Attorney in Westchester Co, NY, specializing in child abuse and

neglect cases. Her son Timothy Higgins is now a freshman at Holy Cross. Tricia and husband Harold have spent time visiting **Tracy Markey Shaw** in Atlanta, and **Katy Mikkell Corcoran** and **Laura Lee Bost** in Charlotte, NC. They hosted **Kari Andersen Shipley** and husband John at their place in Nantucket, and also Tricia sees **Kate Kelley Smith** and **Janet Grainger Thompson**. I propose to volunteer Tricia for the next Reunion committee.

A card from Winnetka, IL tells me that **Melanie Coyne Cody** continues to work as a headhunter in the advertising business in Chicago. Daughter Caitlin, 20 is a junior at Kenyon. Sarah, 17, is a senior at North Shore Country Day. Husband Bob passed level III of the CFA exam. Melanie volunteers at Christ Church in vestry work, and is on the Woman's Board of Winnetka House.

Ann Works Balderston has had a busy year. Daughter Sarah, 18, accepted early decision to Denison Univ., Maggie, 16, is a member of her school's a capella girls' ensemble, and son John, 12, acts in community theater and plays squash. Ann is President of the Board of Trustees at Allendale Columbia School. The family spent June and July '03 at their Sky Ranch, in Moose, WY. She and husband Bin went back for 10 days in October, as "it's our favorite place to be."

Kari Andersen Shipley has had an active year. Her oldest 2 boys are now business majors at Florida colleges, her youngest son is a junior in HS. Kari has been working on 8 fund-raises this past year, and she and her brother gutted and remodeled the boys' wing of their house—plumbing, wiring, roofing, the works. She has had more knee surgery, and has traded tennis for golf. She mentioned that the "1st thing I did after completing the renovation was to hang a new painting by famous SBC artist Angela Scler." She is also in touch with Cindy Webb, Linda Guardabassi, and Paula Brumm—and wishes Paula a happy 50th. I nominate Kari to the next Reunion committee, too.

Virginia Spangler Polley, Lookout Mountain, TN writes that she and husband David are doing well

and are planning a trip to Scotland in spring, '04. Ginny writes that their son, Frank, won third place in the World Championship with his Hackney road pony, and they followed the show circuit all last year. She celebrated her 50th in Jan., '04 with a family party.

Demi Georgis Bowles Lathrop and husband Tom took 2 of their children, Henry, 19 and Nellie, 15, along with Demi's mom, to Barcelona, Spain to visit Tom's son Chris, 23, and joined up with Demi's brother Bill from NYC and all had a wonderful time. Demi and husband are "empty nesters"—that means dinner à deux, dinners out with friends, movies, and traveling all over the country to keep up with family—5 children between them. Home is San Francisco.

Ookie Hays, ok, **Martha Hays Cooper**, from Nashville, writes that husband Jim was re-elected to represent the 5th congressional dist, in the US House of Reps, after an 8-year hiatus in the business world, previously serving in the US House for 12 years.

Their daughter, Mary, 13, is 1st year at Groton, and sons Jamie, 12, and Hayes, 8, are in school in Nashville.

Sally Old Kitchin's daughter, Mariah, is graduating from SBC Class of 2004. This was her last season of Lacrosse, the last year of Field Hockey, the last semester, and the bittersweet last of Sally's "extra four years" at SBC.

Nursat Aygen called, and is living in Alexandria, Va. She teaches high school students, and traveled to Portland, OR to see her mother and sister, who teaches at Reed College. Nursat wishes everyone well and sends her greetings.

We've had a couple of "benchmark" years here in MT. Both my husband's parents died within 8 months of each other, in late 2002 and 2003, and we are settling 2 estates. They were not only my in-laws, but my next-door neighbors, my business partners, and my mom-in-law was one of my best friends. We keep going forward, raising Charolais cattle, keeping the family tradition going despite challenges of drought, forest fires, and volatile ag markets. My husband continues to serve in the MT state senate, now for 20 years, unopposed in this current

election. Daughter Elizabeth, 11, participates in 4-H, Little League, basketball, the Destination Imagination program, piano, writes short stories, and is in 5th grade. Son Adam, 15, is a freshman at Augusta HS, takes tae kwan do, piano, and 4-H and continues to make amazing progress in life, although handicapped with Asperger's Syndrome, a type of high-functioning autism. I serve on our local Community Foundation board, sing in the community choir, experience the "alternative universe" life of a political spouse, and like all of us, try to find enough time to keep it all together.

Our class's deep condolences to **Debbie Mutch Olander**, whose father passed away suddenly in early October of 2003.

Our classmate **Debbie Vatterott** died July 8, 2003. We remember Debbie as bright, sunny, always "best-dressed", famous for never spending a weekend at SBC, and for being a good and thoughtful friend. A special thank you to Meg Shields Duke for sharing her obituary.

Thank you all for your time and your generosity in sharing your news with us. Viva la SBC.

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We received holiday greetings from **Lisanne Purvis Davidson** and **Katie Renaud Baldwin**. Lisanne is the General Counsel for TexasBank in Fort Worth. She switched to private banking about a year and a half ago

from the FDIC. Her husband still teaches drama and film. Her son Donald is in the 8th grade and her son, John, is in the 5th grade. Katie spent Christmas at her family's farm in Oregon. Katie's daughter, Amanda, a high school senior, is interested in the medical field and plans to go to school in Oregon to be closer to her horse. Her younger daughter, Emily, is in eighth grade and plays basketball and volleyball. Both girls have excellent grades! Katie is looking forward to a family reunion this summer.

Carol Baugh Webster sent us her Christmas newsletter! She and husband, Tim, lead busy lives! Carol wrote about her two stepsons, Brandon and Blake. Brandon and his wife, Angie have two sons, Logan and Evan (the newest at 2 years old). Evan has just learnt to say "Oma and Opa" which is what Carol and Tim decided to be called. This is "Grandma and Grandpa" in German. Blake is hoping to play football in college but has not decided where yet. He is being recruited by several schools. Carol and Tim have enjoyed several Windjammer vacations. She raved about the trip to San Blas Archipelago which she said was "spectacular!"

Susan Negaard Harley still works as Director of International Marketing at Cardinal Health and loves the extra time with Andrew (10) and Caroline (8). In September, **Maggie Laurent Gordy** and **Betsy Wood** met Susan in Chicago for a long girl's weekend. They stayed at Susan's house in Lake Bluff and also downtown so they could shop, see the Art Institute and do an architectural boat tour, and shop some more! They had a great time. Susan also enjoyed seeing and reconnecting with classmates at our reunion!

It was great to hear from **Lu Litton Griffin**. She and her family lead very busy lives in Valdeese, NC! Lu enjoyed bringing her daughter, Sarah (12), to reunion. Lu's husband, Alan, and her son, Ivey (9), had a Cub Scout commitment they couldn't miss that weekend. Lu stays busy with her church, Waldensian Presbyterian as well as their Presbytery. Alan and Lu have grown much through their experience with the Disciple classes

and Lu has continued work with a small group studying Beth Moore's Bible Study series. Lu's business life includes offering fundraising, developing and marketing services to local non-profits. Lu has completed work for the local hospice, the United Way, a halfway house for those in recovery and most recently, a multicultural center working with the Latino community. She reports that it is very exciting work and gives her the flexibility she needs with her family. Sarah and Ivey continue at the Children's School in Morganton, NC with Sarah in the 7th grade and Ivey in 4th. Both children enjoy piano and Sarah has added the flute. Sarah and Lu had the pleasure of joining Sarah's sixth grade class in Paris, the week after reunion. Ivey and Lu joined Ivey's class in November for a week studying the Outer Banks of NC. Sarah's class will venture to Washington, DC in late April of '04. Lu described the homes that Alan builds as "spectacular" in the Linville area. Alan will be inducted as the national president of the MCAA (Mason Contractors of America) in Las Vegas in March of '04. Lu related more news about Alan involving a copperhead! Apparently, Alan was bitten by a copperhead at the family lake house and, fortunately, was rushed to a local hospital. He is much wiser about where he steps, now!

Lu enjoyed hearing from several classmates, including **Sue Griste Russell**, **Jean Beard Barden**, **Cece Garcia-Tunon Lear** and **Julia Sutherland** over the holidays. I talked with **Sue King**, recently. Sue specializes in corporate and securities law and has her own law practice in Washington! She lives in Alexandria and owns a horse that she boards in Clarksburg, Maryland. Sue stays very busy at her work but does keep in touch with **Susie Heitmiller Busch**. I also talk on occasion with **Jamie Murray Soper**. Jamie and her husband, Jack, are enjoying farm life in Ware, MA. Jack holds a job in the tech field while Jamie recently received a grant to teach schoolchildren about farming and raising farm animals. She loves her community and working from home!

I enjoyed **Barbara Behrens**

Peck's news! Barbara is also a North Carolinian who loves her Greensboro home. She especially enjoyed Robin's party at the pavilion before the reunion started. She thought that Robin did such a wonderful job of pulling everyone together and thought that our class is composed of a "very special group of women!" Barbara and her family had a wonderful summer, swinging through Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont as they do every year. Barbara's daughters, Sarah (14) and, Haley (almost 10), attend Greensboro Day School and love it there. The girls get out before Memorial Day and Barbara is thinking about Italy as a destination. The family did plan to go to Park City, Utah, for spring break. Barbara has done a lot of volunteering in both the Greensboro community and at school. She has also tried to set time aside for her painting. She went with a friend to Taos, New Mexico this past fall to a painting workshop. She hopes to keep painting this spring. Barbara's husband, Jeff is still keeping his head above water in the textile industry. His company, Burlington Industries, has gone through some "tumultuous" years but things look good, now, so they remain committed to staying in Greensboro. Barbara invites those who are passing through Greensboro to look her up!

We finally heard from **Sally Polson-Slocum**! Sally is Sr. VP of a National Healthcare company running Sales, Marketing and Customer Service. She travels around the country working with her sales force and clients. Bill, her husband, is an International Consultant specializing in Russia and the newly independent countries. His work is fascinating but Sally says, what is most fascinating, is coordinating their schedules to spend time with their son, Steven (12), who is an amazing golfer and student. They do enjoy using their frequent flier points to travel around the world and, especially, to golfing destinations. As a side note, Sally and I found out that we live just down the road from one another! We had a fun lunch in January and enjoyed talking about college experiences as well as our careers and families. Sally did enjoy the Sweet Briar

dinner held at the Mayflower Hotel in June, shortly after our reunion. There, she enjoyed talking with **Dorothy Lear Mooney** and her sister-in-law, Jane Mooney '77. She hopes to become more active with alumnae in the area. In the meantime, Janet and I have organized the first of hopefully, many more class dinners to come, in Fairfax in February. If any of you are in the DC area, please feel free to contact us to get more information regarding these dinner events!

We encourage you to write in with updates and your notes. Email makes it easy! Have a great New Year!

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It's been so much fun hearing from our classmates! Let's make an effort to connect with as many of our SBC friends as possible before our 20th reunion.

Tracy Tigerman Shannon is still teaching school and her husband, John, manages a retail store. Ryan is now 8 years old and doing straight A work in school. He is in the gifted program and has developed an interest in military history. Kaitlyn is almost 2 and promises to be as gifted. Tracy's family is planning a trip to Pearl Harbor for next summer. **Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz** has invited the

class of 1988 to her beach house in Jacksonville FL for a mini-reunion. Start thinking about traveling to Florida for some time in Spring 2005. Kathryn is busy coaching soccer for her kids—Kacki, 12, twins Burgen & Webb, 9 and Chandler, 5.

Martha Graeber Thomas is living in Tyler, Texas. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 15 years. They have two daughters: Kaitlin, 12, and Elizabeth, 10. Martha works at the middle school and enjoys playing taxi driver for her girls to soccer, basketball, cheerleading and school functions. They have shown an interest in Sweet Briar for equestrian studies—let's cross our fingers! **Rosaria Putz** is working at Sweet Briar as the branch libraries assistant. When she was hired, there were 3 branch libraries—Science, Music and Art. In July 2003, the Science library was incorporated into the main library. She enjoys the work and reports that she is constantly challenged. She also enjoys making a contribution to SBC.

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov and her husband, Max, are living in Englewood, NJ and celebrated their son Terry's first birthday on January 25th. She is still working in New York City. She left L'Oreal a few months ago and is now a Senior VP and Managing Director at DeVries Public Relations. She keeps in touch with Brooke Haw Spencer ('89), Margaretta Colangelo ('87), and had the pleasure of crossing paths professionally recently with Paula Veale ('86).

Amy Gould-Pilz is living with her husband, Josef, and daughter, Maddie, on what they have dubbed the "family ranch" in a rural part of Southern California called Bonsall. They have land and 2 houses that they bought with her parents and all four generations live together—from her grandmother who is 100 to her daughter who is 8, plus a horse and many dogs. They really enjoy it! Her husband is Executive Chef for a nearby resort and she is a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at her daughter's school. She sends her best to her Boxwood roomies and hopes to make a future reunion!

Mary Nelson Densmore Notaro

is married to Mike and lives near Tuscaloosa, AL with her two daughters, Hannah, 10 and Rosie, 5. Mike is the Upper School Director and Athletic Director for Tuscaloosa Academy and Mary spends much of her time volunteering there. She sees **Jenn Gregory Mosher** at least once a year. She also sees **Ashley DeVan** quite often. Jenn lives in Andover, MA and Ashley is in Santa Barbara, CA and living with **Melinda Williams**.

Caroline Corum reports in that the Seattle SBC Club had a holiday luncheon on 12/29/03 at the Harbor Club in Bellevue. She saw Christine Canterbury '91 who is expecting her 3rd child in March. She received a Christmas card from **Lee Ann Conard** who is a physician in Morgantown, WV. Caroline is also talking about a mini-reunion with **Beth Stookey Sargent** and **Cecilia Moore** in 2004 to celebrate knowing each other 20 years. Can it be 20 years already?!

Denise Landau-Blind is relieved that life is getting back to normal at her house. Her 8-year-old son, Tyler, fell on the playground and ruptured his spleen in Sept. He was in the ICU for a week and out of school for a month. He was not allowed to play sports for four months, which turned out to be the hardest part for him! He was involved in fall baseball, bowling and soccer when the accident happened. Chelsea missed her brother and wouldn't even ride her bike without him. Her entire kindergarten class made cards for him. Their family is now looking forward to skiing as often as possible and a long overdue vacation to St. Kitts/Nevis.

Mariam Kahn jokingly reports that she will "start the society of daughters of Nawabzadis" if she doesn't get a job soon! **Praka Punniamoorthy Sahi** is living in Kirkland, WA—just ten miles from Seattle. She is a dentist in a couple of practices and her husband is an internist who is working at a hospital in Seattle. They have two sons who are 6 and 3 years old.

Tina Savage Lytle and her husband, JD, are kept on their toes by daughters Lucie, 6, and Leslie, 3. School, Brownies, soccer, ballet and Irish dance classes are just a few of the activities that keep them occupied.

JD is really enjoying the move to UBS and they were able to celebrate the holidays without contractors underfoot this year. She is completing her term on the church's vestry and is now serving on the advisory committee to the Alexandria School Board. Visits with family and friends have taken them to Newport, Florida and the Outer Banks. Christina notes that even though there were only a few of us at the 15th reunion, it was great to see everyone and catch up! Hopefully when our 20th rolls around (Did I say 20th!?) a few more of us will be able to head back in person and not just in spirit. Tina keeps in touch with classmates **Heather Shettle Witherspoon**, **Mary Alyce Keyser Corbett**, **Elizabeth Belser Kistler**, **Katie Keogh**, **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**, **Stacey Sickels Heckel** and **Paige Taylor Hall**. '87, **Stacy Lee Pae** '87, **Susan Marshall Lawrence** '86, **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan** '92 and of course, her sister, **Renee** also '92.

Lisa Tennant just celebrated her fifth year as an accountant with AIM investments. She is also involved with Junior League and constant home remodeling. She would love to hear from her classmates! **Nancy McDonald** recently left the software industry and has completed her Masters in Education. She is now teaching third grade in Darien, CT. **Alex Ritter** is still living in DC and working on her law degree. She will be interning with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in the spring and she is really excited about it.

Lisa-Ann Strong Acquario is living with husband, Stephen, and her sons **Stephen Jr**, **4**, and **Jack**, **2**, in Loudonville NY. **Julie Martin Collins** has two sons: **Christopher** is in 3rd grade and **Joseph** is 4. They recently moved into a new home in Murfreesboro and are looking forward to settling in. **Eilyn Palermo Theophilopoulos** and husband, **Dean**, have four children. **Joi**, **Ty** and **Alex** welcomed **Drew** on Oct. 14th.

Stephanie Sprouse and her son, **Jackson**, are enjoying their family and the snow in CT—but they are looking forward to the upcoming beach season! She is now employed with a start-up company in her hometown of

Fairfield and she just moved into an old house. She is also back to running her old pre-marathon schedule and having fun dashing around with the jog stroller as **Jackson** identifies the passing cars. **Jackson** is enjoying preschool and **Stephanie** is enjoying spending time with her family and friends. **Stephanie** is looking forward to our 20th!

Kim Brettnall Shinn and husband, **Scott**, have five children: **Willie** (11), **Michaela** (9), **Brinton** (5) and twins **Sydney** and **Bradley** (3). They are all very involved with horses and sports.

Kelly Brown Varga and her husband, **Geoff**, welcomed a new baby, **Owen Geoffrey** on Nov. 9th. He joins brother **Jack**, **7**, and sister **Emery**, **6**. **Erica Hennig Subramanian** gave birth to **Lauren Elise** on Sept. 7th. She has decided to stay at home for a year. Her in-laws are visiting from Malaysia and have really enjoyed their first grandchild.

Polly Sattler is working as a lobbyist for Georgia Conservation Voters on environmental issues. She keeps in touch with **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Katrina Evans Gatti**. **Kathryn Ingham Reese** is busy following her daughters, **London**, **4**, and **Elliot**, **2**, around. She is still teaching 3rd grade at Tower Hill School. This is her 11th year teaching children and she is also teaching a class at Wilmington College. She loves the diversion! Her husband, **Bart**, is in the process of opening a new school in Wilmington that is an independent high school for students with diagnosed learning differences.

Paige Shiller Okun gave birth to her second son, **Mason** just before Christmas. He joins big brother, **Bennett**, 3½. **Katie Keogh** was recruited to a new real estate company and things are going well. The company is Brandywine Fine Properties and they are exclusive agents of Sotheby's International Realty. Her house is under its third renovation and her kids are doing well. They are now in 5th grade, 3rd grade and pre-K.

Mary Halliday Shaw is still living in San Diego. Her twins, **Jack** and **Mike**, just turned 12 and her other son, **Kevin**, is 8. She is still teaching but only as a substitute this year to

allow her more time to volunteer at the boys' school. The entire family enjoys skiing in the winter and surfing in the summer. **Maia Free Jalenak** finished her master's degree in art history in May and started a new job in Sept. as the Assistant Director for the Louisiana State University Museum of Art. Her 10-year old son, **Jack**, and 4-year old daughter, **Nina**, keep her busy as well.

Laura Dean Golias has been married to **Joe** for 3 years. They both had gastric bypass surgery in 2003 and she has lost 62 pounds and her husband has lost 151 pounds! Their goal is better health and longer life. **Laura** also had surgery on her arm/hand to correct a compressed nerve. They traveled to NJ/NYC to see **Joe's** family and she had a chance to see British singer/songwriter **Robyn Hitchcock** play live at The Bottom Line. **Joe** plans to get his MA in History and they haven't ruled out having children. She'd love to hear from her classmates at gruntydawahawg@verizon.net.

Staci Stockburger Fritzges and her family recently moved to Conway, Arkansas so that **Chris** wouldn't have to commute to UCA from Little Rock. **Andrea Fraley** and her husband, **Jerry**, moved to Grand Cayman, British West Indies. **Andrea** left New York City after 2 years working for SOM on Wall Street. She is now designing residential/mixed use commercial and enjoying life on seven-mile beach.

Susan Detweiler reports that she has made the long-term move to Jackson, WY, after becoming certified by the American Mountain Guides Assn. She is a guide for The America's most prestigious guide service, **Exum**. She spent the winter "on the ice" in Antarctica and loved the adventure! She is at **McMurdo**, the main US station. There are about 1100 people stationed there during the summer. Most of them are support staff like **Susan** while others are scientists, artists and writers. She has learned about staying safe on glaciers and survival skills for super cold weather. Her job is as a Field Safety Instructor—part of a search and rescue team to protect the scientists in residence. After this adventure, she plans to climb in New Zealand and Australia. She loves

hearing from classmates and she sends fascinating updates from her travels: suzndt@yahoo.com

Eden Zuckerman Brown and her husband are doing well in Arlington. They are gradually renovating their condo. **Bill** recently took a new job as the Department Head of the Forensic Psychology Program at Argosy University. He is still in private practice with **Eden** in the evenings. **Eden** is doing some respecialization in Sports Psychology, in particular addressing lifestyle management and increasing healthy nutrition and exercise in people's lives.

Julie Lindauer Jacobson enjoys the variety of working in Cardiology at the VA Medical Center and with the PA students from Emory. She recently returned from a journey to Ethiopia, visiting friends and glimpsing the health care system there—both a wonderful and wearisome adventure!

Jennifer Bach Rosen and her husband, **Rob**, had a chance to visit with **Grace Quick Thompson** and her husband, **Jeff**, in October when they were in New Orleans for a meeting. She reports that **Grace** looks fantastic and that they had a blast catching up and exchanging tidbits about their kids.

Stacey Sickels Heckel wrote: Fun stuff happening in my world. Figure skating is a family affair for us. My figure skating team, **Ice Force One**, will go to Nationals this year in San Diego. I'll meet up with my sister, **Susan Sickels Dyer**, in competition as she is on a synchronized team from Seattle. My Mom skates on a team called "Capitol Classics." My SBC English Major got a workout this month as I wrote an article for *Washington Woman* magazine in January that resulted in an NBC News feature. You can read the article and view the link on our website: www.iceforceone.org.

Kent (7) and **Leland** (5) enjoy school and many activities (including skating). They are attending the school where I work as Development Director. My Life Coaching business, **Coaching Arena.com**, continues to grow.

Kelly Meredith Iacobelli love hearing from everyone! **John** and I are trying to keep up with our two year old, **Kathleen**. I'm working

at Carter's Childrenswear and loving it. I'm managing the call center and the web site as well as marketing communications.

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It was great to hear from so many of you on such short notice. Thanks to all of those who helped spread the word about not having postcard reminders. Hopefully, I can work all of the kinks out of the system for the next round. Here's the news...

Stephanie Berger has been living in D.C. and opened her own political fundraising firm last January, focusing on Democratic clients. She sees **Jen Kemper** every six weeks. She is a wonderful mother of a future Sweet Briar girl named Tatum. **Charlotte Sanders** has finished traveling the country for Lexis-Nexis for a few grueling years and is very happy now in civil service comfort working as a librarian for the San Francisco Public system. She also helps run (and plays in) an Ultimate Frisbee league and has enjoyed recent visits from old roomie **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** and **Amber Vellenga**. She also keeps in touch with **Elizabeth Clark**.

Mary Lanford Price and husband Tim are still trying to get in the Guinness Book of World Records for the number of times a couple can move in one lifetime, or in one marriage. Was this most recent upheaval the fifth move in

seven years, or was it the sixth? At the end of May they moved from Orange County, VA, back to her hometown of Lexington, VA. She is writing for *The News-Gazette*, which is Lexington's weekly newspaper, while Tim drives an hour each way to his job as a computer programmer in Harrisonburg. She says that it's truly wonderful to be home and close to family again. No kids, but four cats enliven their house.

Wendy Pressel Sullivan is very busy with daughter Elizabeth (5) and is expecting baby number 2 in August 2004. The Sullivans vacationed in February with Mickey and Minnie in Orlando. Elizabeth loved every minute of it! Wendy says that Biff is fine and his store is doing well. She also reports that she lives 2 doors down from Christina Feldcamp ('89). Their daughters are great friends. Looks like two more Briar girls in the making! For Christmas the Sullivans headed to TN to be with Biff's family. It was the first time all were together in 13 years. **Ashley (Quarrier) Moran** and husband Eamon moved from Minneapolis, MN back to the Detroit, MI area last May and are really loving it. A job change for him. He is working for an automotive supply company handling all of their Mergers and Acquisition deals. They have a 3 year old daughter, Meredith, who keeps them busy and is a complete joy. They are expecting their second baby at the end of January and are very excited. Ashley is a stay at home mom and also reps a children's clothing line from New York out of the house. Ashley and Eamon are celebrating their 10 year anniversary in early January—how's that for scary! Time goes by so fast!

C. Tavi Goslaw helps manage a catering company in Annapolis, MD and still resides on the eastern shore. She still rides in her free time and travels to Denver several times a year. She still keeps in touch with **Cheryl Bishop**, **Tammy Fein**, **Ashley Cobb-Phelan**, **Jill Randles** and **Wendy Stevenson**! **Carlin McKenna Moroney** reports that everything is good in MA. Jimmy and the kids are doing well and the kids are getting big—Ellen 9, Hannah 7, Katie 2. "They are cute and a

handful. They definitely keep me busy." She visited **Ellen MacDonald Allen** in Maryland in October. She and her husband Don have a 2 year old boy, Michael (Mac) and a baby on the way. They are doing great. Carlin has been in touch with **Stacey Lawrence Lee**, **Jennifer Gregg** and **Allene Doucette**.

Allene Doucette and Billy (Captain William J. Casler, Jr., Helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps) got married this past September on Pensacola Beach. **Stacey Lawrence Lee** became an Internet ordained minister and performed the ceremony, short & simple. **Jennifer Gregg**, **Jennifer Wolcott** and **Karen Hott** were there along with a small group of family and friends, and their two Boston Terriers, Gansett & Briscoe. They rented a house on the beach for the weekend where they had a seafood boil. Al and Billy are still having fun fixing up their 1933 Cottage in Pensacola and waiting to see where the government sends them next. **Jennifer Gregg** is staying busy with ice hockey and even learning to snow board. Also, trying her hand at fly-fishing too! Look for her in the pages of LL Bean!

Nicole Gauthier is currently living in Detroit and working as an Account Manager for Carlson Marketing Group. She is still traveling extensively with her job and is off to New Zealand, Africa, London, Prague, and Tahiti in the first quarter of next year. To make matters more difficult, her husband has been working in San Francisco for the past 2 years, so they have been commuting back and forth every weekend (talk about airline miles). Fortunately for her, Nicole will be moving to San Francisco in February and is fortunate enough to be able to keep her current job. She sees **Claire Batson (Stapleton) '92** at least once a month either socially or through work (she lives in New Orleans but travels and works with Nicole on trips) and **Melinda Aufmuth (Wick) '92** every day she is in her Detroit office as Melinda and her husband moved there in February of 2003 and work for the same company. Nicole says that it's nice to be surrounded at work with Sweet Briar girls. She also

keeps in touch with **Donna Peters** and **Karen Holland**.

Jennie Vance and Ron moved to Philly—Ron is teaching at UPenn. She is doing freelance web/graphic design. She still has her non-profit job from SC. After sending her news, Jennie was driving down to visit with **Parker (Shultis) Pearson**. The move has put her back in touch with **Heather (Service) Clayton**. No kids yet (horses and dogs don't count, her mother tells her). Anyone in the area, please look Jennie up!

Suzanne Petrie was promoted to Director of North American Affairs for the Secretary of Defense, where she continues to work with hemispheric nations in military and homeland defense cooperation. She is proud of her young hunter-jumper who is always in the ribbons in the local shows! She says she's getting tired of city life and is considering running a horse farm! **Anne Crow Galanides** is keeping busy chasing after her three children, Johnny (1), Anna (4), and Linda (6).

They enjoy living in Richmond and try to see **Mamie** and **Dawn** when hectic schedules allow. They especially love visiting **Becki Finkbeiner Streett ('90)** and her kids when home in Little Rock.

Carey Bates just moved into her own place in Stamford, CT. She spent the year enduring 2 layoffs, but plans to bounce back into the job market come January. She speaks to **Amber Vellenga** just about every day—she has started her own landscape architecture business in Richmond. They discussed the possibility of Carey relocating to Richmond to run Amber's office, if New England can't provide her with a job! **Karen J. Holland** is getting married on January 3rd. She will continue to live in NC and is still working at Sara Lee Branded Apparel. She spent a few days at a girls' reunion in Miami with **Donna Peters**, **Claire Batson '92** and **Melinda Wick '92**.

Kim Hatter Ellis is still living near Wintergreen, VA and enjoying life with her husband of 11 years, her eight year old son, and two Jack Russell Terriers. She says that she has lost touch with many of her friends and would love to hear from you guys.

Email ellik@tigerfuel.com. **Susan Sickels Oyer** is living on Bainbridge Island, WA. Studying to be a Master Gardener, and volunteering as Administrator of Carden Country School that Ken, Jr. (7) and Teddy (6) attend. She is also leading 4H groups on a working island farm. Competitive skating in Seattle—will compete at Pacific Coast Championships in Salt Lake and then Nationals in L.A. March 2004. The west coast team's strongest competitor is a Washington D.C. team on which her sister **Stacey Sickels Heckel '88** skates. She is in touch with "Texas Sunshine Girl" **Christine Flint**—their boys are buddies. Third boy arrived last Christmas, a yellow lab puppy named Ch. Luke Sidewalker. At 34, Susie is still hoping for a little Sweet Briar girl!

Beth Robinson Dean and Todd are still in Birmingham, AL. She is the reading specialist at Mt. Brook Elementary. Tanner (5) and Alex (3) are so much fun. Beth and Todd are feeling truly blessed. Speaking of blessings... **Emily Leming La Jeunesse** and husband Jayme welcomed Parker Kenneth into this world on July 25, 2003. They are all happy and healthy. Her husband retired from the police department and they are managing three apartment complexes. If there is anyone moving to the Northern New Jersey area have them contact Emily for an apartment!

Joan Dabney Clickner is happily settled in Charlottesville, VA where husband Bobby's new practice in Oriental Medicine continues to grow steadily. Ian is a spunky, cheerful toddler. She recently reconnected with **Suzanne Ziesmann**, who works as a biochemist at UVA. **Megan Gallagher (Moosman)** went on to receive a graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Public and International Affairs and currently resides in Pittsburgh, PA with her three young children, Courcy, four years old (8/24/99), Catherine, three years old (12/16/00), and Colleen, six months old (5/15/03). Megan is in the middle of a divorce and welcomes your prayers for her and her wonderful girls. (We are all thinking about you Megan and wishing

you the best.)

Tori Hutcheson DeMichele and David were very excited to start 2003 by meeting **Mary Lanford Price**, their family, and guests at the Sweet Briar Chapel where Chaplain Guy Brewer officiated the Christening of their daughter Margaret Alexandra DeMichele (Megan). Mary and husband Tim are Godparents. They also gave Tori's niece, Helen Hutcheson, a tour of SBC as she hopes to be in the SBC class of 2011. The rest of this year, Tori has remained very busy teaching riding lessons, starting their young horses, and taking Megan for rides on her pony at their farm in Aldie, VA.

Brice McRae Tunison has been swamped raising her 3 children...She finally sees the light at the end of the tunnel! Laura is 7, Kate is 6, and Will is 4. Brice is riding again but has changed to Western Barrel racing! It's quite a kick! She loves it. They still live on a farm and love every minute of it. She had a great surprise this fall at their private school down there in Valdosta... Archie and Star Waldron have moved there with their 3 children! Brice asks Cathi Gosiau to call her at 229-263-7334 or send an email bricfoxrn@aol.com. Brice did get to visit **Dawn, Anne, Mamie, Chicken, Beth** and **Elliott** last February. She got to be in snow again and realized she doesn't miss it!

Elizabeth (Beth) Hensley Martin and family have moved to Spain and welcome any visitors. **Signee Hoffman** married longtime boyfriend Curt Swartley on October 19, 2003. They met on the Sweet Briar European trip abroad 1990 to the EC countries. Signee is running her chiropractic nursing practice in Bakersfield, CA while Curt is teaching Junior High School locally.

That's all the news I received. As for me, I became a youth minister in the fall and while I continue to teach full time in Brooklyn, I am working part time at Christ Episcopal Church in Manhasset. I have become more involved in the Diocese of Long Island and even chaperoned a group of youth to the General Convention in Minnesota last Summer. I met the

infamous Bishop V. Gene Robinson and was on the local news with him. An experience that I won't ever forget.

I know that **Elliott Pitts** is living in Maine and was a huge help with getting me addresses for these notes. If you did not receive any of my pleas for news, please email me so that I can get you on the list. Peace and blessings to all. Penny

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Janeime Asbury-Brown is doing great working with a wonderful dentist in Marietta, GA. Her two daughters, ages 5 and 7, are both doing well. At the end of 2003 they all went on a cruise to Mexico. Her family is in the process of building a house in Kennesaw and within the next 2-3 years she plans to go to dental school. Earlier in the year Janeime had a chance to see **Felicia Carmouche Hill** and her three daughters. You can email her at janeime@bellsouth.net.

Kelly Brown Estes is still teaching 2nd grade at Rappahannock Elementary. Ben (7) is in 2nd grade and stays busy with soccer and baseball. Julia Katherine (4) is in a preschool program. She enjoys ballet and is looking forward to starting school next fall. Kelly's husband, Ken, is still working with her parents at their NAPA store. They enjoy getting together with **Heather Metzler Allen** and her family on a couple of camping trips. The kids get along great, especially the two youngest girls who are only a week apart in age. Kelly and Heather fear that they may be future SBC roommates!

Fle' Carmouche Hill and her husband Keith built a house in King George, Virginia. They love living out in the country. Fle' still enjoys staying home with three daughters Madison (6), Morgan (3) and McKenna (1). They have an active schedule between homeschool, piano, dance, Scouts, AWANA, swim-team and play groups when time permits

Diana Bradford Walsh and Nick are enjoying their four-month-old son, Spenser, immensely! He's so good-natured—smiles all the time. Life couldn't be better for them. Diana is working part time from home as a consultant for Estee Lauder. They are still in NYC and have had **Marilyn Adams** over for dinner; Diana sees **Yana Wagg** every month at Book Club, bumped into **Kim Clayton '93** on 18th Street and saw **Hopie Carter '94** at a friend's Christmas party!

Kristina Glusac has completed work on the new Soldier Field Chicago Bears stadium in Chicago as one of the on-site Project Architects with Wood + Zapata Architecture. It was rated as one of the best buildings of 2003 in the U.S. by the NY TIMES. Kristina stays in touch with **Carrie Bake-Wong**, and plans to visit her this spring in their new home of Hiroshima, Japan. She also sees **Erin Katz '91** often in Chicago. Erin is a Senior Resident of Urology at the University of Chicago and soon to start her fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ft. Lauderdale. **Renee Savage** is doing well in St. Petersburg, Florida with her husband John and daughter, Campbell. (21/2)

Carter Story Lloyd and Aaron celebrated 9 years of marriage in November '03. Hunter (5) started Pre-School this year at a private Christian school. He has French and Chapel classes once a week, music twice a week, and PE as well as the regular curriculum. It's a big change from daycare, and he's still adjusting to that, but he's having a good time. Carter's husband Aaron is in his 10th year now at Lowe's, as a department manager now. He's also working during his "off time" building his own business in home improvements, restorations, and construction. Carter is finishing her teaching certification and is working her 4th year in Special Education at a separate day school, serving the tri-counties in Winchester, VA. She also started working part-time this summer for a friend who has his own business, as his bookkeeper/accountant/payroll clerk/website builder and curator. Carter saw **Stephanie Edens VanHorn** in June at her wedding. She reports that it was a beautiful

ceremony at the historic Reagan National Airport Lobby.

Jennifer Toomey Driscoll and Charles are still in Hagerstown and enjoying it. Kate (5) is busy with kindergarten, soccer and ballet. Betsy (2) is having fun mothering little brother, Charlie (1). Jennifer enjoyed connecting with **Jennifer Murphy Burns '93**, who now lives in Winchester, VA and she visited with **Diana Bradford Walsh** in the fall in NYC.

Ann Knoke Kohudic has had an eventful year! Ann and her husband Will moved into their new house during Labor Day weekend (Sterling, VA) and that same weekend they found out they are having a baby—her due date was 1/11/04. She went to **Alison Trout's** wedding in PA in early August. She also went to **Babs Baisley's** wedding that month where she also saw **Sarah Sorelle**. You can keep in touch with Anne at willandannkohudic@verizon.net

Margaret McClellan Driscoll and her family are doing well. McRae loves Kindergarten and Parker also loves his mom's day out program. Sean is working hard and they are all staying busy. Hurricane Isabel left them without power for 12 days and a mess to clean up. Margaret writes "2 children, 1 dog and husband without power for 12 days makes for a very interesting sociology experiment!" **Tracy Steele's** news is the birth of Marion "Ainsley" on June 27 and big sister Addie is quite happy with her little sister. She and Kevin moved into a new house in beautiful, old colonial Wynnewood, PA and love it. Tracy is still practicing law with Morgan Lewis in Philly and finds it fulfilling. Tracy's new "news" is that she has been appointed to a six-year term on the Board of Governors at The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Also, she was appointed to the Executive Board (and Chairperson of the Volunteer Support Committee) of the Alumni Council of the Pennsylvania State University.

Megan Spadaro Proffitt and her husband Larry welcomed Margaret (Maggie) Lin on June 21st. She joins big brother Chase (2). Megan is

continuing to tutor kids of all ages while being a stay at home mom. She had a fun visit with **Teresa Jones Hyatt** in July '03. **Heather Metzler Allen** has been busy! She was named an AVP at SunTrust Bank. She also participated in and graduated from a local leadership course that really helps her to get involved in the Lynchburg community. Jordan (8) is in 3rd grade and Madison (4) is attending kindergarten at (you guessed it!) Sweet Briar! She and her husband celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in '03.

Cricket Rabin Katalovsky is doing well. Pippin (1 ½) is a pure joy to watch grow and learn new things. She and Kirill added an English Springer Spaniel, Sawyer, to their new home. Cricket is very happy as a working mom and enjoys working at Visa where she is treated well. She was recently promoted to Vice President of Market Intelligence. Things are wonderful in Denver for her and she gets to visit with **Trienel Ahearn Hickman** and **Ann Lindquist** on occasion.

Ashley Cobb Phelan moved to a new home in July. Then she retired from Dell (after 7 years) this past September, mainly to spend more time with her 13-month-old daughter, Mary-Madison, and husband, Tommy. Ashley is working part time for a Bay Area real estate company and reports that it is more fun selling homes than selling computers! **Abby O'Steen Reeder** and her husband Tom are still in Asheville and enjoying life at home with William, Grace, and Ellen (5, 3, and 18 mos.). **Alexandra Hanson Huebner** got married to John Huebner, who is a chef. They have no children, though they have three of the feline variety. After she got her MBA from Ole Miss, she changed careers and is now a senior consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, DC.

Rokhsan Falah welcomed a second daughter, Roya, on 5/19/03. Lily (6 1/2) is an extremely loving and helpful older sister. They surprised her with a visit to Disney World in early October, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Rokhsan is still working at the AGA as a Marketing Coordinator. **Stephanie Farmer Bunting** was married to Josiah Bunting IV, Hampden-Sydney,

class of '92. They have a son named Fin (1) who is keeping her very busy these days. Other than being a mom, she is a freelance producer working on TV commercials. She gave up her job as director of broadcast production at Butler, Shine & Stern, an ad agency, after Fin was born. They hire her now on a project basis, which has allowed her to spend most of her time with Fin. Life on the west coast is great and they will be staying out there for the foreseeable future. Also, she has gotten lots of inquiries about this—her husband was on the TV show **Fear Factor** in 3/02 and he went His next crazy project is that he is training to swim the English Channel next August. **Kristin Liljegren Maurice** and Andrew had a baby girl in July (Allison Kaleigh Maurice) and she's wonderful—cheerful, sleeping through the night... a perfect baby! She is also still teaching part time in the International TA program at U Conn and Andrew is a LTjig on a submarine out of Groton, CT where they will be living for the next 2 years and then who knows where!

Amy Dickson Riddell is still in Mandeville, LA. Her husband, Tim, has recently moved into a brand new 70,000 square foot medical complex and he is in heaven! Amy is staying busy with the girls Lauren (7), Emily (5), and Grace (2 ½). She has become a human taxi as they run to Brownies, cheerleading and dance classes. She and Tim still play volleyball and Amy started coaching eleven and twelve year old girls volleyball at their recreation park. She is also staying busy with the Hospitality Club for the medical foundation. It is kind of like working for admissions because they entertain prospective doctors and their families when they visit the area. Amy had a great time visiting with Kimbo and her girls in July before heading on to visit other friends. The girls really got along well together. Amy went to the Bahamas with her sister **Andrea Dickson Brown '93** in Oct. 03.

Carrie Bake-Wong and her husband live in Hiroshima, Japan because he is on a 3 year assignment with Ford Motor Company there. Carrie is managing an automotive

online magazine of which she is 50% owner (www.carsdesignnews.com) and otherwise enjoying the sights, food and vastly different culture of Japan. You can stay in touch with Carrie at cbake@umich.edu

Catherine Gornito Freeman reports that life is plugging along in New Orleans as usual. She and Peter are busy with the kids and they are really starting to have so much fun with them now that they are bigger. Charlotte (5) is in "real" school this year and David and Lawrence are 3 ½. Catherine has been busy with her volunteer work including being on the New Orleans Junior League Board this year. She has had a great year seeing SBC friends... went on a girls tennis weekend in May in SC with **Jen Valentine Van Ness**, **Marilyn Adams**, **Margaret Gibson**, **Lindsay Jenkins Matthews** and **Elaine Barksdale Finucane**; spent a wonderful weekend in June in St. Simon's with **Holly Caswell King**; and then met up in NC with **Jen Valentine Van Ness** and her family for a day at the beach.

Judy Currie Hellmann and her husband, Robert, are living in New Canaan, CT where they have been for the past 2 years. Judy has a therapy and consulting practice in Manhattan, and enjoys the country/city combo. When in the city, she often sees **Elkin Cushman**. Judy was honored to have **Elkin**, **Betsy Butler**, and **Toi Reynolds** attend their wedding, 9/8/01. She would love to hear from fellow classmates so you could email her at judy@judycurrie.com.

Amy Sinclair sends her greetings from Idaho. Her business, Exodus Wilderness Adventures, had its busiest summer and fall in 7 years of operation. She became an aunt to her younger brother's first child, born 8/23/03. She hopes she will become the next SBC alumnus in the family! Amy spoke with **Cathi Goslaw '91**, who is well and happy. Matt and Amy traveled east for the holiday season to visit family and friends, and intended to spend a month before returning home for her oldest niece's wedding.

Natasha Stanfill Bullotta gave birth to her first child, a son, Miles Stanfill on 10/25/02. Tom, Miles and

Natasha spent 8 months of 2003 in Little Rock, Arkansas for Tom's work. They planned to move back to Virginia by Christmas. After Miles was born, Natasha quit working to take care of Miles full time. They spend their days going to the zoo, Gymboree, music classes and just a lot of playing—she reports that is the most rewarding job she has ever had. **Cathy Driskill Hindman** is teaching 3rd grade at New Covenant Schools in Lynchburg. It is a classical Christian school where her daughter, Tabitha (11), is in 6th grade and her son, Jack (7), is in 2nd grade. Andrew (4) will be there for Kindergarten next fall. Cathy is busy but really loves teaching. Her schedule is full of soccer games and Girl Scout events. Her husband Matt took the kids on a camping trip to Nag's Head in the fall and she took a long nap while they were gone! Cathy stays in touch with **Tabitha Nywening Stemmer** who transferred from SBC after freshman year. Tabitha is living in Texas.

Charlotte Bonini is living in Maine and enjoying a beautiful fall. She submitted her doctoral thesis last May '03 and will be sitting her defense in March '04. Charlotte moved to DC in early January. **Meg Moss** paid her a visit in 9/03; they had a ball trooping around Maine and laughing a lot. Charlotte reports that Meg looks fantastic and is doing well in DC. Charlotte ran into **Heather Daly Jones** and got to meet her husband and son. **Trienel Ahearn Hickman** and her husband Jim have finally moved back to the States after leaving England for Korea! They spent the last 2 years living 30 miles south of Seoul amongst the rice paddies! They were able to travel throughout Asia and enjoyed their experiences discovering different cultures. In May they moved back to Washington DC Metro area and bought a house in Alexandria. Trienel is a Project Manager for an architect/engineer firm and is enjoying the challenges of a new career. They are expecting their first child this spring!

May 2003 was a huge month for **Kathleen Hughes Hartman** personally as well as professionally! On May 9th, 2003 she graduated with her Ph.D. from Virginia Tech—so after

a Master's, a DVM and a Ph.D.—she writes that she is finished with school for a while! On May 16th, 2003 she married Michael C. Hartman (HSC '91) at Fort McNair in Washington, DC. It was a spectacular evening and she was able to visit with her cousin **Kathleen Cushman Slack '90**, **Stephanie Brundage Snasdell, Kyra Meelan Werner, Stephanie Berger '91, Jen Kemper Wallis '91**. Michael and Kathleen are now living near Tampa, FL. She is currently working for the USDA-APHIS-VS as an Aquaculture Epidemiologist veterinary medical officer. She also has been given a courtesy assistant professorship in the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

This year has brought some big changes for **Babs Baisley**. While working on her Ph.D. and teaching 6th grade, she married Matthew McPartlin on 8/02/03 in Lexington, VA. With the help of bridesmaid **Kara Sperling** and maid of honor **Sarah SoRelle** and the support of **Ann Knoke Kohudic**, it was a great wedding. They are living in Arlington with her bunny Cocoa and are enjoying newlywed life.

Lisa Newman Francisco and her husband, George, live just outside Houston on Galveston Bay. They enjoy a lot of travel and have begun 2 new businesses. The first is Hibiscus House, a design business making silk shawls for festive occasions and the second is selling Worth, a women's clothing collection. They recently saw **Muffin Crouch Camp** and her husband, Morris, along with their children in San Antonio. **Joely Minutella Hetherington** is thrilled to announce the birth of her daughter, Lily, born on 9/2/03. Big brother Jack is very excited about his new little sister and showers her with love. Joely loves to watch Jack and Lily laugh, love, grow, and learn.

Kathleen Davis Willis has moved again! Chester, Vermont is their new home. Headed north from Boston in March 2003 one month after their second child David Field Willis, III was born. She is working full-time at home with the kids while her husband is managing Kiosko, USA, a nationwide wood manufacturing company. They

are enjoying their newly purchased farmhouse on 8 acres located only 4 miles from Okemo Ski Resort! **Susan Schmidhauser** lives in Dover, DE and has been there for almost 5 years now.

Jenny Brodlieb Cacioppo had a great summer in Tuxedo Park, NY amidst the mountains and lakes. She has taken up Thai boxing. At the New York City Marathon they cheered for the newly engaged **Hopie Carter '94**. Jenny and Hopie have a celebratory dinner planned with **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams '93**. Bonnie, Peyton (4), Jack (2) and Jack Russell pup Emma came for a weekend in Tuxedo Park this fall and Annabella (4) and James Jr. (11/2) loved playing with them. Jenny keeps up with **Jackie Geets Henry** who is due to have a baby this spring that will be just one year apart from her first child. She also plans to see **Lisa Crego** from Georgetown, **Pokey DuPont Schiff** from Raleigh-Durham, and **Ann Lindquist** from Denver sometime this winter. **Alison Trout Keeports** married Richard Douglas Keeports (Doug) in York, PA on 8/09/03. **Susan Rosenmiller Wootton '93** was in the wedding and **Ann Knoke Kohudic** attended the wedding. Doug and Alison now live in Arizona where they enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

Kory Aldrian Faulkner and her husband, Dana, continue to work on their house. The hospital system she works for is in the process of building a new hospital. Thus, the laborious process of consolidating two separate hospitals has begun. She is leasing a horse at a local eventing barn and can't wait for show season to begin. Kory and her husband have dinner almost once a month with **Diane Dalton '67** and **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** and her husband.

Tricia Pheil Johnson had a very busy 2003—she got married! She met Chris in January, he took her to the Dominican Republic in June to propose and then they were married on her Dad's birthday in September. After a honeymoon to St. John (they love to travel!), they settled into a new house in Gaithersburg, MD. Tricia was just accepted into the John Hopkins University Master's in School

Counseling program and will begin school in January 2004.

Greg and **Kimberley Euston** welcomed Katherine Scribner Euston, Dec 23rd of 2003. Mom, dad and her twin brothers, Alex and Christopher (3) are all excited to have a girl in the family.

As for the Calhouns, we are doing well. Lily (3/12) and Caroline (20 months) are hilarious together and keep us laughing. On the side, I have ventured out with a well-known educational toy business called Discovery Toys, Inc. I do home parties as well as individual, web and catalog sales. And I have to say, it is a great home business. I love it! Check out my website www.discoverytoyslink.com/creativekids and look around. I would love to have some alumnae as customers and/or team members! Remember if you have news and want me to get it in (before the next December 15th deadline) send it to me and I will do my best to get it in. It is so fun for me to hear from you all. Here's to a great 2004!

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Once again, 2003 has been an eventful year for our class. Our children are becoming siblings, more of us are adding members to our families, and our careers are taking off in ways we never imagined. Here we go with the 1994 roundup:

Lori Ann Harris Summers gave birth to Mason Barham (8/26/03). He joined big brother Jackson, who loves being a big brother and starts preschool in 01/04. Lori Ann loves being a stay-at-home mom. **Amelia McDaniel Johnson** is living in

Alexandria, VA. She's working at St. Paul's Episcopal Church where she's the director of children's and youth programming. Wooten is the chief of staff to Congressman Rodney Alexander of LA. She and Wyle love seeing Lia and Amalia Colbert in MD. They love being in Alexandria, but it snows too much.

Allison Mallory is still working on Wall Street, where she's a business analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston. She's enjoying life and traveling frequently. **Kim Szuszcwewicz Sneed** is keeping up the status quo—"same job, same dog, same husband, same awesome boy Cole, who turns 2 in 04/04." They're looking for their 3rd house. She spent time with Christy Young McCain in 11/03 and talks frequently to **Heather Roby**.

Hopie Carter left Tiffany's last spring and is now working for Old Navy, designing women's accessories. She works one floor above **Kim Clayton**, who works in women's denim for The Gap. Hopie is engaged to Allen Avery, a UVA grad. They have planned a 06/05/04 wedding in Greensboro, and she can't wait to show him SBC at our reunion in May. **Lenora "Lion" Farrington** is engaged to pilot Michael Sarrouf. No wedding date has been planned as yet. She was recently promoted to Marketing Coordinator at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MassMoca), and she has started working on her MBA.

Kelly Schmitt Molique married Mark Molique on 05/25/02. She had a baby girl, Elizabeth on 05/05/03. She's happy to be a stay-at-home mom in Scottsdale, AZ. **Caitlin Sundby Russell** was married to Scott Russell on 06/07/03 in Atlanta. **Betsy Lanard** was a bridesmaid and **Lucia Marks** was a guest. Scott is a consultant, and they have renovated a house in the Virginia Highlands area. Caitlin has been working at AmericasMart Atlanta for the last 5 years. She's looking forward to reunion.

Victoria Sevastianova is splitting time between UVA and Dartmouth. She's teaching language, literature, and folklore, and she's also traveling extensively. **Ashley Henderson Swigart** writes that she and Jim are

still living in Greenwich. She recently saw **Stacey Eisenberg Payne** and her son Mathes. She also looks forward to seeing more of **Allison Vollmer Douglass** and her daughter Kate, now that they have moved out of NYC.

Katherine Cook is still working at Sweet Briar in Academic Computing. She's still a volunteer firefighter in Orange, VA and she bought a house there over the summer. **Erica Clayton Wright** is getting us prepared for reunion. She left her job with Senator Rick Santorum in October. She will now be in Richmond full time. She's happy to be spending more time with Mike now that they'll be living in the same city.

Stacey Eisenberg Payne writes that she and David are still enjoying New England, but they miss the warm weather in Birmingham. Mathes is now 1 1/2 and they're expecting another baby in the spring. **Betsy Lanard** is a music teacher for the Philadelphia school district, and she's also working as a music therapist for autistic children. She's added another miniature Pinscher to her family. Ibiza has joined Wolfgang. She's excited to be spending her New Year's holiday in the Dominican Republic.

Amy Biathrow Ross gave birth to Sarah Katherine on 11/14/03. She was a big baby—9lbs, 14 oz. (I've seen a picture, and she's gorgeous.) **Lesley Byers Bush** is living in Denver, CO with her husband Jeff, son Bradford, and yellow lab, Whiskey. She enjoys staying at home and Bradford is keeping her busy—he's into everything! In her role as president of the Denver Alumnae Club, she had planned to return to SBC in the fall for the scheduled Founder's Day and Alumnae Council activities (but they were cancelled due to Hurricane Isabel). She was in Phoenix for the birth of **Kelly Schmitt Molique's** first child, Elizabeth, and she looks forward to being a bridesmaid in **Sarah Young's** SBC wedding on 06/08/04.

Katherine Lindsey Auchter is still in Jacksonville, being the joyful wife and mommy to her family (David—LC '93, Anna age 3, Julia age 1 1/2) She spends time with **Heather Bayfield** and her amazing fiancé Russ

Weidle. "He is smart, kind, and they are great together." She's heading to Grand Cayman for their wedding on 11/1/03 with Allison Douglass, Lia Colbert, Corrine Guilliard and others. In 06/03, **Belinda Smith Struchmeyer** gave birth to twins. She had a boy (Adrian) and a girl (Adira) and she and Doug are now wonderfully happy and very busy!

Korina Adkins is living in Sedona, AZ and she has a web design business (www.highskydesign.com) and works for a print and design business as well. She's an on call firefighter/EMT Reserve Recruit for the Sedona Fire District—she finished EMT training classes in 06/03 and will start fire suppression classes in 1/04. She's still playing soccer in Flagstaff and Phoenix and she's spending lots of time with Jerry, her Weinerdog.

Kelleigh Smith Sommer, her husband Richard and son Sam (3) built a custom home north of San Antonio, TX and are enjoying their spacious land. She continues to work for Clarke American as a finance manager. Spare time is filled with finishing the house and fishing at the coast. She has stayed in touch with Caitlin, Mary-Ellen and Betsy. **Amy Ross** married Brian Hendrix on 04/03 and moved to San Francisco. She's teaching first grade in Belmont, and Brian is enrolled at the SF Culinary Academy. She loves working with such a diverse population. She says there are nine languages represented in her classroom.

Tysha Calhoun married Pat Stroka in 05/03. They honeymooned in an RV in CO and Mexico. She's still working at Dell, selling computers to school districts in the Eastern portion of Texas. She's working on a CD in Austin with a group of friends, and it should be completed in 2/04. She and her furry family are doing great and she and Pat love being married. **Heather Bayfield** married Russ Weidle on 11/1/03. She left SunTrust and started her own business—Life Management Advisors. She works with the elderly with bill paying, insurance, taxes, and daily activities. The business has really taken off. She sees **Katherine Auchter** often and saw **Allison Vollmer Douglass** and Kate over the summer, while she was vacationing on St. Simons.

Beth Riccobono Shiffler and Paul bought a house in Maynard, MA in 07/02. She got her M.Ed. in 06/02 from Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH. They are expecting their first child in 11/03. **Shannon Hetzel Dykes** finished her Masters Degree in Elementary Education and is teaching 2nd grade. Carter just turned 6 and is in the first grade. She and Jim just celebrated their 8th anniversary and are planning to move to Orlando in the summer.

Ginger Amon White writes that Natalie is now 19 mos old. She became a marathon runner and completed the Disney marathon in 01/03. Natalie loves to jump in the running stroller and train with her. She got to visit with Sabrina McClung Roberson ('93) when she was visiting Charlotte. **Katie Blaik** is an attorney with her own practice in Oklahoma City. She is also on the board of the OKC Junior League. She started as a member 2 weeks after graduation. She's staying really busy, but she loves it.

Kim Bramley Estep writes that Morgan is now 3, and Ryleigh is almost 2. She and Scott contracted to build a new house, but it rained too much and now the weather is too cold for them to pour the foundation. She's working full time at Branig Capital Markets and teacher skiing on the weekends at Ski Sundown. Scott enjoys being an at-home dad. She's looking forward to bringing the family down for reunion. **Kathy May** is a corporate event planner for SpectraLink in Boulder, CO. She and her boyfriend are saving their money for a house with acreage. In 6/03, she adopted MC, a thoroughbred from CO Horse Rescue. She's become very passionate about the ethical treatment of horses, and would encourage anyone interested in the cause to contact her. There is a congressional bill scheduled to be discussed, and this has become her crusade. She has lots of information on the subject, and if you're interested, she'd be happy to share. **Lucia Marks** is living in Austin, TX where she is the Director of Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response for the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research. She attended Caitlin's wedding in June and was

happy to catch up with Betsy. She's also looking forward to reunion. **Linda Lombardo** reports that her son Daniel will be graduating from UNCC, and he'll get some business experience before he heads to law school. His girlfriend is also graduating from UNCC (with Clay, the "American Idol" runner-up), but she'll be heading straight to law school.

Alison Volmer Douglass writes that they've moved to the 'burbs. They've bought a house in Westchester, NY. She's still working in Manhattan at Fitness Magazine as their Business Development Director. They're expecting baby #2 in the spring. Kate just turned 2 and is an absolute joy. They spent a long weekend in the Caymans for Heather Bayfield Weidle's wedding. She writes that with her due date so close to reunion, she probably won't make it—but she will be thinking of everyone.

In October, I, **Molly Morris**, found a new job—I am the Assistant Coordinator of Operations and Education at VSA arts of Ohio, a non-profit organization that promotes the arts for people with disabilities. It's a challenge, but I am so proud of what the organization has accomplished. On Christmas morning, Rick and I are flying to Hawaii for 2 weeks. One of his friends is getting married on Maui, so we're happy to have the excuse to play in the sun and surf. Thanks for choosing me to be your secretary for the last five years—I've enjoyed the opportunity to fill everyone in on the latest news for our class. I'll see all the '94s at our reunion this May!!

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Kara Dickey Moore is working at the Museum of Modern Art as the Assistant Director for special programming and events. She lives with her husband in New York City and they enjoy it very much. Tim and **Kimberly Roda Moorhead** gave birth to their daughter Georgia Anne last May. Kim still works for the information

Tech Assoc. of America (ITAA) as VP of Membership and Marketing. She will also be performing as an ensemble member in the Kentucky Opera's *Cosi Fan Tutte* this Spring.

Sarah Clifford Weaver stays at home with her children: RJ who is 4 years old and Tyler who is almost two. They live in Manassas, VA where **Julie Fivecoat** and **Cari Miller James** visit often. **Kathryn Czarkowski** is planning a June 2004 wedding with longtime partner John. They live happily with three cats. Kathryn continues to work as the coordinator of psychiatric research program at Yale School of Medicine. She is planning to begin her doctoral program next fall. She is also excited to report that she has been published as the co-author of three research papers examining the use of antidepressant drugs during pregnancy and breastfeeding. She is also working on a textbook chapter focusing on psychiatric illness during pregnancy.

Catherine Orr Nihem was married in August of 2002 in Napa Valley, CA. She now manages digital properties for an advertising agency. She, her husband and their Jack Russell Chase are having a great year. **Harriette Bayse** is the Director of Marketing for a non-profit organization in Middleburg, VA. She is engaged to be married to Dr. Alan Fink with whom she just purchased a home in Winchester, VA. She sees **Leah Tidler** and she is doing great and also lives in Virginia with her husband and two children.

Margret Bruha moved into a townhouse in Libertyville, IL. She competed in the marathon in Kona, Hawaii in June of 2003. She raised more than \$4,500.00 for the American Diabetes Association. She recently vacationed in Canada where she attended a "Bacardi" wedding and the rum was free flowing. **Lucy Bosworth** had her first baby, Olivia Marguerite, in New Orleans this past Spring. She is a happy and healthy girl. Lucy still works as the General Manager of a consulting firm and business is great. Lucy and Claude bought a new home in Uptown New Orleans and they will soon celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary.

Stephanie Arnold has dropped

the Toohey name and is living happily divorced in Texas. She is raising two beautiful children, 4 year old Nora and 2 year old Jack. **Shannon Callison Cotsoradis** celebrated her second wedding anniversary with Constantine. Together, they are raising Constantine's daughter Alicia who is in first grade. Alicia is a ride and they are hoping that SBC will one day be in her future. They recently built a new home together in a maintenance free development. Shannon completed her masters degree in public administration and she is working as an associate director of a Kansas based child advocacy organization.

Kelly A. Coggs Ph.D. (A.K.A. Dr. Pepper) married James D. Anderson, Ph. D. on November 15, 2003 in Las Vegas, NV. They had 120 people from all over the country attend. Fellow SBC'ers in attendance were Sabryna McClung Roberson (93') and Gretchen Vida (95'). Kelly wrote, "I will be keeping my name so no reason to change that, not that most people from SBC do not still call me Pepper and now I love Dr. Pepper!!! Jim and I live in my hometown house in Medford, NJ and are looking for jobs at the moment. We may even be moving back to Charlottesville where we both got our Ph.D.'s. Also, we had a wonderful time on Turtle Island in Fiji on our honeymoon! If you watched last season's bac. with Trista and Ryan, they went there on their honeymoon a week and a half later than we ended ours. We found it first! Cheers and happy New Year!"

I, **Heather Roll Reardon**, am still in Miami with my husband Eric. Together, we are raising an awesome son named Tom who just began preschool. I spend most of my time with my two horses Jaxon and Juliet and we are hoping for a good show season. Don't forget that our ten year reunion is only months away in May 2005. Plan for it now!

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Happy New Year Class of 1996! While I'm sure many new things have already happened to all of you since we welcomed 2004, let's have a look back at 2003...

Cakki Latimore Namorote has been living in St. Paul, MN with husband Jim for 4 years and is working in a bakery. She wants to congratulate **Kimbie Shaheen White** and husband Jeff (HSC '96) on the birth of their son Harrison Maxwell White on 1/16/03. Kimbie, Jeff and Max continue to live in Memphis, TN and have honored Cakki, by naming her their new son's godmother.

Kasey Collins writes that she is teaching 2nd grade in an inner city school in Cleveland, Ohio, while her husband began his residency in family practice at University Hospital. They just bought a house and are enjoying being homeowners. They spent time with **Sarah Reidy** and her boyfriend over the holidays. **Sarah Chaffee Paris** and husband Jonathan had Isabella on 2/13/03, and are still living in Boston. Sarah is freelance editing and loving it!

Nikki Johnson moved to Denver, CO for a two-year research job at the University of Colorado Health Science Center's radiology and psychiatry department. **Crystal Matusevich** has been living in California for the last two years and working as an assistant trainer at Loma Alta Farm (www.lomaaltafarm.com).

Rachel Cooper was married to Mark Gray on August 30, 2003 in Severna Park, MD. **Julie Bechard** was maid-of-honor and Shelia Lane ('95) was a bridesmaid. She now lives in Glen Burnie, MD and continues to work at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine as a research technician. **Sandy Jennings-Neblett** wants to announce the birth of son Turner Luke Neblett born 4/16/03. Turner weighed 9 lbs. and 8 oz. She loves being a mom, and continues to teach 5th grade

at Temperance Elementary School in Amherst County.

Anne Osterholm Pribble and husband Greg expected their first child in October, 2003. **Ana-Marija Simic Beskin**, and husband Jonathan have three children—lan, Megan and Stefan. The family lives in Reston, VA. Ana works at EDS Security and Privacy Professional Services as a Global Practice manager of Security Assessments. She can be contacted at anamarija.beskin@eds.com.

Victoria Marie Gajda lives in Vero Beach, FL. She is in her second semester of nursing school (ADN program for RN) at IRCC, and is working in the ER as a paramedic. When she completes her RN, she will do the online transition program for RN to BSN. Besides work and school, Victoria spends time with her boyfriend of 4 years, 4 Siberian Huskies, 2 Persian cats and mother! She keeps in close touch with **Linda Towers** who is living in Orlando, FL. Victoria can be reached at caribnmedic@bellsouth.net.

Abby Phillips' big news is that she will be marrying fiancée Sean Hinga on March 20th at her grandfather's house in Texas. **Janeen Sharma** will be the maid-of-honor and **Bridget Bayliss**, **Claire Christensen Goves**, **Kelly Walker Kennedy**, **Jen Beck Locke**, and **Laura Powell** will be in the house party. Laura's daughter Ellie McCoy will be a flower girl. Abby's other news is that she and Sean just bought their first house on Capitol Hill and are enjoying renovating it. Abby is now the Government Affairs Director for the Association of Competitive Technology, and states that being a lobbyist is a nice change from fundraising!

Melissa Eaton had an exciting year—the private school where she and her husband taught closed leaving them with a new baby and no jobs. So, Mo took an awesome chance and decided to open a business with two former colleagues. In July of 2003, they opened the Language Institute of Central Oregon, LLC where they offer foreign language classes and tutoring to all ages. Mo's risk paid off as her new venture met expenses the first

month and has been turning a profit since August! On the racing front, Mo placed third in the overall state standings for Expert Level (while her sister places fifth)! Mo's son Milo is now 18 months old, speaking Spanish and English, and rides his rocking horse while standing and without any hands (next winter he'll apparently be skiing)! Seems Milo takes after his mother...

Natalie Brown married Jonathan C. Adeo on September 13, 2002 in Los Gatos, CA. **Laura Lechler**, **Lee Foley Dolan**, **Annie Pankoski** and **Mary Copeland** were all maids-of-honor. **Jesse Durham Strauss** and **Rachel Baltus** participated in the ceremony. Natalie and Jonathan now live in San Jose. Natalie has met up with quite a few SBC girls on her travels including **Jen Beck Locke** in NC, Fall, 2002; vacationing with **Annie Pankoski**, **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Lechler** in Las Vegas, August, 2002; visiting Miami with Mary, Laura and Lee in March, 2003; and travelling to Washington, DC in May, 2003 for the wedding of **Jesse Durham Strauss**. There she spent time with the aforementioned ladies, as well as, **Sarah Chaffee Paris**, **Catherine King**, **Abby Phillips**, **April Collins Potterfield**, **Bridget Bayliss** and **Katie Campbell Brumley**.

Julie Hildebrand is still in northern Virginia and has recently purchased a farm in Warrenton. She is the CFO of a real estate settlement company, and is planning a 2005 wedding to fiancée Andrew Manner. **Jill-Jenn Truzpek Pala** married James Pala of Illinois on August 17, 2002. Jill and James had a baby boy, Harrison James on 12/18/02. Jill and James just celebrated Harrison's first birthday this past December. Jill also reports that **April Collins Potterfield** had a baby boy named Benjamin Collins Potterfield on 12/03/03—the perfect Christmas gift!

Paige Vaught Campion and husband Chris are expecting the next SBC alumna April 20, 2004 (it's a girl)! They've recently moved to a new home in October 2003 in Wake Forest, NC. Paige hopes to see lots of alumnae in 2004! **Robin Bettger Fishburne**

and husband Joe are doing very well in Greenville, SC (Robin's hometown). She is selling new homes for Ryland, and Joe is working as a senior graphic designer/manager for Ryobi Technologies. They have a fantastic home that is a constant project and four pet cats.

Katie Campbell Brumley married husband Rob (VMI '94) on April 12, 2003. **Buff Barkley Ramsey**, **Kathryn Black Watson**, **Jessica Crowley**, **Wynn Cole Burr** and **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson** ('97) were bridesmaids. **Carson Scheppe Hobby** ('95), **Jesse Durham Strauss**, **Abby Phillips**, **Rachel Baltus**, **Catherine King**, **Jen Beck Locke**, and **Monica Paul Dennis** were all in attendance at the wedding. Rob and Katie live in Arlington, VA where she works with the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a Grants Administrator.

Amelia Dudman Atwill is working for The Barber Gallery in Richmond, VA and hopes to open her own gallery within the next year. However, the bigger news is that she and husband Charlie are expecting their first baby in June! Amelia keeps in touch with **Claire Myers** (who is currently in Austin, TX), **Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell** and **Rachel Briers Bell**.

Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell lives in Atlanta with husband Brian and new baby Jackson. She keeps in touch with **Rachael Boyd Belemonte** who has three-year-old Will, and new baby girl Emma. She also reports that **Rachel Briers Bell** and husband Ed have a one-year-old named Charlie, and have recently moved to Naples, FL. **Cindy Rakow Prewitt** has recently bought a house in Fairfax, VA and works for Ernst and Young in marketing.

Meg Magistro is in her sixth year of teaching at Georgetown Day School. Meg was recently engaged to fiancée Chris Arcadia over the past holiday season, and hopes to plan a summer wedding. Cindy, Meg and myself spent the weekend together in Washington DC helping **Leah Jorgensen** celebrate her 30th birthday. Leah is happily employed with Wines Unlimited selling wine and champagne to many

restaurants and businesses in the DC area.

As for me, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, I returned to the Philadelphia area this past May and took a job with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. I am a nurse in the Neuro-Trauma Surgical Intensive Care Unit, and hope to return to school this fall for my Master's degree. It's been wonderful reading about all of you, and the exciting things that fill your lives. Have a happy and safe 2004! Love, Eileen. OK, quick advertisement! Please continue to send your class notes to me at eileenmacmurtrie@aol.com or Natalie at NJAdee@aol.com. Just as a reminder, SBC no longer sends out the two-sided postcards for us to write our class notes on. As news happens, forward me a quick email and I will save them for the next edition of the alumnae magazine. Also, notes can also be submitted online to the SBC web page. Thanks for your attention and help, Class of '96!

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It was our reunion year! And if you weren't there, we missed you! The following women were in attendance: **Heather Thomas Armbruster**; **Susan Aronhalt**; **Diana "DJ" Jordan Avery**; **Susan Barney**; **Chantel Bartlett**; **Bronwyn Beard**; **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett**; **Emily Virkus Calle**; **Katherine Carr**; **Melia Childress**; **Melissa Coffey**; **Adair Collins**; **Lindsay Culp**; **Pamela Fine**; **Allie**

Gerber; Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar; Gretchen Gravley Tucker; Dawn Everett Grobe; Tonya Grudier; Lisa Hall; Joelle Jackson; Isabel Jean-Pierre; Niki Benson Knox; Joanna Kucinski; Brigitte Laib; Stephanie Belk Loter; Candice Broughton Maillard; Katie Martin; Fiona Matheson; Anna Meres Wade; Kathy Jiang Muiadi; Sarah Noltan; Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes; Laura Fitton Pieper; Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett; Marquita "Quita" Belzer Rhodes; Heather Smith; Anne-Claire Wackenhut; Jacqueline Weiner; Lesya Shroades Yeatman. Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar was re-elected President of our class, and **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** was elected as class secretary. **Allison Gerber** and **Cynthia** acted as co-Fund Agents and were pleased to collect the trophy for the highest participation in the youngest reunion classes (25 years). Our class participation was 35.52%! But if you haven't made a donation to the Annual Fund, there is still time! Contact SBC.

Gretchen Gravley Tucker was married in September in Hillsville to Scott Tucker. **Christina Cotter** and Tarrah Holly Moore '99 were in her wedding party. **Kate Rinehart, Isabel Jean-Pierre, Anne-Claire Wackenhut, Kelli Scott, and Shelley Shreve Oliver** were also in attendance as were Arney Walker '02, Sophie Wackenhut '02, Kerry Coleman-Prokisch '97, Sheena Belcher '05, Christina Paxton '03, Rachel Elkins Thompson '91, and Anne Richards '84. **Gretchen** has finished her MBA from Lynchburg College and currently works at SBC in Admissions. **Heather Thomas (HAT) Armbruster** also earned her Masters in October in Biology at Auburn University. And **Melissa Coffey** is still enjoying Lynchburg life and working at SBC in the Alumnae Office.

Rush Harris is in her second year in the Wildlife Ecology Master's program at Utah State University in Vernal. She is currently studying the seasonal movement patterns and productivity of elk in the Uintah Mountains. She bought a house last year and has been keeping in

touch with **Kate Rinehart, Kelsey Larus, Jessica Pavia Tra, Fiona Matheson, Carolyn Leddy** (who recently married in November), **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett, Sarah Elkins '99, and Katelin Chmielinski Garland '99.**

Alicia Foster Wilburn was married to Breton Wilburn, cousin of Betsy Wilburn Ranson '99, in October. **Diana Jordan (DJ) Avery, Chantel Bartlett, Fiona Matheson, Jake Weiner, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilburn Ranson** were in attendance. **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** is still working as a kindergarten teacher at the Smithsonian in D.C. She has traveled quite a bit and has seen **Mary Lea Martin Harris** and her daughter Emma, in addition to the people previously mentioned.

Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes is busy being a Mommy to her daughter Dominique. She is also working at Farmer's Insurance in Kansas with her husband Jason where she is able to speak Spanish most of the day. Also busy being new Mommies are **Candice Broughton Maillard** (Everest—son), **Jessica Pavia Tra** (Kenny—son), **Tricia Mohana Summers** (James—son), **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** (Liam—son), **Lesya Shroades Yeatman** (Rylan—son), **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar** (Carson—son), **Charlotte** and **Dennis** are in Amherst where Charlotte teaches 5th grade at Amelon Elementary and Dance at Lynchburg College. She often sees **Allison Gerber.**

Joelle Jackson is currently working as a school psychologist in Murfreesboro, TN. **Chantel Bartlett** is working at the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and has been busy coordinating baby showers, bridal showers, helping with News and Notes, and a multitude of other activities we greatly appreciate. In addition to those already mentioned, she also keeps in touch with **Natia Nemetsisheva, Anna Meres Wade, and Amy Peck Driscoll '92.**

Natia Nemetsisheva got engaged on June 23rd to Ted Tshaurides. Plans for a wedding in Greece are in the works. **Anna Meres Wade** was married in June and currently lives in

Durham, NH where she is in graduate school for family and marriage counseling. **Brigitte Laib** and **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** were in her bridal party. **Cynthia** is currently teaching 9th and 10th grade literature at Stockbridge High School in GA.

Pam Fine is working as Senior LAN Administrator for NeuStar, Inc. in Sterling, VA. She has started running marathons for fun and has plans for two coming up in February and April. She sees a lot of **Emily Virkus Calle** and **Kelli Rogowski '99**, and saw **Nichi Benson Knox** while in Nashville. **Nichi** plans to graduate from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University with her master's in secondary education in May, is currently tutoring at a local middle school and phone counseling at the Crisis Intervention Center. She also keeps in touch with **Mary Ann** and **Susan Aronhalt, Mary Ann** and **Tim** bought a house in Amherst where they both teach at Nelson Middle School. And **Susan** graduated with her masters in social work and is currently working at Saint Mary's Hospital as a medical social worker in MD. They have also visited with **Erin Sobotta '99.**

Elisabeth (Lisa) Hall lives in Aspen, CO and works as an equestrian trainer at Cozy Point Ranch. In her spare time she snowboards and waitresses at Ajax Tavern. She plans on launching her new business after this winter season. **Jessica Cronin** works as a Human Resource Generalist outside of Boston while working on her Masters in Human Resource Management. She often gets together with **Scarlett Swaine, and Jayme Calabrese Pomroy.**

Thanks to all those who sent in news! Email me at cpuckett@henry.k12.ga.us to get your news into our Class Notes or to make recommendations for our class. I would love to submit Notes to every issue of the Alumnae Magazine. Be involved. There are many changes at SBC being considered. Contact **Chantel** at Chantel.Bartlett@NFIB.org for more information. And **Charlotte** is the keeper of our class scrapbook, so please collect pictures to send to her and submit! Blessings to all of you in this New Year. Reunion countdown: 4.5

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Hello Ladies! I hope these notes find everyone doing well in 2004. I have TONS of marriages and engagements to report, and lots of other exciting news!

Lys Burdette Paulhus, and her husband Michael spent a month in Australia & New Zealand before moving to the DC area, where they just bought a house in Alexandria. **Sarah Patterson** graduated from the U of New Haven in 2003, and is now working in Human Resources at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in VT. She loves her job, and still has time to ride horses. Sarah visited **Jen Brown** ('02) at the SBC New England Alumni Event last August. She also still keeps in touch with **Sarah Riggs**, who just returned from her Peace Corps duties in Africa, as well as **Sarah Machinist**.

After doing some soul-searching, **Erin Albera** decided not to return to school, and took leave from her job at KMTT radio station. She's pledged a year of service with Americorps, which has proven to be a life-changing experience for her. Erin is now involved in therapeutic horseback riding for the disabled. She also had a brief, but fun visit with **Christy Holterman** when she was in the Seattle area over Labor Day weekend. **Brieanne Vogler Midura** was married to Ben Midura

on June 29th, 2003 in Frederick, MD.

Vanessa Corey was her maid of honor, and **Rachel Souder-Arguedas** and **Rebekah Burr** were bridesmaids. **Ariana Wolyne-Werner** was also in attendance. Brienne & Ben honeymooned on the French West Indies, and she is now in her third year of medical school at GWU. She hopes to go into pediatric medicine.

Vanessa Rose Corry is also in her third year of medical school, and is busy with her medical rotations in Atlanta, GA with her fiancée, Trace Jansen, who is also in his third year of medical school. They are planning to marry in Laguna Beach, CA in August of 2004. **Brienne Vogler Midura** will be her matron of honor, and **Rebekah Burr** and **Rachel Souder-Arguedas** will be her bridesmaids. **Sarah Houston** is still working at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Philadelphia, and is nearly finished with her Master's. She is also getting married on June 26th, 2004 to Tyler Kenning (W&L '01) at Sweet Briar. **Lys Burdett Paulhus**, **Katie Wood**, and **Megan Frier** will all be in the wedding. In May, Sarah and **Natasha Nickodem** and **Sarah Belanger** are all going to visit **Christine Rangel** in Scotland, where she is getting her MBA in International Business at St. Andrews.

Jess McCloskey is currently living in Bangor, Wales, and is in her last year of M.Sc in Sociology of Deviance. She hopes to stay in Wales to complete a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology, specializing in forensic psychology. Her boyfriend and her brother, Chris, moved to Wales

in January. **Elizabeth Haeberle** is in her third year of law school, at the U of KY, and will marry her boyfriend James Davis, who is also in his third year of law school, in March of 2004. They will both graduate in May. Liz hopes to become a prosecuting attorney.

Lori Kovatch went to Thailand last summer for her brother's wedding. She also went to Chicago with **Alison Brown** and **Jenaire Terry** for **Tana Malm's** wedding to Chip Baker (HSC '01). Lori is still working at Imclone Systems, Inc., and is attending grad school at Seton Hall U for her Master's in Microbiology. **Meredith Taylor** is finishing her Master's in Counseling Psychology at VCU, and plans to start her doctoral program soon. She was engaged to Micah Eads (HSC '96) in last August. They plan to marry in June of 2004 in Maine. **Tia Trout** ('02) will be her maid of honor.

Joanna Slusser is working on her MBA at the U of St. Thomas in Houston, TX and will graduate in December of 2004. She has also been working at a law firm since graduation. She will get married in March of 2004. Her fiancée is also in law school, and will graduate in May of 2004. **Meg Eubanks**, **Chanel Smith** and **Sarah Foley** will all be in the wedding. **Rima Daniels** completed a Master of Arts degree in 2002 in TransAtlantic Studies through the U of Bath, U.K., and UNC-Chapel Hill through a joint degree program. Rima is now working on her J.D. at the U of AL.

Ariana Wolyne-Werner graduated from the U of Chicago with

a Master of Arts degree in Political Ethics and Biblical Law in December of 2003. She will begin law school in the fall of 2004. She is now working for Bush-Cheney 2004 headquarters and is living in Fairfax, VA since vacationing in the Bahamas with **Kim Schmidt Miscavage**, **Nia Fonow Hughes** and **Katy Kruschwitz**.

Ariana has taken up skydiving, and has started an "unofficial" SBC Skydiving Club. You can check it out at: sweetbriarskydiving.org. In November of 2003 Ariana visited **Jamie Mays** ('03) who is currently in vet school.

Amanda Campbell Wright and her husband just moved into a new house in Austin, TX. **Katherine Morse** moved to Savannah, GA in January of 2004. She is attending Armstrong Atlantic U, where she is taking graduate level courses in Special Education and History. She hopes to receive her teaching certificate, as well as an MA in Special Education in Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, with special attention to Autism. She is also pursuing an MA in history.

Angela Rodriguez and **Megan Thomas** visited **Rami Achterberg** in Salt Lake City, Utah in November of 2003. Rami is enrolled in a Masters program at the U of UT and will be finished in spring 2004. **Allison Clark** is in her third year of graduate school, working on a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology. Last summer she stopped by SBC with her sister, **Emily Clark Kang** ('99) to check out all the revocations. In August of 2004, Allison will marry her boyfriend of two years,

Jeffery. He has his master's in Social Psychology, so he's been a great support for her as she completes her degree. They will marry in Puyallup, WA. **Megan Beley** just finished her first semester of law school in Miami. She is now dating a great guy, who is a fireman, but she still spends time with her horse.

As for me, **Jennifer Stringfellow**, I'm still working for the same company, Jeremy Squire & Associates, Ltd., which has moved to Warrenton, VA, but I'm still living in Fairfax. I still keep in touch with **Sonya Truman** ('02), who is in her second year of law school at Loyola. I'm planning on visiting her for Mardi Gras in February. I loved hearing from everyone. Please stay in touch with me, whether you have news, a change of address, or it's just to say hi. I hope you are all having a fabulous 2004!

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Celebrating the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates

The passion to make a difference started at Sweet Briar with the gift—far ahead of its time in size and ambition—of Indiana Williams.

The Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates have followed this example by making provisions in their estate plans for Sweet Briar College. "The current 351 members of the Williams Associates will help assure the future financial viability of our fine college through their plans," says Nannette McBurney Crowds '57, Campaign Planned Giving Chair.

Through the years, the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates have made a difference in the lives of generations of individual students and faculty members, have strengthened and enhanced day-to-day life on campus, and have shown their steadfast belief in the College's strong future by providing for Sweet Briar in their estate plans.

"The Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates exemplify the power and generosity of Sweet Briar's committed alumnae," says President Muhlenfeld.

Estate gifts are essential and will always be essential, and gifts of unrestricted bequests that bolster Sweet Briar's endowment are the most valuable kind. This is true, not just because of the invaluable financial security and flexibility they provide even in periods of economic fluctuation, but for the clarion message they send: *we believe in what you are doing, what you are, what you will be.*

Often during a reunion year, alumnae answer the charge to invest in the well-being of the College by providing a Letter of Intent, which recognizes that Sweet Briar has been included in their estate plans. For example, in the 2003 fiscal year, 26 alumnae in their reunion year completed a Letter of Intent, adding an estate gift to their unrestricted class giving. As of April of the current year, the College has received over \$3 million in bequest intentions from alumnae in their reunion years, underscoring that a reunion year is the best time to consider both your immediate and long-term charitable plans for Sweet Briar.

"I encourage those of you who have not yet provided for Sweet Briar in your estate plans to do so," Crowds emphasizes. "It never ceases to amaze me how generous Sweet Briar alumnae have been to their alma mater over the years, especially through bequests."

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2004-2005 SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAMS

July 18-25, 2004

"The Canadian Rockies: A Family Learning Adventure"

Adults attend lectures while young naturalists do scientific, botanical, and arts and crafts projects. Horseback riding, rafting, hiking, sightseeing excursions; learn about the geology, flora, fauna, and human history of this beautiful landscape. The group meets in Calgary to travel to the Rockies for 3-night stay in a guest ranch. Ride horses through the foothills of the Rockies, enjoy a float trip down the Kananaskis River, hike along a glacial stream, and travel north to Lake Louise. Cross Kicking Horse Pass into British Columbia, visit Yoho National Park and Takakkaw Falls. Explore Columbia Icefield; travel onto a glacier aboard a Snocoach for up-close view of 1,000-foot-thick-ice. Go to Jasper National Park. Then board VIA Rail for overnight train to Vancouver. 2-day visit with tour of Vancouver Aquarium, known for its beluga whale.

August 4-12, 2004 "Alumni College in Tuscany"

Tour includes 3 meals/day, accommodations, seminars, excursions; 9-day, 7-night tour based in Cortona. Stay at Hotel San Luca, with views of the Tuscan countryside. Experts discuss region's history and art, and Italy's contemporary political, social, and economic status. Walking tour of city; visit to Museum of the Etruscan Academy; wine-tasting; trips to Siena, Perugia, Assisi, and Florence, visit to Montepulciano; "Meet the People" forum - a question-and-answer session with the people of Cortona.

November 6-14, 2004 "Amazon River Journey"; Optional extension to Machu Picchu November 14-19

This 9-day journey to rainforests of the remote upper Peruvian Amazon begins with night in a deluxe hotel in Lima, Peru; city tour. Then, from Iquitos, 6-night round-trip cruise on 28-passenger ship, *La Amatista*, with expert naturalist guides. The Amazon rainforest is one of the world's richest, most diverse ecosystems, with wildlife, birds, and a dazzling array of flora and fauna. Highlights: naturalist-guided rainforest walks; river cruise to see unique freshwater pink dolphins of the Amazon; visits to Amazon Indian riverside villages; guided tour of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve; jungle canopy walk near San Regis. Shipboard meals, lectures, presentations, shore excursions. *La Amatista*, built in the style of a 19th-century Amazon riverboat: unpretentious comfort in 14 air-conditioned cabins. Local and international cuisine from fresh local ingredients. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining parlor afford an ever-changing vista. Wildlife viewing from open-air top deck is incredible. Air from Miami included in reasonable tour cost.

January 18-29, 2005 Sweet Briar President's Trip: "Gardens of the Caribbean, aboard the Sea Cloud II"

Three nights at a Barbados beach resort, then an 8-day cruise from Barbados to Antigua. *Conde Nast Traveler* rated Sea Cloud Cruises #1 for service on its 2003 Gold List. President Muhlenfeld will accompany the Sweet Briar



President Muhlenfeld and alumnae on the Sweet Briar tour, "Waterways of the Tsars," July 11-24, 2003: L-r: Florence "Flo" Barclay Winston '57; Joanne "Jody" Raines Brinkley '57; Sandra Stingily Simpson '57; Anne Wilson Rowe '57; Dorothy "Dotsie" Woods McLeod '58; SBC President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld; the late Margaret "Peggy" Addington Twohy '48.

group; we will travel with Williams College and the National Trust. Lecture series by horticulturalists and experts on Caribbean history, musical evenings of concerts by internationally-known artists. Experience Caribbean tradition of gardening and plantation life. Meet representatives of the Barbados National Trust; visit Trust properties; view private plantations and gardens opened for our group; stroll tropical rain forests and beautifully-maintained botanical gardens; dance to a steel band while enjoying barbeque dinner on deck; visit historical sites; swim/snorkel in Caribbean waters; relax on powdery white beaches.

February or March 2005

"Alumni College in Sicily during the Cultural Season"

***To Be Confirmed**

June 2005 "Alumni College in Poland" *To Be Confirmed

July 5-14, 2005 "QUEEN MARY 2, Transatlantic Crossing"

Sail New York to Southampton aboard the "greatest ocean liner ever built." During the crossing: program of day and evening activities, special guest lecturers. Ship features notable art collection, first planetarium at sea, canyon ranch SpaClub, 4 swimming pools, restaurants with Daniel Boulud as culinary advisor, concerts, cabaret shows, and the largest theater at sea (Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts actors perform evenings). Disembark in Southampton. En route to London, lunch at Sissinghurst Castle Garden; 3 nights in London at the Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge. Tour the Tate Modern, attend a West End performance.

November 2005 "Germany's Legendary Holiday Markets: A River Cruise aboard the Swiss Pearl" *To Be Confirmed

All dates and itineraries are subject to change. For further information, contact our travel coordinators in the Alumnae Office, Noreen Parker, tel: (434)381-6317; fax: (434)381-6132; e-mail: nparker@sbc.edu or Melissa Coffey, tel: (434)381-6243; fax: (434)381-6132; e-mail: mcoffey@sbc.edu

SWEET BRIAR

ALUMNAE MAGAZINE



A Message from the President of the Alumnae Association



Dear Friends:

As I write this, Autumn is upon us and the countryside around Sweet Briar is aglow with brilliant hues. The Fall Term is in full swing, the campus buzzing with activities. Alumnae have been very much on our minds this year. In September, more than 200 alumnae and friends came to campus to participate in Alumnae Council, which took as its theme, "A Passion for the Subject: Celebrating the Arts at Sweet Briar College." During the weekend, the Alumnae Association Board, the Friends of Art Board, and the Visiting Committee on Riding met. Two workshops sponsored by the Development Office were held to help class officers learn how to raise money effectively and to plan for Reunion.

Founders' Day Convocation included a wonderful lecture entitled "The first statuary in the world": Houdon and Thomas Jefferson," delivered by the 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, Anne Little Poulet '64, Director of The Frick Collection. And Dr. Christopher L.C.E. Witcombe gave the Alumnae College lecture entitled "Da Vinci's Code."

So many of our alumnae have given generously to the College, and this was a weekend to celebrate their support with no less than *seven* festive dedications! (Look for these with photos in the Spring magazine.) Williams Associates and Silver Rose Society Members were honored at a special luncheon, where faculty and current students presented a panel discussion detailing some of the opportunities afforded women majoring in the arts at Sweet Briar.

As with any weekend at Sweet Briar, food and entertainment abounded. Dean Jonathan Green conducted the Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra, and the Alumnae Association sponsored a Founders' Day Dell Party. Rebecca Massie Lane, Director of the Arts Management Program, hosted a dessert reception commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Anne Gary Pannell Center Gallery.

Perhaps the thing that most energized alumnae, though, was our annual meeting, featuring the unveiling of the new Admissions material. I hope everyone has had a chance to view the new, bold look of the publications; three pieces were included in a special issue of the Fall *Alumnae Magazine*, which was focused on the Admissions Program.

If you were not able to come back for Council this year, please plan now to make it next year, September 22-24, 2005. It is not necessary to be a class officer or a board member to take advantage of this exciting homecoming weekend. As an alumna, you are very important to the continued success of the College. The gates are always open: visit campus soon to see your vibrant college community at work!

The Spring issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* will cover the yearlong celebration of the arts at Sweet Briar, launched at Council. In the meantime, I hope that you will enjoy this issue, which focuses on the accomplishments of our faculty.

Sincerely,

Linda C. DeVost

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At its 82nd Annual Meeting, May 2002, The Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) voted to assist Sweet Briar College by providing a conceptual plan for the renovation of Sweet Briar House grounds often used for special College events. Newly designed and completed is the front arrival court area including the entrance walk from the new parking area; also completed: the addition of 10 varieties of trees to the original early 20th-century arboretum. Funds for these portions of the plan come from The GCV's annual Historic Garden Week tours. Next, Sweet Briar hopes to implement a garden pavilion in the west garden; a pergola; grading of the slope at the rear of the house; a series of terraces; additional plantings.

Photo by Nancy Marion, The Design Group

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FOCUS ON FACULTY

By Jonathan D. Green

Dean of the College; Vice President for Academic Affairs

For the past two years, Sweet Briar graduates have placed into graduate programs and the workplace at a rate more than 30% above our peers (maybe we've outgrown our peer group). Two standouts at Commencement 2004, both from the Math and Physics Departments, are Cynthia Beller and Katie Kirkwood. Each graduated in three years. Cynthia is now on a fellowship at Harvard pursuing a Ph.D. in Applied Statistics. Katie (daughter of SBC Professors of Mathematical Sciences Jim and Bessie Kirkwood) is studying engineering on a fellowship at Yale.



Photo: L-r: Cynthia Beller, Katie Kirkwood
Photo by Charles Grubbs

Academic and intellectual life at Sweet Briar has never been more vital. One hallmark of our educational program is centered upon guided independent research. Student scholars, working alongside their faculty mentors, learn the methods and rigor of truly original academic work. This is where concepts, theories, and processes learned in the classroom are applied and come to life. The majority of our students are engaging in original research as part of their upper-level curricula. Many present the results of their work in formal symposia and conferences including Sweet Briar's own MARCUS (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship), an annual event in which 200 students from more than 20 colleges and universities present their scholarship.

A highlight of our independent research programs is the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows program. Each year, students apply for one of nine fellowships that allow them to work one-on-one for eight weeks with a faculty sponsor on a research project compatible, and in many cases, constitutive to, the sponsor's current scholarly agenda. The fellowships provide a stipend so that students can afford to be away from summer jobs and dedicated fully to their academic work.

In some cases—like the cancer-drug research led by Dr. Rob Granger, or the natural-products chemistry seeking enhancements to antibiotics, led by Dr. John Beck—student researchers develop and run tests on the effectiveness of specific compounds in potentially fighting disease. In other cases, like student Carrie Cann building and using her own pinhole cameras while Professor Paige Critcher worked out methods for transferring digital images to traditional developing methods, mentor and apprentice work side-by-side on different, but complementary projects. Throughout each summer session, this small community of scholars meets for weekly luncheon seminars, giving formal presentations of their research over sandwiches and brownies.

The following examples highlight the work completed during this year's Summer Honors Research Program and a cross section of current faculty endeavors. This is the shape of our future. Sweet Briar's faculty know that to remain current in their respective disciplines, they must continually engage in scholarship and creative activity. They must do what they teach, and they teach by doing, modeling for their students the very best of the life of the mind.

I know that you will be proud, as am I, of the importance and high quality of the work of our faculty and students.

Summer Honors Research 2004



Suzanne Harvey, '06

- Department of Chemistry
- Bioactivity Analysis of Plant Extracts from Samples Collected in the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Associate Professor John Beck, sponsor



Melinda Wolfrom, '05

- Department of Psychology
- An Investigation of Factors That Influence Moral Reasoning Among Adults
- Associate Professor Tim Loboschewski, sponsor



Ana Ciric, '05

- Department of Chemistry
- Study of CO₂ Reduction Catalyst
- Associate Professor Robert Granger, sponsor

Stephanie Gleason, '04

- Department of Psychology
- Contextual Conditioning in Ring Neck Doves
- Assistant Professor Brian Cusato, sponsor

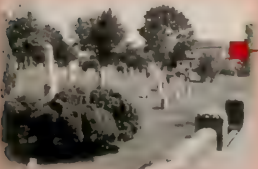
Farzana Sekander, '07

- Department of Chemistry
- Testing Medicinal Herbs for Bioactivity Using the Synergy Testing Method
- Associate Professor John Beck, sponsor



Charlotte Formichella, '06

- Department of Music
- Historical and Theoretical Analysis of the Works of Early Twentieth Century American Composer John Powell
- Visiting Assistant Professor Nicholas Ross, sponsor



Sasha Levine, '05

- Department of Anthropology/ Archaeology
- Study of Funerary Practices and Attitudes Toward Death in the Christian Aid Cemetery in Amherst, Virginia
- Professor Claudia Chang and Visiting Assistant Professor Lynn Rainville, sponsors



Erica Kennedy, '07

- Department of Chemistry
- DNA Binding Properties of Novel Platinum and Palladium Anti-Cancer Drugs
- Associate Professor Robert Granger, sponsor



Carrie Cann, '05

- Department of Studio Art
- A Photographic Study of Dream Imagery Using Handmade Pinhole Cameras and the Alternative Photographic Process of Handcoating Paper with Liquid Light
- Visiting Assistant Professor Paige Critcher, sponsor

Faculty Grants

Total Since 1 May = \$1,192,334



Brennan Foundation

- \$4,100
- **Lynn Rainville**, Anthropology
- To perform laboratory analyses on artifacts from the dig at Ziyaret Tepe, an ancient Assyrian site in Turkey

Commonwealth Health Research Board

- \$152,551
- **John Beck**, Chemistry
- For a two-year research grant to investigate natural-product enhancements for antibiotics

Jeffress Memorial Trust

- \$10,000
- **John Beck**, Chemistry
- To fund a third and final year of his research on natural-product enhancements for antibiotics



Jeffress Memorial Trust

- \$10,000
- **Brian Cusato**, Psychology
- To fund a second year of his research on the Pavlovian Sexual Conditioning of Japanese Quail

Jeffress Memorial Trust

- \$10,000
- **Scott Hyman**, Physics
- To fund a third and final year of his research on a galactic radio-monitoring program

Jeffress Memorial Trust

- \$30,000
- **Jeff Janovetz**, Biology
- To fund the first year of a three-year research project investigating the feeding mechanisms of piranhas

National Endowment for the Humanities

- \$100,000 to the University of Akron
- **Lynn Rainville**, Anthropology, is co-director of this dig and lead author of the proposal
- To fund two years of fieldwork at Ziyaret Tepe, an ancient Assyrian site in Turkey

National Science Foundation

- \$50,000
- **Rob Granger**, Chemistry
- To fund a planning grant to establish a seven-college Undergraduate Research Center in Chemistry, based at Sweet Briar College





National Science Foundation

- \$351,004
- **Lincoln Brower and Linda Fink**, Biology
- For a three-year research grant to investigate the overwintering and habitat selection of the Monarch butterfly in Mexico

National Science Foundation

- \$73,057
- **Rebecca Ambers**, Environmental Science
- To purchase an X-Ray Diffraction System to use in her research and in Environmental Science courses

National Science Foundation

- \$35,974
- **Bessie Kirkwood**, Mathematics
- To develop a new course in Biostatistics

National Science Foundation

- \$201,250
- The College (**Steve Wassell**, Mathematics, Project Director)
- To provide scholarships to students majoring in Math, Computer Science, and Engineering

State Council for Higher Education in Virginia/ No Child Left Behind

- \$122,324
- **Jill Granger**, Chemistry
- To fund outreach programs to help local schoolteachers learn how to teach science and math by the inquiry method

Virginia Commission for the Arts

- \$4,500
- **Rebecca Massie Lane**, Arts Management
- To help mount an exhibition on 20th-century women artists from the Sweet Briar collection as part of the celebrations of the Pannell Gallery's 20th anniversary

Virginia Commission for the Arts

- \$800
- For a touring assistance grant for the Shenandoah Shakespeare performance of "She Stoops to Conquer"

Virginia Commission for the Arts

- \$800
- For a touring assistance grant for the upcoming performance by Robert Jospe





Faculty Activities



Associate Professor, Environmental Studies/Economics/ Business Management Robert Alexander

- Co-authored "Using Land as a Control Variable in Density-Dependent Bio-economic Models," and "Single Species Versus Multiple Species Models: The Economic Implications," Ecological Modelling.
- CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) held a workshop in Geneva, Switzerland on Economic Incentives in Trade Policy and used a paper from his web site on "The Role of Economics in Wildlife Conservation" as an introduction to the topic for the delegates. This workshop was attended by some of the world's leading conservation biologists.



Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Rebecca Ambers

- Along with Associate Professor David Orvos took four environmental science students to the Northeastern/Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America meeting in Tysons Corner, Virginia, March 25-27, 2004



Professors, Modern Languages/Literatures Rosalia Ascari and Marie-Therese Killiam

- Co-authored book *America in Our World*, submitted to Éditions Balland, Paris.



Associate Professor, Chemistry John Beck

- "Synthesis of Benzylidenephthalide Derivatives," was accepted for the *Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research*. The authors of the paper are: Molly C. Everngam, Nausheena Baig, Jaime L. Heimbegner, Michelle L. Poore, and John J. Beck



Associate Professor, Government/International Affairs Steve Bragaw

- Authored "Unenumerated Rights." *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*. Edited by David Schultz. New York: Facts on File, Inc.
- "Civic Education and Technology" Panel Chair and discussant, International Conference of Civic Education Research, New Orleans



Assistant Professor, Education Kay Brimjoin

- Co-authored the forthcoming book: *One School's Journey in Differentiating Instruction: Lessons Learned with ASCD* (Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development).



Assistant Professor, Classics/Philosophy/Religion Matt Calarco

- Books to appear in print in 2004:
 - *Levinas* (Wadsworth; June 2004)
 - *Levinas and Buber: Dialogue and Difference* (Duquesne UP; co-edited with Maurice Friedman and Peter Atterton; July 2004)
 - *Animal Philosophy* (Continuum Publishing; co-edited with Peter Atterton, foreword by Peter Singer; June 2004)



Professor, Anthropology Claudia Chang

- Lectured on the Kazakh-American Talgar Archaeological Project as part of the Archaeological Institute of America Annual Lectures series at University of British Columbia, Stanford University, and University of California-Berkeley.
- Lectured at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, "Digging the Eurasian Steppe: The Kazakh-American Archaeological Expedition 1994 to 2003"



Assistant Professor, Economics/Business Eugene Gotwalt

- Presented the paper, "The Relationship Between Tenure and Instructor Classroom Performance," at the Eastern Economic Association's annual conference in Washington, D.C.



Visiting Assistant Professor, Education Holly Gould

- Differentiating Instruction: Low Prep Strategies, K-12. Granville, Ohio.
- Instructional Strategies: Tiered Assignments. University of Virginia's Summer Institute on Academic Diversity, Charlottesville.
- Differentiating for Cultural, Ethnic, and Gender Diversity. Association for the Supervision of Curriculum Development Conference, Chicago.



Professor, Classics/Philosophy/Religion John Goulde

- Presented: "The Ummah in History: A Unity or a Diversity?" for the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies Teachers, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- "Korean Modern Art at the End of the 20th Century," at the Korean Studies Conference, University of South Carolina



Associate Professor, Chemistry Jill Granger

- "Introducing spectrophotometry in Grades 6-12 using a college-based spectrophotometer loan program," in *Spectroscopy Letters*.
- Hands-on teacher development workshops on inquiry-based teaching in science education at the Lynchburg City Public Schools.



Associate Professor, Chemistry Robert Granger

- "Synthesis of Pt(dpk)Cl₄ and the Reversible Hydration to Pt(dpk-O-OH)Cl₃.H-phenCl; X-Ray, Spectroscopic, and Electrochemical Characterization" *Journal of Inorganic Chemistry*.
- Presentations:
 - "A Viable Homogeneous Carbon Dioxide Reduction Catalyst: The Formation of Complex Molecules Using CO₂ as the Carbon Source," with Ana Ciric, Nicole Crowder, and Emma Kate Payne. South East Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society Atlanta Georgia.
 - "Analysis of the Micronutrients Copper and Zinc in a Commercial Orchard and Vineyard by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy," with Katherine Wilson. South East Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

Faculty Activities (continued)



Professor of German/Cameron Fellow Ron Horwege

- Recipient of FLAVA Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Recipient of AATG-Goethe-Institut of America Certificate of Merit

Professor of Music Allen Huszti

- Conducted the Canticum Novum Youth Choir in Lynchburg.
- Served as interim organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg.
- Substitute accompanist for the glee club and chapel organist at Virginia Episcopal School.



Director of Arts Management Program/College Museum, Galleries Rebecca Massie Lane

- Will serve as a grant reviewer for the Museums for America program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Professor, Government Sarah Lischer

- Panelist on "Security in Humanitarian Crises," Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs.
- *Catalysts of Conflict: Refugees, Rebels, and Humanitarian Aid*, has been accepted for publication in the Security Affairs Series of Cornell University Press.



Professor of Dance Ella Magruder

- Presented "Respond, Respect, and Understand the Reality: Three R's for Teaching Dance in a Multicultural Society" at dance and the Child international (daCi) conference in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. The paper was published in the proceedings, *Dialogos Possiveis*.



Professor of Dance Mark Magruder

- Taught a series of master classes at the Virginia School for the Arts.
- Presented a master class in advanced modern dance at the Mid-Atlantic Regional American College Dance Festival Association conference.
- Performed a solo at the National Dance Educators Organization conference at the University of New Mexico

Associate Professor/Bibliographic Instructor/Reference Librarian Joe Malloy

- Coordinated the Third Annual State Fair of Virginia Fiddle and Banjo Contests at the State Fair's Heritage Village in Richmond, Virginia
- Co-hosted the third "VIVA Interlibrary Loan Forum" at UVA





Professor of English Cheryl Mares

- Presented "Woolf and the American Imaginary" at the 13th International Virginia Woolf Conference at Smith College, which was selected for inclusion in the refereed electronic publication *Woolf in the Real World: Selected Papers from the Thirteenth International Conference on Virginia Woolf*, ed. Karen Kukil (Bakersfield: California State University, 2004)



Carter Glass Professor of Government/Director of Center for Civic Renewal Barbara Perry

- "William H. Rehnquist and the Conservative Counterrevolution," in *Leaders of the Pack: Polls and Case Studies of Great Supreme Court Justices*.
- "The Media and Civil Rights and Liberties," in *Media Power, Media Politics*.
- With Henry J. Abraham
 - "Franklin Roosevelt and the Supreme Court: A New Deal and A New Image," *Franklin Roosevelt and the Transformation of the Supreme Court*.
 - "J. Harvie Wilkinson III," *Great American Judges: An Encyclopedia*.
 - *Freedom and the Court: Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States*, 8th ed.



Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology Lynn Rainville

- Has been appointed Assistant Director of the Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Project.



Assistant Professor, Mathematical Sciences Raina Robeva

- Co-authored "On the Sharp Markov Property for Gaussian Random Fields and Spectral Synthesis in Spaces of Bessel Potentials," *The Annals of Probability*.



Visiting Assistant Professor, Music Nicholas Ross

- Soloist Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1, Sweet Briar
- Recitals and Recording at Whaling Station in Corolla, NC

FOCUS ON DEAN GREEN

By Johanna Cuffee

Courtesy of Lynchburg Living magazine.

September/October 2004 issue

Dr. Jonathan Green is an average-looking man. He's not particularly tall or notably short. His small glasses sit squarely upon a standard-sized nose; brown-framed spheres a glass door to blue eyes. A curly mop of blonde hair fades into threads of a burgundy mane. In fact, the only untraditional feature about Green is his flashy tie, glowing green and pink in '80s-inspired neon.

But stepping inside Green's world paints his personal picture in a different color. In his expansive office at Sweet Briar College, where he serves as Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs, two Georgian-style windows span the height of one wall, spilling light onto an oversized desk. Bookcases border the room. Diplomas litter the walls and papers pile the desk.

A leftover student art project too large to take home, but too unique to throw out invites questions with its multi-hued chiropactic diagram, etched out of a single wooden door. And suddenly it becomes as obvious as his electric tie...Dr. Green isn't average at all. To understand the eclectic essence that becomes him so well, you must start with Green's extensive resume. Between the clutter of teaching jobs, extensive educational achievements and numerous published works, lie clues to a mind ripe for music. At least two pages alone of his seven(!) page resume are devoted to the large montage of recordings, published musical pieces, and compositions he's fashioned over the years. He's an accomplished orchestra conductor. Two hundred pages of his fifth book on conducting lie finished, awaiting the second half. He has a Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degree...all in music.

Green is an authority on the musical realm, the type MSNBC would like to have on their roster of "on-call experts" should Weapons of Mass Destruction ever surface inside the New York City Opera. Yes, Green is also a trained opera singer. It's obvious his charted course was music...yet strangely he ended up in education. In administration, no less.

How did he make the transition from the musical spotlight to the administrative hot seat? He says he always kind of planned it that way. Call it genetic destiny, as his "fantastic" parents were both teachers. And as he puts it, "detailed, organized musicians can make that transition pretty easily."

When he was hired at Sweet Briar eight years ago, he started as the conductor of the college's choir and chamber orchestra. But his obvious intelligence and natural charisma quickly began him on a climb up the collegiate ladder. "I just took on more and more responsibility over the years," Green says. And his responsibility didn't just mount at work. He's continued to write books on conducting, a project he says he fell into because of scholarship he began while he was still in school. He refers to his first book, *A Conductor's Guide to Choral-Orchestra Works*, a "spiffed up dissertation." But that

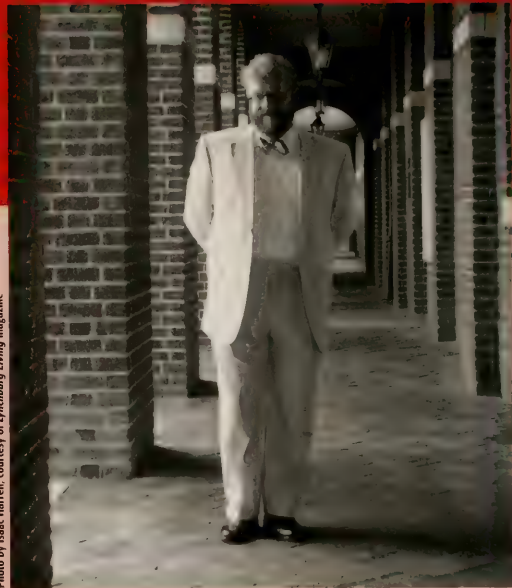


Photo by Isaac Harrell, courtesy of Lynchburg Living magazine

book quickly became a series...leading to topics on conducting various styles of music. To keep his skills sharp, he still manages to squeeze in time to play piano, compose music and of course, conduct.

There's no mistaking Green for a lazy man. He remains in constant motion, yet he's always ready to take on the next challenge. His challenge du jour? Painting watercolors. "I spent about 2 hours on Sunday sitting out in the woods painting with a kit my wife got me. I had a blast...I mean, it came out just awful...but I had a great time doing it," Green laughs, in true optimistic style.

As with any man who can find the courage to laugh at his shortcomings, Green's character is chalked full of common sense...and a dash of humor. He says others would probably describe him as "perennially cheerful", the kind of person whose laughter rings loud above the noise in a crowded room. And why not, he adds. "There's a lot to be optimistic about."

One thing Green definitely has to be optimistic about is the future. He and his musician wife of 16 years ("my greatest personal accomplishment") moved into one of the regal brick homes on the college's campus in February. Though they're knee-deep in kitchen renovations, Green says after six years of commuting from Greensboro, North Carolina, he's enjoying the experience of living close enough to walk to work. And it seems that's a walk he will be making for years to come, if he so chooses.

Green's personality fits the open-minded attitude of Sweet Briar; the out-of-the box inspired brand of thought you can find in each small classroom. He even admits his pet peeve is "people who aren't willing to try new ideas." It's a creed he takes seriously in his own life, from ordering the mystery platter on the menu to, well...watercolors. And for now, it seems that in Sweet Briar's palette, they've found just the right shade of Green.

THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE: NEXT STEPS

by Elisabeth S. Mühlenfeld

On May 26, 2004, Sweet Briar's Board of Directors accepted the recommendations of the Shape of the Future (SOF) Committee, a yearlong strategic planning committee appointed to look at Sweet Briar's long-range viability. The SOF Committee had been charged with developing strategies to insure that Sweet Briar would move into the future as a vibrant, healthy, and academically excellent institution, with a somewhat larger student body and a strong financial position. The following week, I sent you a *President's Letter* in which I asserted that the Board's acceptance of the SOF recommendations was "a pivotal moment" that "set Sweet Briar on a new course toward which the College has been moving steadily over the last six years, and which will do no less than reinvent the traditional women's college." A bold assertion for a bold new approach.

What is the Shape of the Future?

In its simplest terms, Sweet Briar's revitalized mission places the focus of our educational program on students' professional and personal achievement beyond Sweet Briar. This approach is not just "student-centered" but "outcomes-centered." We want to help students achieve their goals—not simply by offering encouragement, but by insuring that we offer every student

- (1) A top-notch liberal education,
- (2) Tools to craft for herself the best possible individualized educational experience,
- (3) Assistance she needs to plan her future effectively,
- (4) Professional skills to excel once she graduates.

To achieve this, both our curriculum and the experiences students have outside the classroom must reflect our mission. In the process, faculty and staff will extend their engagement with students, to help each one develop a unique vision for her future that integrates all of her learning experiences at Sweet Briar and beyond.

This is a tall order. To succeed, we need to foster and recognize learning in all its forms. Beyond the classroom, students learn in the library, the lab, in internships and leadership experiences, and in research, independent study and volunteer activities. We have always encouraged these activities, but must find ways to recognize them officially, on our transcript or through an individual electronic portfolio. Employers and top graduate schools tell us that these experiences are even more important to them than courses taken or grades received—setting our students apart from the crowd.

Clearly, we are busy reconceptualizing the connection between curricular and co-curricular life. To achieve what we intend to achieve, traditional academic advising must become only one aspect of an advisory system that assists students in crafting their educational program and planning their future.

To make the point that Sweet Briar College regards experiences such as internships, international study, and leadership opportunities as essential to today's liberal education for women, we wish to establish a set of commitments or guarantees that will apply to every student who enrolls. These guarantees will assure students that the College's actions match our educational mission and philosophy, and that students will be able to customize their SBC experience.

Mission Statement as adopted by the Board of Directors, May 26, 2004:

Sweet Briar College prepares women (and at the graduate level, men as well) to be productive, responsible members of a world community. It focuses on personal and professional achievement through a customized educational program that combines the liberal arts, preparation for careers, and individual development. The faculty and staff guide students to become active learners, to reason clearly, to speak and write persuasively, and to lead with integrity. They do so by creating an educational environment that is both intense and supportive and where learning occurs in many different venues, including the classroom, the community and the world.

Implementing the plan:

The College-wide plan for implementation of the SOF recommendations began to take shape at last summer's Senior Staff retreat. Our focus was two-pronged: (1) communication, and (2) implementation of SOF programmatic elements.

The plan is an evolving one. This academic year (2004-2005) is Year 1, devoted to planning by several task forces and early implementation steps. As the task forces complete their work, we will extend our focus to Years 2 and 3 (2005-2006; 2006-2007), building in assessment mechanisms to help us determine if the new approach and focus make a real difference in our students' success after Sweet Briar. At present, we are concentrating on those matters clearly delineated in the Board's May mandate, but the Planning Committee, working through the market research done last year by George Dehne Associates, and other suggestions that emerged last year, will almost certainly add elements to this overall approach.

Communication

Communicating the SOF approach involves not only communication to various constituencies of the College, but also how the College is incorporating the concepts and language of this approach into materials for prospective students, alumnae, and other external constituencies.

General: Within a day of the Board's special meeting in May, I sent a letter to SBC students, faculty, and alumnae. The following week, I sent a longer *President's Letter* to all students, faculty, alumnae, parents, friends of the College. Both of these initial communications are posted on the Web. Those of you reading this are taking yet another step in our general communication plan.

Alumnae and Development: The new direction is being discussed at all alumnae events, including Campaign events. The day after the May Board meeting in Washington, I had breakfast with Lynchburg alumnae, who were the first to hear the news. Since June, we have visited groups in Charlottesville, the Tidewater area, Denver, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Charlotte, and Washington. Our September Alumnae Council featured a number of sessions looking at the outcome of our strategic planning; we will provide detailed updates at Reunions as well.

In January 2005, we will embark on an 18-month schedule of visits to geographic areas identified by the Development, Admissions, and Alumnae Offices as important to recruitment and to our capital campaign. These events will enable us to bring the SOF approach to some of our less-often-visited areas of the country. Where feasible we will include area Guidance Counselor Breakfasts.

Certainly the Campaign is one area of the College profoundly impacted by the Shape of the Future discussions. Very unusual, perhaps even unique for an institution in the middle of a campaign, Sweet Briar's strategic planning questioned the very premise on which the Campaign was based—the strengthening of the institution as a provider of an excellent education for women. It is a great tribute to our alumnae and parent volunteers that the Campaign effort did not falter but reached an unprecedented level of private support for Sweet Briar last year. The SOF decision in May provides a positive environment for carrying out the original Campaign goal.

Students: Students were enormously important to our deliberations and planning last year. We worked at making sure that they were not only informed, but involved in the process. When our First-Year students arrived this Fall, we welcomed them into our new initiatives from the start. The Shape of the Future was also a focus at Opening Convocation. Early each

Fall, I talk with the Student Government Association; this year, I briefed them fully on the SOF Committee's recommendations, the Board's decision, and implications for the future. Students are especially supportive of this direction; they understand better than any of us how much their vision of their future impacts their Sweet Briar years.

Ongoing discussions throughout the year with myself, Dean Jonathan Green and his staff, and Dean Valdrie Walker and the Co-Curricular Life staff will provide opportunities for further discussion and understanding. At the February meeting of the Board of Directors, we will hold roundtable discussions with students, faculty and members of the Board.

Faculty and Staff: To launch the initiative, and to bring the entire campus community up to date, we invited *all staff* and faculty to lunch two days before classes began, and held a Shape of the Future Rollout Discussion to present the outcome of the SOF Committee's work. As far as we know, this was the first meeting the College has ever held where the entire Sweet Briar community was invited, from the grounds crew and housekeeping staff to deans and distinguished professors. Everyone got a look at the new direction, and pronounced the meeting a huge success. We will repeat this each year prior to the opening of the Fall Term.

More detailed discussions have occurred at faculty meetings, meetings of the president and dean with the Faculty Senate, and at the first meetings of the Instruction Committee, the General Education Committee, the Chair's Council, and the Planning Committee. The task forces I discuss below have met several times, and open meetings for faculty and staff have been held relative to advising. The dean has called a first "Professional Day" January 19, 2005 for faculty and professional staff to create a forum for discussion of community-wide issues. We plan to hold such a day at the beginning of each semester throughout the development of the SOF initiatives for implementation, assessment, and continuous strategic planning.

Finally, I have met separately with the Co-Curricular Life staff and Development staff, and will continue throughout the year to meet in open discussion with staff from other offices throughout the College.

Marketing: We have begun incorporating the language of the SOF approach, and particularly the "look" of the new Admissions materials into our publications. Three of these were sent in lieu of a Fall *Alumnae Magazine* to all alumnae and friends of the College.

Far more challenging is the task of redesigning our Web materials and embedding the new language into our website, which is massive (more than ten thousand pages). Our College Relations Office is developing a plan to prioritize work on our

website, beginning with the Admissions site (redesigned using the new graphic identity and marketing research key words and focus), the calendar, and the development of a virtual tour.

An Integrated Marketing Communication Task Force has been formed, to meet throughout the next two years to disseminate the new marketing focus throughout the campus community. It is working as well to identify the cultural changes on campus that will be necessary to work in an integrated fashion. College Relations is focusing on four geographic areas identified this summer in consultation with Admissions, to improve visibility and name recognition for the College in those areas, through billboards and other strategies incorporating our new graphic identity and language.

Recruitment: During the SOF planning process, Admissions commissioned a new family of materials. Information developed by the Shape of the Future Committee was shared with the marketing firm doing the materials, so that our new brochures use the key language identified as essential to the SOF approach. In addition, Admissions will now use a questionnaire with prospective students designed to model Sweet Briar's educational approach to them. This will help students begin thinking about planning their educational program, connecting it with their goals for the future. In the process, students can see how important Sweet Briar's commitments to leadership, internships, and international study really are.

Educational Programs

Dean Jonathan Green has formed three task forces and Dean Valdrie Walker has formed a fourth. All are hard at work at various stages of completing their tasks, have developed detailed time lines, and are exploring funding implications.

Advising Task Force: This task force has met a number of times, and has held open meetings for wider discussion in the community. A subcommittee focused on the Electronic Portfolio has been appointed and will submit a report to the Advising Task Force later this fall. The Advising Task Force has developed the following proposed outcomes.

Proposed outcomes:

Reconfigure academic advising around the use of faculty-staff advising teams

Provide technology-training workshops for preprofessional skills

Encourage campus-wide utilization of student portfolios as a companion to the transcript

Expand networking skills through the Career Center and networking opportunities in conjunction with the Alumnae Association

Maintain a broad and deep Liberal Arts curriculum

Expand experiential learning opportunities to be included in the transcript

Formally encourage and document leadership experiences

Internship Task Force: This task force is working to insure that Sweet Briar can guarantee that every eligible student who wishes to do so can complete a meaningful internship relevant to her professional goals. This project has financial implications for the College; it will explore funding as well as operational issues.

Proposed outcomes:

Making more and more-appropriate internships available

Standardizing rules and procedures across campus

Investigating zero-credit internships

Establishing transcript documentation of experiential learning activities

Increasing international internship options

Using the Career Center as an administrative hub for all internships

Expanding experiential learning across our curriculum

Study Abroad Task Force: This task force will spend the year looking at ways to insure that every SBC student who is qualified and wishes to do so can have an international experience (not necessarily a traditional study abroad program). Clearly, to guarantee this would have very significant financial implications. This task force will take more than a year to complete its work, and will report its recommendations in time for the administration to present to the Board of Directors in Fall 2005.

Proposed outcomes:

Guarantee an international experience to all students who meet appropriate requirements

Establish criteria for the guarantee

Explore short-term international experiences

Increase availability of international internships

Examine the possibility of short-term language institutes through JYF and JYS

Expand the breadth of international opportunities and program articulation agreements

Leadership Task Force: This task force is engaged in developing a Leadership Development Certificate, available to any interested student. The program will build on our model leadership development program run by Co-Curricular Life. The certificate would be granted to students who complete a prescribed series of activities, experiences, workshops and courses. The Leadership Task Force has just begun its work, but intends to have a final draft proposal for review early in the Spring Term, to be in place for First-Year Students (Class of 2009) and interested upperclasswomen in August 2005.

The Challenge

As indicated in my June *President's Letter*, our concept of an ideal education for 21st century women has been forming for several years. Our Natural Bridge vision of the late-1990s developed into the strategic focus we called NEXUS: the integration of academics with the development of professional skills and intentional experiences designed to connect our students with the world beyond Sweet Briar's gates.

Thus the new direction upon which we embark this year feels familiar to us. But the comprehensive nature of this approach will constitute a paradigm shift, and will take the collective energy and intelligence of the entire college community. We have our work cut out for us, but it is exciting and important work. The new Sweet Briar that is emerging will, we believe, set the standard for women's education for decades to come.

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letters sent to this magazine regarding Sweet Briar's Shape of the Future Committee, and was pleased to note that many alumnae appreciated the substance and volume of thought and work undertaken in that effort.

As I write this letter now (having procrastinated in my resolution to send it earlier), the decision has been made that Sweet Briar should continue to be an exceptional college for young women who want a strong grounding in the liberal arts, and should expand its horizons to commit to being a college for women who expect to live lives of consequence in the 21st century.

While I applaud that decision, I also know its consequences, and hope that every alumna, parent, and friend of the College will consider this bold step in light of what this decision means for Sweet Briar.

The business model for Sweet Briar, and all colleges like it, does not work. It never has, and it never will. It doesn't work at Harvard, Smith, or Wellesley and it doesn't work at Johns Hopkins, Williams, Vassar, or Washington and Lee. It isn't supposed to work—that's why they call them not-for-profits. These institutions can't just make more widgets. Their financial models rely on tuition, for sure, but only as one component of revenue. Earned income from other sources, earnings from endowment, and strong annual giving from former students, parents, and friends make it possible for every good college and university to offer the very best to its students.

Making more widgets doesn't make for a more valuable degree. Gifts that provide the financial flexibility to make good decisions about academic programs and student selectivity make every Sweet Briar degree, whenever earned, more valuable.

I have the pleasure of working in the business of consulting with colleges and universities in this country and abroad as they work to enhance their philanthropic initiatives. As good fortune would have it, Sweet Briar is one of my clients. For the past few years I have taken off my "alumna" hat and observed Sweet Briar as

an objective outsider, hoping to add value to its philanthropic efforts.

In my regular visits to Sweet Briar as its consultant, I've occasionally had the chance to meet and talk with today's students. They are a most impressive group, and if you haven't talked to some of them recently, you owe yourself that chance. I meet a lot of students around this country, particularly here in Boston, and those at Sweet Briar are as special and as talented as any.

In the early 1990s, I was serving as Vice President for Development at Vassar College. Vassar's president, herself a Wellesley graduate, once turned to me during our travels and said, "You have ruined all the images I had about Sweet Briar alumnae." I asked her if she meant that she had been a northeast Wellesley snob about Sweet Briar and she said yes. I told her I was delighted to have changed that perception, because I was a very typical Sweet Briar alumna, and proud to say so.

Any one of us can say that we loved our time at Sweet Briar; any one of us can elect to care about the students and faculty who are at the College today, and any one of us can do something to ensure that the value of the degree we earned continues to grow stronger every day. We can do that by putting money in the hands of the College so that it can grow and prosper. Now is the time to "vote" for Sweet Briar with our income and our assets.

I am proud of my Sweet Briar education and know that it would only be stronger if I attended the College today. I am also proud to be a donor to the College. I choose to vote for Sweet Briar because I want the students today to have the very best, and, selfishly, I want my degree to be valuable.

Our institutions are what we say they are, and what we make them. I say that Sweet Briar is the college of choice for young women who want an outstanding education with strong student-faculty interaction, who want to explore a variety of avenues for their careers and lives, who want to experiment with positions of leadership in and out of the classroom, who want to be part of a group

of alumnae who form lifelong friendships and networks, and who want all of that in a splendid setting of land and campus that is itself a natural classroom.

Sweet Briar students and faculty members deserve alumnae who make gifts that are appropriate to their circumstances, who even make Sweet Briar their philanthropic priority, and who demonstrate that they are proud that they went to Sweet Briar by giving of their own resources. I want more Sweet Briar alumnae to start being women when it comes to giving to their college; I want Sweet Briar women to be "visionary philanthropists" who serve as models to current students about the power of their voice through philanthropy. And I want Sweet Briar alumnae to be women who enjoy making gifts to their college—not because they have to give, but because they get joy from making a difference at an important institution.

The financial model doesn't work unless we alumnae do better than we have in the past. Giving "just a little something" isn't good enough for Sweet Briar if you are fortunate enough to have the resources to give more. At the same time, giving a gift of any amount gives you a voice; it makes you a stakeholder in the College's future. By putting our money where our values are, we prove that our Sweet Briar education made us thoughtful, caring, and dedicated individuals. And that's the value of that degree, now and forever.

Remember, the model doesn't work without gifts. Alumnae can't count on someone else doing it in their place and then complain when they don't agree with something at the College. You can be proud of Sweet Briar if you vote for it with your financial resources. You can be proud of yourself for knowing that investing in the College's future is the investment with the greatest return for future generations of thinkers and leaders.

Kathleen A. Kavanagh '74
Senior Executive Vice President and Managing Director
Grenzbach Glier & Associates, Inc.



The Class of 2004 gathers for Commencement.

The Class of 2004 Celebrates Success and a New Tradition!

Saturday, May 1, 2004 marked Sweet Briar's 95th Commencement Ceremony; 132 seniors from 27 states and Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Jamaica, and Panama received degrees.

Charismatic Commencement speaker Naomi Wolf was the fourth recipient of Sweet Briar's Honorary Degree, conferred at Commencement. Author and a founder of the Woodhull Institute for

Ethical Leadership, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization devoted to training young women in ethical leadership for the 21st century, she offered graduates "Tool Kits," the first listing seven major virtues for ethical leaders, the second an "Empowerment Tool Kit." Her parting advice: "Dream the biggest possible dreams that you can dream."

Friday, April 30, a new tradition was born around the Class of '53 Sweet Briar Gates, relocated and dedicated at Reunion 2003, 1953's 50th. As a prologue to

Baccalaureate, robed seniors met at the Deanery, lining up two by two, each bearing a long-stemmed rose in keeping with the motto, *Rosam Quae Meruit Ferat*. They walked along Faculty Row and, reaching the closed gates draped in the class colors, met the class officers to enact a brief ceremony, asserting that as graduating seniors, they sought entrance to the Courtyard, the heart of the College. The gates opened, the class marched through and processed to the Chapel, each senior placing her rose in a basket which became part of the offering for the Baccalaureate service. Witness the beginning of what surely will become a longstanding tradition!

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Seniors walk to Sweet Briar gates.
Photos by Pat Richeson, SBC Chaplain's Office



Commencement Honors

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2003.

Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME

The Presidential Medalist

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Briana Beth Beckham, Nashville, TN

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Autum Aster Matysek-Snyder, Afton, VA

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

*Mary Browse Davis, Charles Town, WV
Michelle Poore, Pulaski, VA*



The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Caroline Reed Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario, Canada

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, actively participating in the College community, and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Kelly Lynn Robinson, Gig Harbor, WA

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Leia Alexandra Manuel, Prince George, VA

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Meredith Renee Rucker, Amherst, VA

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Michelle Poore, Pulaski, VA

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Kimberly Hart Sandver, Columbus, OH

The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Lauren Patricia Byrne, Haymarket, VA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Tonya Reinheimer Smith, Madison Heights, VA

L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Misty Amanda Vandergriff, Knoxville, TN

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theatre

Erin Hayden-Coleman, Columbia, MD



Author Naomi Wolf delivers address.

The W. H. Overly Award in Spanish

Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME

The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Studies Award

Rachael L. Chilton, Coos Bay, OR

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Kristin Diana Trayer, Springfield, VA

The Jean Besselievre Boley Award

Brienna Ardath McLaughlin, Charlottesville, VA

The German Embassy Book Prize

Award for an excellent academic record and significant contributions to the German program at Sweet Briar

Kathryn Elizabeth Lawson, Chanhassen, MN

The Goethe-Institut Buchpreis

Award to the outstanding student majoring in German or German Studies
Megan Elizabeth Sinner, Shenandoah Junction, WV

The Mathematical Sciences Award

Cynthia Anne Beller, Richland, WA

The Jean Taylor Meyer Memorial Poetry Prize

Leia Alexandra Manuel, Prince George, VA

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History

Lisa Marie Estes, Mission Viejo, CA

Phi Beta Kappa 2004

Briana Beckham, Nashville, TN
Cynthia Anne Beller, Richland, WA
Rachael Lee Chilton, Coos Bay, OR
Lisa Marie Estes, Mission Viejo, CA
Katherine Anne Kirkwood, Sweet Briar, VA
Kathryn Elizabeth Lawson, Chanhassen, MN
Leia Alexandra Manuel, Prince George, VA
Brienna Ardath McLaughlin,
Charlottesville, VA

Caroline Reed Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario,
Canada

Laura Elizabeth Pearson, Spanish Fort, AL
Michelle Lynn Poore, Pulaski, VA
Kimberly Hart Sandver, Columbus, OH
Catherine Lepay Scheer, Highlands Ranch, CO
Elsbet Carroll Smith, Hammond, LA
Misty Amanda Vandergriff, Knoxville, TN
Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME
Caitlin Patricia Webber, Bristow, VA

Cum Laude

Mary Danielle Burton, Lovingson, VA
Lauren Patricia Byrne, Haymarket, VA
Leslie Caperton Chase, Amherst, VA
Erin Elizabeth Coleman, Columbia, MD
Elissa A. K. Davis, Middleburg, FL
Khadine Anna-Kay Fisher, Kingston, Jamaica
Jaime Lee Heimbegner, Richmond, VA
Maria Lacy Kitchin, Virginia Beach, VA
Emilie Janay Malone, Nashville, TN
Anne Mary Mohana, Bourg, LA
Kristin McPhatter Ogden, Madison Heights,
VA
Stephanie Michelle O'Sullivan, Lewisburg,
WV

Megan Louise Owens, Scottsdale, AZ
Virginia Louise Patterson, Yorktown, VA
Stacy Lynn Patteson, Narrows, VA
Kelly Lynn Robinson, Gig Harbor, WA

Meredith Renee Rucker, Amherst, VA
Catherine Lepay Scheer, Highlands Ranch, CO
Ebony Tara Scurry, Silver Spring, MD
Mary Gordon Seay, Richmond, VA
Camille Moira Simmons, Smiths, Bermuda
Morgan Jane Swan, East Lansing, MI
Leila Williams, Waterford, VA

Magna Cum Laude

Elise Lola Arnold, Palmer, TX
Nausheena Baig, Columbia, MD
Ashlee Lauren Bartleson, Powhatan, VA
Briana Beckham, Nashville, TN
Anne Traynor Biasioli, Charlottesville, VA
Jessica Anne Carter, Oklahoma City, OK
Rachael Lee Chilton, Coos Bay, OR
Chasity Janet Clarke, Ashland, VA
Sarah Wilkinson Collins, Shipman, VA
Stephanie Lynn Margaret Gleason, Virginia
Beach, VA

Sara Kathryn Gredler, Culpepper, VA
Medora Marie Hackler, Bolton, MA
Brandy Flare Harman, Mechanicsville, VA
Kristen Maria Hylton, Newark, CA
Katherine Anne Kirkwood, Sweet Briar, VA
Kathryn Elizabeth Lawson, Chanhassen, MN
Autum Aster Matysek-Snyder, Afton, VA
Christy Larre Michaels, Reklaw, TX
Anna Marie Nicolaisen, Fairfax, VA
Caroline Reed Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario,
Canada
Michelle Lynn Poore, Pulaski, VA
Victoria Brenda Rangel, Riverside, CA
Megan Elizabeth Sinner, Shenandoah
Junction, WV

Tonya Reinheimer Smith, Madison Heights,
VA
Jozanne Suzette Summerville, Stafford, VA
Amanda Jean Switzenberg, Stockbridge, MI
Kristin Diana Trayer, Springfield, VA
Misty Amanda Vandergriff, Knoxville, TN



A jubilant Carolyn Brazill, Coordinator of Campus Student Employment (Career Services) was honored with the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award from the Student Government Association, presented by SGA President Kelli Bergmann '04.



Summa Cum Laude

Cynthia Anne Beller, Richland, WA
Margaret Lindsay Drake, Travelers Rest, SC
Lisa Marie Estes, Mission Viejo, CA
Leia Alexandra Manuel, Prince George, VA
Brienna Ardath McLaughlin, Charlottesville, VA
Georgeanne Lee Oakes, Danville, VA
Laura Elizabeth Pearson, Spanish Fort, AL
Kimberly Hart Sandver, Columbus, OH
Elsbet Carroll Smith, Hammond, LA
Shannon Ross Smith, Kaiserslautern, Germany
Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME
Caitlin Patricia Webber, Bristow, VA

The Honors Program, Class of 2004

High Honors in Chemistry

Nausheena Baig, Columbia, MD
Jaime Lee Heimbegner, Richmond, VA

High Honors in Psychology

Mary Gordon Seay, Richmond, VA

Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Studio Art

Brienna Ardath McLaughlin,
Charlottesville, VA

Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Spanish

Jennifer Allison Warde, South Portland, ME

Honors Degree with Honors in Spanish

Heather Dorothy Shumaker, Harrisburg, PA

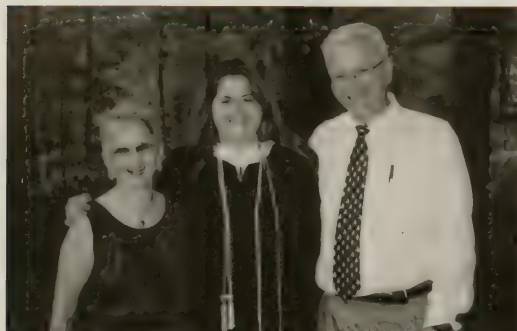
Honors Degree with High Honors in Government

Caitlin Patricia Webber, Bristow, VA



Assistant Professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion Matthew Calarco was the 2004 recipient of the Connie Burwell White Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by Catherine Scheer '04, chair of the SBC Academic Affairs Committee.

Alumnae Relatives



Mother Katharine Barnhardt Chase '67, Leslie Chase, Father SBC Professor of Mathematical Sciences Robert Chase



Sister Elizabeth Farnsworth '05, Grace Farnsworth



Mother Sally Old Kitchin '76, Maria Kitchin



Mother Cynthia Hardy McCabe '74, Tiffany McCabe



Turning Point Graduates, l-r: Nina Harris, former Sweet Briar staff member; Kris Ogden, Program Coordinator for the SBC Center for Civic Renewal; Olga Rigg, wife of Sweet Briar's Director of Computer Services David Rigg



Caroline Ogilvie, Sister Megan Ogilvie '02



Meredith Shaw, Sister Allison Shaw '07



Sister Jane Rangel '06, Victoria Rangel, Mother Helena Papis Rangel '65 (Not pictured: Sister Christine Rangel '01, in graduate school, St. Andrews University)

Betsy with her family:

Front, l-r granddaughters Bess Dickens, Kate Willingham, Amelia Willingham, Betsy Black. Back, Betsy, husband Bill, daughters Elizabeth Dickens, Margaret Black, Katie Willingham.



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2004 Outstanding Alumna Award To Elizabeth Smith White '59

Introduction of Honoree at Reunion Convocation, May 15, 2004

By Alumnae Association President Diane Dalton '67

It is a very great pleasure for me to present the Outstanding Alumna Award, which recognizes alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity. This year's recipient is Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith White, Class of 1959, who has shown her devotion to Sweet Briar in countless ways, from the smallest tasks to the Vice Chairmanship of the College Board of Directors. In her volunteer work for Sweet Briar, Betsy has focused, with her characteristic forthrightness, on two main things: the excellence of the academic aspect of the College, and the raising of funds to support it. In carrying out a multitude of tasks with great efficiency but with unflinching charm and graciousness, Betsy exemplifies the qualities that Sweet Briar strives to impart to its students. She is a most worthy recipient of this award, one of the highest honors that Sweet Briar College can bestow.

We are delighted that Betsy's husband, William A. White, Jr., who has given her strong support in her volunteer work for Sweet Briar, and all the White girls (Betsy and Bill's three daughters, Elizabeth W. Dickens, Margaret W. Black, and Katie W. Willingham, and granddaughters Bess Dickens, Kate Willingham, Amelia Willingham and Betsy Black) are here to help celebrate.

Few alumnae have served the College in a greater variety of ways than Betsy. Her broad interests and talents were evident

even as a student: she was Junior Class Treasurer, Social Committee Treasurer, Briar Patch Engravings Editor, May Day Committee Head, and a member of the Student Development Fund Committee, the Altar Committee, the Church and Chapel Committee, Chung Mungs and May Court. Upon earning her Sweet Briar degree in American History, she obtained a teacher's certificate from Queens College in Charlotte and taught 7th grade for a year. Betsy's qualities would make her successful in any endeavor she undertakes. She chose to devote most of her time to raising a family and to an impressive career of volunteerism. Let me point out some of her achievements because you would never hear of them from Betsy herself. She is quick to give credit to others, treating everyone with the utmost consideration and courtesy. She is a true Southern lady, in the very best sense of the word.

Betsy and her husband have shown extraordinary personal generosity toward Sweet Briar. They established the Elizabeth Smith White and William A. White, Jr. Fund for Faculty Development and Program Support. Betsy is a member of the Williams Associates, having named the College in her will, and of the Silver Rose Society. She has been an indefatigable fund-raiser, a leader within her class and throughout the alumnae body, bolstering esprit de corps and inspiring others to recognize the importance of contributing to the College. Some of

her achievements in the difficult field of fund-raising are listed in a resolution to be presented with her award.

In her local alumnae club in Charlotte, Betsy has held just about every position, from spearheading events to hosting them in her home, and offering warm hospitality to Sweet Briar presidents and other guests from the College. Her involvement with students is remarkable, from always including them on her invitation list to throwing back-to-school parties, to contributing to the 2003 Senior Class Campaign.

In her community, Betsy has held a number of positions in the Junior League, including president, and was president of the Charlotte Debutante Club. She has been a member of the Social Planning Council of United Community Services and a trustee of Charlotte Country Day School and chairman of its board. She has served on the Board of Visitors at Davidson College, alma mater of her husband and all three daughters, and at Warren Wilson College. She served on the boards of the Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center, Sharon Towers Presbyterian Home, and the Crisis Assistance Ministry. She is an elder at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

In recognition of Betsy's unremitting dedication and hard work on behalf of Sweet Briar College, I am deeply honored to present the 2004 Outstanding Alumna Award.

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Betsy White '59 **Accepts the 2004 Outstanding Alumna Award**

Of all the mysteries in life, surely the most delightful one for me is WHY an institution would honor someone for something she absolutely loves doing!

Being asked to serve on the Board of Sweet Briar College was a gift to me! You know how they have to be so correct about boards...and they just needed someone from North Carolina, about mid-50ish, 10 years ago. And what a wonderful experience that turned out to be!

I don't need to tell you why and how much I love Sweet Briar. We ALL love this beautiful place, we ALL cherish the friendships made here which have nourished us through the years, we ALL are deeply grateful for the good education we received here...one that taught us how to keep learning and growing for the rest of our lives...and we ALL relish the Sweet Briar connections found wherever we travel and move all over the world.

But I do want to tell you from nine years of very recent experience that our Sweet Briar has never been in better shape! Yes, it has changed over the years, but all for the better.

The young women who come here are more intentional than we ever were about getting a good education and preparing themselves for their place in today's world. The faculty is excellent and brilliantly responsive to all of the demands placed on them. The administration, led by our special Betsy, is the best ever, the most visionary, the boldest and the most thorough, leaving no stone unturned, as they search for the best possible ways to meet the challenges of a women's college out in the Virginia countryside. The Alumnae Association is in the extremely capable hands of Diane Dalton '67 and the Board is chaired by an extraordinary young leader, Michela English '71.

It is a hardworking, very committed board and I am so confident that whatever decision today's leaders of Sweet Briar College make about "the shape of the future"...it will be the *right* decision. It will be *excellent*,

Sweet Briar will thrive and it will remain the place we hold most dear in our hearts.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 18, 2004, acknowledges with gratitude the many years of devoted service given to Sweet Briar College by Betsy Smith White, Class of 1959, recipient of the 2004 Outstanding Alumna Award. Betsy served on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors for nine years, for the last three as Vice Chairman. She was a member of the Alumnae Association Board for 10 years, four of which were concurrent with the College Board. All of her board service has been marked by her integrity, her thoughtfulness, her signature clear-headedness, and her rare combination of the practical with the visionary.

In addition to her personal generosity, Betsy is very effective in the difficult field of fund-raising. She is Co-chair of the Reunion Gifts Committee for this, her 45th Reunion, and filled that same vital role for the class's 25th, 35th and 40th Reunions. For almost 20 years she has been her class fund agent. She was a member of the Development Committee of the College's Board of Directors, and on the Alumnae Board she has held the top fund-raising positions of Scholarship Chairman, Financial Aid Chairman, Boxwood Circle Co-Chairman and Annual Fund Chairman. She served on President Muhlenfeld's Campaign Planning Committee and on the Development Leadership Committee. During the Campaign for Sweet Briar College in the early 1990s, she was Co-Chair of the Charlotte Community Campaign. In addition to taking on national positions of the highest responsibility, she has remained willing and eager to help with smaller jobs, and is a mainstay of the alumnae club in her hometown of Charlotte. Sweet Briar is also proud of Betsy's leadership in many civic organizations and educational institutions, in particular Davidson College, Warren Wilson College, and the Charlotte Country Day School.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Betsy for the depth of her commitment to her alma mater. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Diane B. Dalton '67

President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80

Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:

Anne Cumnock Miller*;
Eugenia Griffin Burnett*;
Louise Hooper Ewell*;
Frances Murrell Rickards*;
Annie Powell Hodges*

1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*

1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30

1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*

1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*

1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*

1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19*
and Helen H. McMahon '23*

1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*

1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35

1977 Martha von Briesen '31* and
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwell '35*

1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*

1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stohman '34

1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53

1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47

1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49

1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41

1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46* and
Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52

1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34*

1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and
Sarah Adams Bush '43*

1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39

1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*

1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43 and
Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47*

1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48

1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32

1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49

1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*

1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and
Mildred Newman Thayer '61

1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46

1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59

1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45

1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49

1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63

2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61

2001 Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57

2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34* and
Ann Morrison Reams '42

2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

2004 Elizabeth Smith White '59

*Deceased

Reunion

SCRAPBOOK

Reunion 2004: a happy weekend shared by many in the regular Reunion classes *and* others who came in *non*-Reunion years (a growing trend for Mini-Reunions). Besides reconnecting with SBC buddies, there was much to see and do: open houses; Alumnae Colleges; Reunion Convocation/update on the College; art and authors exhibits; bus tours of the campus, VCCA and Riding Center; snacks at the Book Shop Café or Le Bistro; a Duo Piano Recital with Professor of Music Rebecca McNutt and Sarah Anderson Stanton '89; or just *relaxing* on our beautiful campus.

Plan now to "Come Back to the Patch" for Reunion 2005, May 27th -29th !



Lynne Gardner Detmer '68, National Reunion Giving Chair, expressed great pleasure in announcing the grand total for 2004 RGs to the Annual Fund of \$448,821 (Part. 31.4%) and the 2004 TGs to *all* funds from classes of 1929-1999 of \$4,244,107.



Sara Callison Jamison '29 delighted everyone by returning for her 75th Reunion, and at Saturday's Cocktail Buffet, "dancing the night away!" Class of 1929 RG: \$1,650; TG: \$1,675



Loyal *every-year-attendees* Natalie Roberts Ross '31 and husband William came for the 73rd.



Margaret Ross Ellice '34 and granddaughter Aubrey Adams Barr '89 celebrated Margaret's 70th, Aubrey's 15th. Class of 1934's RG: \$2,510; TG: \$19,010.



Ann Marshall Whitley '47 turned out with esprit for her 57th



Sarah Belk Gambrell and Class President Yvonne Leggett Sanford enjoyed the Class of 1939's 65th. RG: \$12,845; TG: \$40,145.

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Note: All names read l-r.

Abbreviations:
CP=Class President
RGC=Reunion Gifts Chair
Sec=Class Secretary

Each class made three announcements at Convocation: Reunion Gift to the Annual Fund (RG) Class Participation: (Part) Total Giving (to *all* funds) for the year (TG)



1944 came on strong for a festive 60th: 21 alumnae, 11 husbands. CG: \$15,608; Part: 45.1%; TG: \$321,204.



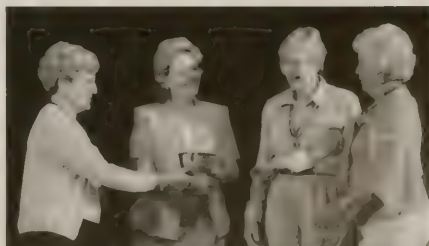
1949: For the 55th, "The 49-ers," wearing miner's helmets, enlivened Convocation with their trademark enthusiasm; 18 alumnae, 3 husbands (1 of the 3 was honorary class member, H'49 Walter Brown, husband of Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown). CG: \$41,297; Part: 58%; TG: \$665,098. Due to a data reporting error, the figures announced at Reunion for the Class of '49 were incorrect. Correct figures shown here



The Class of 1954 took the stage with aplomb, reminding us that they *created* the original Sweet Tones (Vaughan Inge Morrisette wore a banner "Sweet Tone wanna-be" (they wouldn't let her be!); that they were the first class to have cars on campus senior year, and first allowed to wear "tasteful slacks or shorts." They sang a '50s-vintage Sweet Tones song, "How could Red Riding Hood/ Have been so very good/ And still kept the wolf from her door?"



Here's To The Fiftieth! A crowd: 39 alumnae, 18 husbands and Thomas P. Hughes, former SBC faculty, had a marvelous time.



1954 won the Participation Award for classes celebrating 25th-50th Reunions (78.3%). Accepting: Ruth Frye Deaton, CP; Bruce Watts Krucke, Sec; Vaughan Inge Morrisette, RGC. CG: \$105,460; TG: \$420,595.



1959: 26 alumnae, 2 husbands. In jubilant celebration of the 45th and of classmate Betsy Smith White (2004 Outstanding Alumna Award recipient), they noted that they came to SBC 10 months after hurricane Hazel and came back 7 months after hurricane Isabel. Is this a pattern? CG: \$58,442; Part: 55.4%; TG: \$1,138,728.



1964 class Officers: Back, Co-RGC "V.M." Del Greco Galgano; Co-CP Claire Hughes Knapp. Front, Co-CP Nancy Gillies; Co-RGC "Ginny" deBuys.



1964 outdid itself for the 40th, winning the Nancy Dowd Burton Award (for the 2nd time—they also won in 1999) for the largest RG (\$135,580) and the Centennial Award: TG to all funds (\$1,322,030). Were they ecstatic? YES! Attending: 29 alumnae, 7 husbands/significant others. Part: 56.1%.



Well-known for hilarious skits, '64 presented "Hot Flash, Deux" this time.



1969 drew a smaller but lively group for its 35th: here to have fun, 13 alumnae, 2 husbands. RG: \$39,162; Part: 39.0%; TG: \$149,277.



1974's joie de vivre was unquenchable at their 30th: 35 alumnae, 7 husbands roamed the campus, enjoyed, participated. CG: \$57,050; Part: 20.4%; TG: \$58,900.



1979—The Milestone 25th! They said, “Don’t we look good?” They *did*; 28 alumnae, 9 husbands/significant others, 7 children. Class statistics at 25th: 5 sets of twins (!); 100% corrected vision; 64 jobs held; 11 children in college; cumulative weight gain 312 lbs; married 290 years; 11,000 miles/42 hours total to attend Reunion. RG: \$26,155; Part: 29.4%; TG: \$26,555.



1984: Vitality + at the 20th: 19 alumnae, 4 husbands, 6 children proved that 20 years = “just yesterday.” They drew applause with an RG of \$13,134, “\$1,150 of which was raised last night!” Part: 19.1%; TG: \$14,453.



1989: The 15th brought 13 alumnae, 3 husbands, 7 children, including the youngest Reunion attendee, 2-month-old Kyle Sellman, daughter of Sandra Compton Sellman. RG: \$4,370; Part: 6.5%; TG: \$4,495.



1994 had a terrific 10th—they won the Participation Award for classes celebrating 5th–20th Reunions (20.3%). 16 alumnae, 10 husbands, 9 children tuned into each other and all campus events. RG: \$2,510; TG: \$2,750.



1999, The New Kids on the Block, made their 5th a memory to keep. 34 alumnae, 12 husbands, 1 child enjoyed “just being here with each other.” RG: \$6,958; Part: 16.7%; TG: \$7,048.

A Special Mini-Reunion:

Fit and Fun at 50

Class of '76 at
Hart and Hind Ranch

By Sally Old Kitchin '76



Left to right: Three in front: Sally Mott Freeman, Kit Newman Detering, Treacy Markey Shaw. Back: Sally Old Kitchin, Terese DeGrandi Busch, Ookie (Martha) Hays Cooper, Cathy Slatinshek, Ann Stryker Busch, Randy Kaiser (Fitness Director of Hart and Hind), Dixie Torbert, Meg Shields Duke, Ann Kiley Crenshaw, Lisa Nelson Robertson, Caroline Bickel McLoughlin, Dede (Margaret) Ryan Ale.

“Fit and Fun at 50” is printed on the back of the bright pink shirts that Meg Shields Duke gave us as we gathered for a September weekend at our classmate Kit Newman Detering’s Hart and Hind Fitness Ranch to celebrate?! our 50th birthdays. Dede Ryan Ale, Ann Stryker Busch, Terese DeGrandi Busch, Ookie Hays Cooper, Ann Kiley Crenshaw, Kit Newman Detering (SBC Board of Directors), Meg Shields Duke (former Alumnae Association Board), Sally Mott Freeman, Sally Old Kitchin (SBC Board of Directors), Caroline Bickel McLoughlin, Lisa Nelson Robertson, Cathy Slatinshek, Treacy Markey Shaw, and Dixie Torbert represented the Class of 1976.

Kit founded Hart and Hind: A Fitness Ranch featuring Star Cuisine in Rio Frio, Texas on the family’s 5,250-acre ranch about 90 miles northwest of San Antonio. The Hill Country of Texas is similar to Sweet Briar’s campus with rolling hills, rivers and streams, and an abundance of wildlife including deer, antelope, goats and our favorite, the armadillo. Kit’s son maintains a herd of Red Angus Cattle on the Detering Ranch.

Determined to demonstrate our fitness, we participated in long hikes

up and down hills along with Randy, the fitness director, who also led us in stretching and exercise classes. We enjoyed horseback riding and swimming in a deep green, spring-fed pool. Kit offered us a self-defense class by an instructor from Houston and we all received a massage and a fitness evaluation. Guessing each other’s body fat percentage became quite a challenge!

Healthy and DELICIOUS meals were provided by cowgirl chef Paula, and wonderful breads and pizza were created by David in the outside wood-burning oven. We were treated to a campfire breakfast, lunch at the pool with our own Texas lunch boxes, and s’mores around the campfire after dinner each night.

Many of us have returned to Sweet Briar often for Alumnae Council and Reunions; however, some classmates we had not seen since graduation. But, we all came together because of Meg’s organization, Kit’s gracious hospitality, and because of the memories from our time together at Sweet Briar and our love for the College. Sitting together on the terrace of the Lodge one afternoon, we had a lively discussion on the Shape of the Future process and the exciting plans for the future of the College.

We were a group reflective and

representative of all Sweet Briar alumnae. We included the founder and owner of the ranch business, two lawyers, a medical doctor, an executive director of a top U.S. government agency, the wife of a U.S. Congressman, dedicated wives and mothers, and accomplished community leaders. We are all thankful for our education and the leadership opportunities and skills we received at Sweet Briar.

How wonderful and how remarkable that 14 classmates could come together, 28 years after graduation, to celebrate each other and Sweet Briar. We remain Fit and Forever Fun. And, of course, we adorned ourselves—and Kit’s yellow male lab, Tex—with pink shirts, pearls, and pink and green scarves as we enjoyed some wine, some partying, some singing and some dancing—other fine skills developed while at Sweet Briar...

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Spotlight

Alison M. Jones '71, Photographer, Author, Lecturer, Addresses Alumnae Club of New Jersey

Alison Jones gave a presentation to the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of New Jersey at Kent Place School, Summit, NJ, on Friday April 16, 2004. Twenty-five people attended the exciting event which was on the topic, "Where There are Women, There is Magic; East African Women: Intimate Portraits."

"I so enjoy giving that presentation and was thrilled there was so much interest and so many thoughtful questions following," said Alison. "I would enjoy doing this (or other topics) for other alumnae groups—I am always traveling and might easily be able to build talks in other regions into my travel schedule."

As a photographer and conservationist, Alison has traveled throughout Africa, Europe and the Americas documenting disappearing cultures, wildlife, and ecosystems. Her photographs capture the struggle of indigenous people and rural villages, wildlife behavior, and habitats, the environment, and diverse lifestyles and community *esprit* across the globe.

Alison knows nature conservancies and nonprofits/NGOs, such as Save the Children and Americares, among her clients. Her photographs document the efforts of organizations that seek solutions to third-world poverty, endangered species, and threatened ecosystems. Her work offers fascinating glimpses of the world and the people and wildlife that inhabit it. Photo assignments have taken Alison from Kenya, Rwanda and Mozambique to Guatemala, Nicaragua and Argentina, and other locations throughout Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States.

When not in the field, Alison offers lectures and exhibits that allow listeners and viewers to share her adventures, view the world through her camera lens, and learn about endangered peoples, animals and environments. She has



Alison Jones '71 with New Jersey Alumnae Club President Deborah Price Bowman '82

exhibited at galleries from coast to coast, in Connecticut, New Jersey, California and elsewhere. Her work has appeared in magazines such as *O* (Oprah), *Esquire*, *Victoria*, *Marie Claire*, *Photographer's Forum* and others, as well as in calendars, newspapers, annual reports and in TV programming.

Currently, Alison's photographic connection is being considered as the subject of a full-length documentary film, and she is in the process of writing a companion book to this film.

For more information, visit her website at alisonjonesphoto.com

Amy Leigh Campbell '97: Women's Rights Activist and CEO

What do you get when you combine a CEO, a published author, and a community activist? There's no punch line. That's what you get in one of Sweet Briar's graduates, Amy Leigh Campbell, Class of 1997. Amy has founded her own company, Bloom Consulting LLC (website: www.youcanbloom.com) which works with clients in the field of human services, mostly for women; and published a book, *Raising the Bar: Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the ACLU Women's*

Rights Project (April 2004, Xlibris, a division of Random House Inc.). "When he made me Chief Justice of the mock Supreme Court in his class, I wonder if Professor Stephen Bragaw ever thought I'd publish my first book about a Supreme Court Justice!" laughed Amy.

"We don't focus exclusively on women's issues, but we are pro-woman, in the sense that we take on projects that improve the quality of life for women and their families, respect reproductive autonomy, and fight harassment and violence," said Amy, explaining Bloom Consulting's philosophy. The company's clients include groups like Rebuilding Together, which modifies houses for older people who need things like wheelchair ramps and bathroom bars so that they can stay in their own homes and not have to move to nursing homes. Another example is HIPS, which works with prostitutes in DC to reduce the AIDS risk and sexual violence that occurs.

In addition to running Bloom, Amy recently became the publisher of "The Little Black Book for every Busy Woman" for Arlington/Alexandria, a resource guide for women in the community. "The Little Black Book" is currently published in seven cities. This "word of mouth" guide gives women a

list of service providers and businesses referred by women in their communities. Amy gave a talk about it at a September 2004 meeting of the Washington D.C. Sweet Briar Alumnae Club. "Women are a powerful economic force, with more disposable income than ever before," Amy reminds us. "We want top-notch service. We want realtors and mortgage brokers who understand single women as the head of their households, and car dealerships that take us seriously. It sounds like the worst of stereotypes, but it still exists. When a financial advisor advised me to only project my savings goals out a few years because things could change when I get married, I decided to take action."

Amy has been active ever since she came to Sweet Briar, where she was very involved: she participated in the Freshmen Leadership Program and Tau Phi, was Treasurer and Class Secretary of the Senior Class, and a member of the Senior Steering Committee, the Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Residence Life Staff. "I am so grateful for the Sweet Briar education," she says. "I learned to think, to write, and to speak persuasively. I easily double majored in Biology and Government, two very different disciplines, because of professors like Barbara Perry and Steve Bragaw who pushed me and supported me, too. I didn't just attend four years of college—I was invited to immerse myself in a whole new worldview, and I eagerly accepted."



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Amy Leigh Campbell '97

After Amy received her B.S. from Sweet Briar College, she went to work on her M.A. in Government at the University of Virginia. Literally. "After President Muhlenfeld handed me the diploma, I walked to the Meta Glass parking lot and got in a U-Haul bound for Charlottesville." Three weeks after her graduate program began, she was elected to the UVA Student Council when a seat became vacant. It was her first of three successful campaigns for office at the University. "I loved it! With 18,000 people, the University itself is like a small town. I have no plans to run for office in the "real world," but that experience gave me a glimpse into that life, forcing me to really think through the issues, debate them and fight for the changes I wanted, like contraceptive coverage under the school health plan. That drive is part of me now, whether I have a title or not." During Amy's graduate studies at UVA, Justice Ginsberg selected her, out of over 100 applicants, to chronicle her work as head of the ACLU Women's Rights Project; that research led to Amy's recent book on the Justice. Amy was also Director of Programs for the Women's Center of UVA.

After receiving her M.A., she accepted a position with a management consulting firm in Washington, D.C., working to build their nonprofit practice. A year later, she was recruited to NARAL (National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League)

Pro-Choice America to help strengthen their 26 state chapters. Still freelancing for her former consulting clients on special projects, she eventually built a client base and started her company. Almost two years into life as an entrepreneur, how is she? "I'm having the time of my life," she says. "If you had told me when I graduated that I would be CEO before turning 30, I would have laughed my head off. But Sweet Briar taught me to do it big or stay in bed, and I want to see more SBC women

taking risks and joining me at the head table."

In her free time, Amy is active in her community and serves as a founding member of the Virginia Network of Nonprofit Organizations (VANNO) Board of Directors. In 2002, Governor Warner appointed her to the Governor's Commission on Community and National Service, where she serves on the Executive Committee. Her passions include her family, her work, her garden, and the many books she is trying to find time to read.

As more and more Sweet Briar women cross boundaries and mix disciplines to craft interesting careers, Amy is an example of the value of thinking outside the "what's your major?" box.



Anne Butler '65 Publishes New Edition of *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook*

Anne Butler, author of a dozen books, has recently re-published *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook*. Named Best New Cookbook of the Year by *Louisiana Life* magazine, the big hardback contains delicious food recipes from Audubon plantation country of Louisiana and Mississippi—the region where artist-naturalist John James Audubon painted a large percentage of his *Birds of America* studies in the 1820s.

Carriage House Hot Crabmeat and Shrimp Dip

2 stalks celery, chopped
1 bunch green onions, chopped
1 stick butter
2 tbsp. flour
1 pt. half & half
1 lb. white lump crabmeat
1 lb. boiled shrimp, chopped
8 oz. Swiss cheese, grated
Salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper to taste

Sauté celery and onions in butter until soft. Add flour and mix well. Add half & half to make a cream sauce. Add crabmeat, shrimp, and cheese. Mix lightly. Simmer on top of stove approximately 10 minutes. Add seasonings. Remove from stove and put in chafing dish to keep warm. Serve with melba rounds. If too thick, add a little more cream.

Recipes for Floating Island and Bourbon Pie from the grand plantation houses are included in the book; so are Turtle Soups from the steamboat dining rooms, fabulous Fried Chicken from the black church suppers and Black-Iron Pot Pigtails from the quarterhorse races, Oriental recipes brought home from China by the wife of a former Marine Corps Commandant, Cream Puffs accompanying tea from the samovars of Russian Jewish immigrants, plenty of seafood Etouffées and easy contemporary lighter fare. (For a sample recipe, see sidebar.)

A native of Louisiana, Anne graduated from SBC with the class of 1965, though she actually finished her course work the previous summer, and moved to Washington, D.C., to write tour guides for AAA for three years. She then married and moved to California, working for a magazine on the Monterey Peninsula. After earning an M.A. in English from Humboldt State, she worked as a journalist, writer and editor on both coasts. She has had articles published in newspapers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco*

Chronicle and Baton Rouge Advocate, as well as in magazines (*Louisiana Life*, *Mississippi Magazine*, *Country Woman*, *New Orleans Magazine* and *Country Roads*). Her books include award-winning children's books, travel books, cookbooks and three books of non-fiction hair-raising crime stories (*Angola*, *Dying To Tell* and *Weep For The Living*). Her most recent book is the story of three generations of a German Jewish immigrant family's impact on life in Louisiana, Colorado and California from the mid-1800s. She is currently working on a humorous book with California mystery writer Abigail Padgett.

Anne lives on her 1790s family plantation, Butler Greenwood Plantation near the picturesque little Mississippi River town of St. Francisville, Louisiana, where she conducts historic tours and runs one of Louisiana's most interesting Bed & Breakfasts (www.butlergreenwood.com).

Pelican Publishing in New Orleans has re-issued *Audubon Plantation Country Cookbook*. The book is available from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; e-mail: bookshop@sbc.edu).



Jacqueline Kennedy, First Lady of the New Frontier

The following review by the University Press of Kansas is reprinted with permission.

In a mere one thousand days, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy created an entrancing public persona that has remained intact for nearly forty years. Even now, a decade after her death, she remains a



figure of enduring—and endearing—interest. Yet, while innumerable books have focused on the legends and gossip surrounding this charismatic figure, Barbara Perry's is the first to focus largely on Kennedy's White House years, portraying a First Lady far more complex and enigmatic than previously perceived.

Noting how Jackie's celebrity and devotion to privacy have for years precluded a more serious treatment, Perry's engaging and well-crafted story illuminates Kennedy's immeasurable impact on the institution of the First Lady. Perry vividly illustrates the complexities of Jacqueline Bouvier's marriage to John F. Kennedy, and shows how she transformed herself from a reluctant political wife to an effective, confident presidential partner. Perry is especially illuminating in tracing the First Lady's mastery of political symbolism and imagery, along with her use of television and state entertainment to disseminate her work to a global audience.

By offering the White House as a stage for the arts, Jackie also bolstered the president's Cold War efforts to portray the United States as the epitome of a free society. From redecorating the White House to championing Lafayette Square's preservation to lending her name to fund-raising for the National

New Book by Professor Barbara Perry:

Cultural Center, she had a profound impact on the nation's psyche and cultural life. Meanwhile, her fashionable clothes and glamorous hairdos stood in stark contrast to the dowdiness of her predecessors and the drab appearances of Communist leaders' spouses.

Never before or since has a First Lady (and her husband) sparkled with so much hope and vigor on the stage of American public life. Perry's deft narrative captures all of that and more, even as it also insightfully depicts Jackie's struggles to preserve her own identity amid the pressures of an institution she changed forever.

Grounded on the author's painstaking research into previously overlooked or unavailable archives, at the Kennedy Library and elsewhere, as well as interviews with Jacqueline Kennedy's close associates, Perry's work expands and enriches our understanding of a remarkable American woman.

"Free from Camelot idolatry and untainted by revisionist sensationalism, Perry delivers a nuanced and insightful profile of Jacqueline Kennedy's fascinating life, from debutante to First Lady to custodian of her husband's legacy. More clearly than ever, we can now appreciate how much she changed the institution of First Lady and, also, how much it changed her."—Douglas Breckley, author of *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War*.

"Perry has done a superb job, looking beyond the multitude of myths surrounding one of our most enigmatic First Ladies to reveal not just what she did but how her inner circle worked...An important contribution."—Betty Boyd Caroli, author of *First Ladies: From Martha Washington to Laura Bush*.

Barbara A. Perry's lifelong interest in the Kennedys dates to 1960, when, as a child, she was taken to see JFK at a campaign rally. A former judicial fellow at the U.S. Supreme Court, she is now Carter Glass Professor of Government at Sweet Briar College in Virginia.

Her other books include *The Priestly Tribe: The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind* and, with Henry J. Abraham, *Freedom and the Court: Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States*.



Carrie Brown's *Confinement* Explores Complex Post-World War II Emotions

NEA awards novelist \$20,000 literature grant

By Shannon Wells,
Sweet Briar Staff Writer

The art of the written word is alive and well within the Sweet Briar College community, and if a well-received novel and a national grant award are any indication, 2004 has been a particularly creative and encouraging year for Carrie Brown.

Brown, SBC visiting associate professor, started off the year by receiving a 2004 Literature Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, and her latest novel, *Confinement*, was published by Algonquin Books to glowing reviews in the spring.

The prolific novelist was one of 42 writers the NEA chose out of 1,422

applicants for the \$20,000 award. According to NEA guidelines, the grants represent the organization's "most direct investment in American creativity, encouraging the production of new work and allowing writers the time and means to write."

When an NEA representative called to inform Brown of her selection, she was thrilled—if not a little dumbfounded. "You apply so far in advance that you forget about it," she said of the application filed months earlier. "I was very pleased, of course. There's nothing like having your work affirmed, particularly at a level of such stature. It's a significant award for a writer. NEA recognition is substantive, important support."

To get her name in the organization's rather sizable hat, Brown simply sent in a short story and put her name in the top right-hand corner. Her submission was read and judged by a pool of fellow writers the NEA chooses each year.

As many writers depend on grants to carry them through to their next project, Brown says she is fortunate to also have a role at Sweet Briar under circumstances that allow her to pursue her muse. Still, the grant money has palpable benefits for the mother of three.

"I felt a certain weight fall off me," she said. "It's a wonderful thing to have your talent affirmed in a way that's financially meaningful enough to make a difference."

The author of four novels and a collection of short stories, *The House on Belle Isle*, Brown is no stranger to literary accolades. Her first novel, *Rose's Garden*, won the Barnes & Noble Discover Award in 1998. In 2001, *The Hatbox Baby* earned her the Great Lakes Book Award, the Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for best work of fiction by a woman, and the Library of Virginia Award. The "Belle Isle" collection was a finalist for the Library of Virginia Book Award in 2002.

"Wings," a story published by *The Georgia Review* in 2002, was one of the works cited by the American Society of Magazine Editors in naming the *Review* a 2002 National Magazine Award finalist in the fiction category. And *Land*

in *Love*. Brown's second novel, has recently been optioned for film.

Brown's latest novel, *Confinement*, paints a detailed, moving portrait of Arthur Henning, a tortured-soul refugee from Nazi Austria who moves to America with his son, Toby, to start a new life as a chauffeur at the country estate of the Duvall family. Toby grows up with the Duvalls' daughter, Aggie, who becomes pregnant and is ordered by her father to a home for unwed mothers.

Arthur's sympathy toward Aggie grows into love and attraction and he finds himself deeply conflicted by his feelings and Toby's desire for him to start a life independent of the Duvalls. As he struggles to find a present and future he can live with, Arthur is tormented by the past and the fates that befell his family and peers.

People magazine called *Confinement* a "beautiful novel," and Sandra Scofield of the *Chicago Tribune* commented, "In Carrie Brown's capable hands, flashbacks are the stuff of poetry, history and love."

To research the work, Brown traveled to Vienna to soak up the region's rich culture and troubled history. A highlight of her quest was meeting with a museum curator, who showed her a photo album of pre-war Vienna in the early 1900s.

"It was really useful in terms of helping me imagine daily lives of people in Vienna at that time," she said, noting that the pictures tended to clarify and complement her own perceptions from "smelling the air and eating the food" in the modern-day city.

A frequent book reviewer for *The Washington Post* and the *Chicago Tribune*, as well as an occasional essayist and lecturer, Brown started working over the summer on a novel based on the lives of 19th century brother-and-sister astronomers William and Caroline Herschel.

Brown is married to novelist John Gregory Brown, Julia Jackson Nichols Professor of English at Sweet Briar, where he directs the creative writing program and coordinates the International Writers Series. Their children are Olivia (19), Molly (13), and Walker (10).



Jessica Bemis Ward '63 Writes and Nancy Blackwell Marion '74 Designs Book about Funeral Foods

Jessica Bemis Ward and Nancy Blackwell Marion share a spotlight. They serve together on the Advisory Board for Lynchburg's Old City Cemetery and have combined talents to produce a book of Funeral Foods. Dubbed *Food to Die For*, the volume offers recipes for the portable, comforting, and familiar foods that people deliver to a bereaved household. (For a sample recipe, see sidebar.) In addition there is practical advice for offering assistance to those who have suffered a loss. There are tips for writing obituaries and condolence notes. There are suggestions for lending helpful, conventional and unconventional support to friends.

Even non-cooks enjoy reading *Food to Die For*. The suggestions are practical, but the tone is lighthearted and chatty. One section is devoted to phrases applied to funeral activities. Do you know what a Funeral Tsar is? Are you in Dying Order? These and other important questions and dilemmas are addressed in *Food to Die For*.

Jessica supplied the text and compiled the recipes; Nancy is responsible for the sophisticated, arresting look of the book. Throughout the book are remarkable photographs of Lynchburg's unique Old City Cemetery, which has undergone transforming renovation in the last decade. Suffice it to say that the cover is black with a see-through tombstone cut-out on the front.

Nancy, owner of The Design Group in Lynchburg, has been in the graphic design field for many years, and teaches a graphic design class at Sweet Briar. Her many interests include a weekly poker game. She serves on a number of historic preservation boards and has compiled an astounding collection of old photographs. In addition to her own historic house in the old part of Lynchburg, she recently bought a retired fire station; of the four artists' studios on the top floor, two are already occupied but two are still available for rent and Nancy is open to suggestions for uses for the main floor.

Jessica served as Chairman of SBC's Friends of Art in the early 1980s and has dabbled in a number of other volunteer activities during the last 40 years. For a ten-year period she worked at The Book Store in Lynchburg. She laments that her bookstore career ended when Barnes and Noble came "and we went." She married

into a large and aging Lynchburg family that has equipped her for writing about funeral food and behavior.

In a review of the book for the magazine, *Lynch's Ferry*, Mary Molyneux Abrams '86 wrote: "Despite amazing advances in medical science and technology, the mortality rate for human beings stands at a whopping 100%. It's a fact: all of us are going to die someday. Yet in the face of this statistical reality, death still manages to come as a shock, leaving rattled relatives, friends and co-workers wondering what to say and do in response. At such awkward moments, it would be nice to have a handbook, a "Funerals 101," that people could count on for advice and direction. And now we do... Jessica has compiled a witty, empathetic, and practical funeral-goers guide. *Food to Die For* is a book about how, in the face of impossible odds, we help each other carry on."

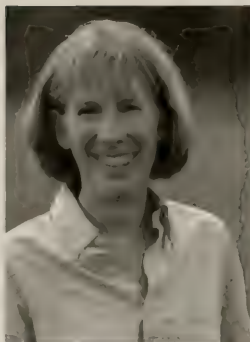
Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Cemetery. The book is available from The Old City Cemetery, 401 Taylor St., Lynchburg, VA 24501 (Tel: 434-847-1465).

Ham and Noodle Casserole

This retro dish is simple and delicious. It is a casserole served a number of years ago at a Sweet Briar Alumnae luncheon. You can buy thick sliced ham at the deli and cube it for a quick meal.

3 Cups Cooked Ham, cubed
8 Ounces Flat Noodles
½ Cup Onion, finely chopped
2 Cups Sour Cream
¾ Cup Buttered Bread Crumbs
Salt and Pepper to taste
Parmesan Cheese

Grease a two-quart casserole. Cook noodles and set aside. Mix ham, onion, sour cream, salt and pepper. Place layer of noodles in casserole followed by a layer of ham mixture. Repeat. Top with buttered crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until thoroughly heated. Serves 8.



SBC Riding Director Shelby French Creates Dynamic Learning Resource for Equestrians

By Angelica Guarino '06 and Shannon Wells, Sweet Briar Staff Writer

With her new instructional DVD series, Shelby French makes at-home learning possible for equestrians who want to improve their skills.

French, director of the Sweet Briar College Riding Program, conceived "The American System of Forward Riding: Life Lessons Learned with Horses" as a way for riders to develop techniques without an instructor on hand.

"We're trying to give all riders a process that will produce quality in their work with every horse," she said of the four-DVD set. "If you don't have access to an instructor, you can work with these materials at home. They give you a visual picture of what you're trying to accomplish and exercises to accomplish it."

Working with nationally-known show judge R. Scot Evans, French presents a system that teaches riders to develop a sense of connection and communication with their horse. The system builds on classic concepts originally developed in the 1950s by equestrian trainer Vladimir Littauer.

The set, which French both wrote and co-produced, also allows equestrians to train for Affiliated National Riding Commission certification levels without having to find an approved riding center. Accompanied by two workbooks,

the DVDs guide riders through the system. Students can earn ratings in the certification program by videotaping their performance of a series of tasks and sending the tape to an ANRC instructor for evaluation and feedback.

French was inspired to develop the materials by the observations of Sarah Babcock '71, who evaluates and trains dogs for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Richmond. Babcock conveyed her concerns about tension she observed between horses and riders in training. The two further discussed the issue, and French set about planning a presentation for the forward riding system that had been the foundation of her instructional and coaching approach for the previous two decades.

In an effort to make the training accessible to non-competitive riders, French consulted with Evans, whom she calls "one of the best teachers of this system that I have known. He is very well known in the horse show world and his partnership added a great deal of credibility and clout to the project."

A major focus of this system is to help the horse understand what is being asked of him. But the rider must first learn to think from the horse's perspective and how to develop control of his or her body, as this is the primary communication between horse and rider. This allows the horse to enjoy the work and makes a better overall experience for both parties.

"The main goal is to promote riding that is empathetic to the horse and creates quality in all riding disciplines," French said. "Riding is in many ways like visiting a foreign country. If you know the language you can be much more relaxed and enjoy the experience, but if you don't understand anything that is going on around you then it can become very frustrating."

"The rider must learn to communicate with the horse in a way he can understand, in order to develop a true working partnership."

Using the Sweet Briar campus as a setting for footage and writing much of the video script and workbook text,

French managed to create a striking, dynamic learning resource for the riding community at large.

"Scot and I are excited about the results of our two years of work," she said. "Our goal now is to get it in the hands of the grassroots hunter and jumper riders. They were our primary motivation and the horses provided the inspiration."

The series is available at www.anrc.org or www.smartpakequine.com, at various tack shops, and in the SBC Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; email: bookshop@sbc.edu)

Ed's note: Associate Professor of Riding Shelby B. French came to Sweet Briar from St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, NC, where she was Director of Equestrian Programs and Adjunct Professor of Exercise Science and Sport for 16 years. She is both an ANRC National Judge and No. 1 rated rider and has coached collegiate riders to multiple individual and team championships at the National Finals of the ANRC and the IHSA Collegiate Championships. Also an American Horse Show Senior Judge, she coaches and trains in the hunters, jumpers, and equitation divisions on the "A" circuit throughout the Southeast. Her students have qualified for the Marshall and Sterling and National Adult Jumper Finals, and in the hunter and equitation divisions for the Fall indoor shows. Many students she has mentored are now active young professionals in the equine industry.



Missy Ackerman Buys Lacrosse and Field Hockey Camp

By Cameron Adams, Sweet Briar Sports Information Coordinator

Missy Ackerman '87, assistant field hockey and head lacrosse coach at Sweet Briar, is just waiting for the ink to dry on her purchase of the Merestead Sports Camps, the oldest sports camp for girls in the United States. Her purchase should be official in November.

The Merestead Program offers field hockey and lacrosse camps for players of all levels every summer. Camps have historically been held at three locations in the Northeast and offer four days of instruction and competition to overnight and day campers.

As camp director, Ackerman is responsible for finding site directors and about 40 staff members for each location, as well as organizing camper registration and housing. She will also oversee the marketing and advertising of the camp.

"It's a natural progression," says Ackerman about becoming director of the camp. "Any athletic program needs athletic camps." As a college coach,

Ackerman knows that summer camps help attract high school students to colleges.

Ackerman hopes that is exactly what will happen as she joins the Merestead and Sweet Briar names. In June, she will bring Merestead to Sweet Briar for the first time. Through advertising and the camp's reputation, Ackerman expects to bring more than 200 athletes from Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Florida to campus.

"It's like Schwinn bikes, everyone in lacrosse and field hockey knows of it," says Ackerman about Merestead. The camp's web address is: www.merestead.com.

Merestead won't be the first athletic camp held at Sweet Briar. Van der Meer Tennis Camps have been held on campus since 1973. Soccer and lacrosse camps have also been held on campus.

"We need an indoor facility," explains Ackerman about holding more camps on campus. There is currently room for watching video and a pool for recreation, but not enough space to continue instruction if it rains. "When people pay \$300-400 per week you need somewhere to go, or people will go elsewhere."

Ackerman, a history major at Sweet Briar, was an All-America in both field hockey and lacrosse. In 1987, she became the first SBC athlete to be named as the ODAC Player of the Year in both sports.

Ackerman returned to her alma mater in the fall of 2002 to coach field hockey and lacrosse. Just last spring, she was named ODAC Lacrosse Coach of the Year after leading the team to a 7-8 record.

Before coaching at Sweet Briar, Ackerman served as head lacrosse coach at Randolph-Macon College for seven years. There she led the lacrosse team to two ODAC titles. She received Coach of the Year honors twice while at R-MC and compiled a career record of 73-40 (.646).

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Broomall



Detering



DeVogt



Flynn



Kitchin



Martin



Self



Wyatt

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Kelli Bergmann '04, A.B.,
Virginia Beach, VA
Sweet Briar College, A.B. 2004
Paralegal

Lawrence W. Broomall, Ed.D.,
Lexington, VA
Rowan University, B.S. Ed (Math),
1964
Rowan University, M.A. Ed., 1973
Virginia Tech, Ed.D. in Ed.
Administration, 1977
Retired VP of Finance & Treasurer,
SBC

Catherine "Kit" Newman Detering
'76, A.B.,
Houston, TX
Sweet Briar College, A.B. 1976
Owner and Founder, Hart & Hind
Fitness Ranch

Linda DeVogt '86, A.B.,
Roanoke, VA
Sweet Briar College, A.B. 1986
Senior Account Representative,
Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Rachel Flynn, M.P.A.,
Lynchburg, VA
Catholic University, B.Sc.
(Architecture), 1982
Catholic University, Master of
Engineering in Construction
Management, 1983
Harvard University, M.P.A., 1997
Director of Community Planning &
Development, City of Lynchburg, VA

Sally Old Kitchin '76, A.B.,
Virginia Beach, VA
Sweet Briar College, A.B. 1976

Currie Allen Martin, Jr., D.M.D.,
Mobile, AL
University of Alabama, B.S. 1962
University of Alabama, D.M.D. 1966
LSU-Chanin Hospital, New Orleans,
LA, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency, 1966-69
Oral surgeon, Martin, Zieman, Pfeffle
D.M.D. P.C.

Anne Darden Self '80, B.A.,
Fort Worth, TX
Sweet Briar College 1976-1978
University of Texas in Austin, B.A.,
History, 1980
Vice President of Human Resources,
Quicksilver Resources

Elizabeth H.S. Wyatt '69, M.B.A.,
Summit, NJ
Sweet Briar College, A.B. 1969
Boston University, M.Ed., 1972
Harvard Graduate School of Business
Administration, M.B.A., 1977
Retired Pharmaceutical Executive
(Merck)

**Retired from the Sweet Briar
College Board of Directors, June
30, 2004:**

Deborah Price Bowman '82,
Short Hills, NJ
Leah Solivan Busque '01,
Charlestown, MA
Elizabeth "Betty" Stanly Cates '63,
Vero Beach, FL
Diane Dalton '67,
Milwaukee, WI
Tom Jividen,
Lynchburg, VA
Mary Lee "Missie" McGinnis
McClain '54, Charleston, SC
C. Gregg Petersmeyer,
Bethesda, MD
Mary Fleming "Rab" Willis
Thompson '66, The Plains, VA

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**New Members of the Sweet Briar
Alumnae Association Board, July 1, 2004**

Rushton Haskell Callaghan '86
Executive Director, Mark Brunell
Foundation
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
National Reunion Giving Chair,
ex officio

Catherine "Kit" Newman Detering '76
Owner & Founder, Hart & Hind
Fitness Ranch
Houston, TX
Alumnae-Nominated Member to the
Board of Directors

Robin Rodger Heller '76
Executive Director, LocalMotion
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
Boxwood Circle Giving Chair, ex
officio

Elizabeth Lindsey '86
Freelance Writer/Editor
Nashville, TN
Region VI Chair

Anne Robling Percival '88
Print Producer/Art Buyer, Work
Advertising
Richmond, VA
Region III Chair

Nancy Mortensen Piper '74
Retired Senior Professional Staff/
Chief Clerk for the Committee on
Small Business
U.S. House of Representatives
Alexandria, VA
Second Vice President, Chair of
Reunion and Council Planning

Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter '86
Loan Processor, Foundation
Mortgage Group
Birmingham, AL
Region VIII Chair

Victoria B. Rangel '04
Public Relations Assistant, Young
Homes
Riverside, CA
Student Relations Chair/Member-at-
Large

Ann Hill Yauger '78
CEO, The Yauger Group,
International Protocol and Event
Specialists, and sterling silver
sales for Beverly Bremer.com
Atlanta, GA
Region V Chair

**Retired from the
Alumnae Association
Board, June 30, 2004:**

Lynne Gardner Detmer '68,
Williamsburg, VA
Heather Colson Ewing '90,
Decatur, GA
Beryl Bergquist Farris '71,
Atlanta, GA
Amy Ghiz '92, Barboursville, WV
Rhoda J. Harris '82, Short Hills, NJ
Cecilia Moore '88, Dayton, OH
Sandra Taylor '74, Hiram, GA
Margaret Brooks "Brook" Tucker '02,
Raleigh, NC

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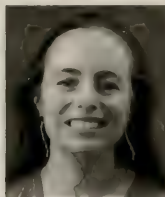
Glover

Laura G. Glover '86

Director of Annual Giving for Reunion and Parent Programs
lglover@sbc.edu 434-381-6268

Laura Glover joined the Annual Fund staff as both an alumna and a parent of a 2003 alumna. She has a lifetime's worth of great memories from Sweet Briar, but her favorites are late nights in Babcock, Junior Banquet, and two-hour dinners in Prothro. After SBC, Laura did graduate work in philosophy, graduated from law school, clerked for a federal judge, raised a family, and spent the last ten years working as a volunteer and serving on numerous arts and public service boards. She is thrilled to be back at Sweet Briar and to be able to bring her time and talents to serve the College she loves. She says the best parts of her job are working with Sweet Briar's great alumnae and parents and getting to look out her office window on the spectacular campus each day. Who could ask for more?

Laura is responsible for the coordination of the Annual Fund with particular responsibility over Reunion Giving, Boxwood Circle, Annual Fund Committees, and Parent Giving.



Ike

Beth Ike '96

Director of Donor Relations and Development Operations
eike@sbc.edu 434-381-6163

Beth Ike joined the Office of Development as the new Director of Donor Relations and Development Operations. Sweet Briar has remained close to her heart after she made such amazing friends here, at the same time getting a great education—being a philosophy major was the best decision she ever made in school. She also says that the greatest lesson she took from SBC grew out of that philosophical learning – that if you put your mind to it, you can do whatever you want – that life is just waiting for you to make it happen! After Sweet Briar, Beth built an extensive background in communications, marketing, and sales before moving into development. She came to us from UVA, where she was a Senior Donor Relations Coordinator, responsible for creating, implementing, and managing a strategic cultivation, recognition, and stewardship plan dedicated to the realization of the University's \$3 billion comprehensive campaign. Beth says that the aspect of her job that she is enjoying the most are the events that take her around the country to meet with fellow alumnae and friends of the College; she looks forward to getting to know more and more of them!

Beth oversees stewardship activities (including gift processing, acknowledgment, and other methods of recognition), endowment reporting, The Honor Roll of Donors, events, and database management.



Cohen

Chris Cohen

Webmaster in College Relations Office

The Office of College Relations welcomed Chris Cohen as webmaster in January 2004. Chris had served as interim webmaster for several weeks and brings almost 10 years of experience in Web design and development to Sweet Briar. Chris has been active in a variety of Web-related and graphics design projects in recent years, developing cutting-edge sites for Stanford University, University of California at San Francisco, and the UC System California Digital Library. He was head UI (user interface) designer/information architect on projects for entities including AOL, SGI, Bank of America, Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, E*Offering, Dick's Sporting Goods, and K-mart, among many others.

"I've been doing Web design for as long as there has been such a thing," Chris said. "In that time I've learned valuable lessons about the purposes and power of the Internet, as well as its shortcomings."

A graduate of Yale University in 1993 with a B.A. degree in painting/printmaking, Chris is a native of Montana. He and his wife Amy and their three young children—two boys, Spencer and Leo, and baby girl Helen—live in Lynchburg. When not working with the Web, Chris enjoys playing guitar and is a member of the Lynchburg Art Club.

"We're thrilled to have someone as creative, technically knowledgeable, and personable as Chris on our new College Relations team," said Dr. Linda Shank, who oversees the Office of College Relations.



Lucy



Witherow



Davies

Joan Lucy

*Assistant Director,
Career Services Center*

Joan Lucy has a new position as Assistant Director of the Career Services Center, which is part of the Division of Co-Curricular Life. Joan moved to Career Services after four years in the Alumnae Office where, as Assistant Director, she worked collaboratively with Sweet Briar alumnae, students, faculty, Co-Curricular Life and College administrators. In her new position, Joan works with the staff and campus community to develop the Career Services internship program and share responsibilities for career counseling and planning Career Services events.

A 1988 graduate of UVA with a B.A. degree in anthropology, Joan received her M.Ed. in School Counseling from the University of Virginia in 1993 and her National Counselor Certification in 1994. She brings to Career Services a wealth of professional and extensive community experiences. Before coming to Sweet Briar, she worked in a variety of positions in education and the nonprofit sector: director of Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, a local nonprofit group working with children of all ages and backgrounds in an outdoor environment, where she still volunteers and is instructor of the Ropes and Challenge Course; elementary school counselor; director of several creative learning summer and after-school enrichment programs for elementary schoolchildren; and at the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center where she designed and implemented a therapeutic play program for outpatients and families. All of Joan's activities are enhanced by her love of animals and

enthusiasm for the outdoors.

Joan and husband Tony live in Madison Heights with their two dogs, Barkley and Digger and Cecil the cat. Joan's stepson (Tony's son) Wil, 25, lives in Grand Rapids, MI.

Melissa "Missy" Gentry Witherow '80

*Assistant Director of the Alumnae
Association*

Missy Gentry Witherow '80 joined the staff of the Alumnae Office as Assistant Director on September 1, 2004. She replaced Joan Lucy when Joan accepted a position in Career Services.

A longstanding member of the Sweet Briar community, Missy had previously served on the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association Board in the positions of Nominating Chair, National Reunion Giving Chair and Region Chair. She was also a member of the College's Centennial Commission, and following her graduation, fulfilled a two-year term on the College Board of Directors.

Missy's broad-based background spans event planning, marketing, fundraising, relationship building and team/community leadership. She has worked as a Legal Assistant; served as Vice Mayor and Member of the Town Council and Planning Commission in Madison, VA; and has been an active volunteer with the Junior League, General Federation of Woman's Clubs and Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Missy graduated from SBC with an A.B., majoring in International Affairs. She also studied Art History/French Studies on the Hollins College Abroad Program in Paris.

Missy and her husband, Lee, have two daughters, Somer, 10 and Wallace, 8.

Paul T. Davies

*Vice President for Finance and
Administration*

Paul Davies joined SBC as Vice President for Finance and Administration, July 1, 2004. Paul came from Duke University, where he was on the staff in various capacities since 1987, most recently as Director of Finance for Auxiliary Services, having previously worked for the Department of Medicine and the Internal Audit Department. Prior to Duke, he spent four years in public accounting and two years at Blue Cross of Texas. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Paul is a Certified Public Accountant. Although he has spent most of his professional life in finance, in his position in Auxiliary Services at Duke he had the opportunity to work with everything from dining services, stores, housekeeping, housing and parking to information systems. Accustomed to overseeing budgets of \$100 million, he has nevertheless distinguished himself as entrepreneurial in the best sense of the word: he developed approaches to auxiliary services that yielded very significant savings to Duke, and earned the respect of students, faculty, and staff as well as outside contractors.

Paul and his wife Karen live in Lynchburg with their three children: Brian (age 9, fourth grade), Shelby (12, in middle school), and Robyn (14, a freshman in high school). When not around Sweet Briar, Paul and Karen can be found following their children on the soccer field or hiking in the Lynchburg area with their dog Sunny.

In Memoriam



Elizabeth Bond Wood '34

Sadly, Sweet Briar has lost a longtime, devoted family member.

Elizabeth "Jackie" Bond Wood died

August 21, 2004 at age 90. Well-

Elizabeth Bond Wood

known and loved by countless alumnae and friends of the College through her long association with SBC's Alumnae and Development Offices, her nurturing interest and enduring dedication will be sorely missed but gratefully remembered.

An English major at Sweet Briar, she earned honors at graduation. After some years working in investments and, with her late husband Ernest, raising their two daughters, Elizabeth Wood Hanae '63, Katherine Wood Clarke '65, and son, Ernest Merton Wood III, she began working for Sweet Briar in 1955 as executive secretary (a position now titled director) of the Alumnae Association and editor of the *Alumnae Magazine*. She retired in 1979 as vice president for development and public relations. Upon her retirement, the national Council for Development and Support of Education (CASE) presented her with the "Distinguished Service to Education" award. The following quote from the letter nominating her for that award chronicles some of her many noteworthy achievements:

"...Mrs. Wood has risen to a level in her profession achieved by very few women of her generation.

"As a longtime member of the American Alumni Council (AAC) and later of CASE, a member of the board of directors of the AAC, a founder and member of the board of directors of Editorial Projects for Education, she was one of the pioneers in the emerging field of institutional relations.

"...she developed an outstanding alumnae giving program that five times won the AAC US Steel Alumni Giving Incentive Award, with one first place for sustained performance among women's colleges. Among other awards were

the 1967 Sears Roebuck Foundation Alumni Administration Award and the AAC's Alumni Administration Award for Excellence.

"As vice president, she successfully carried Sweet Briar's \$10 million 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign to a total of \$11.2 million, achieved in large part by a record-breaking 64 percent participation rate among Sweet Briar's alumnae."

After retirement, she was an abiding volunteer for Sweet Briar for more than 20 years, putting her considerable talents to work on the College's behalf. She served as a member of the Centennial Commission, planning for the College's Centennial Celebration in 2001. During the Campaign for Sweet Briar College in the early '90s, she served on the president's Campaign Advisory Council and was co-chair of the Lynchburg Community Campaign. A tireless class fund agent, she also founded, together with the late Nancy Dowd Burton '46 and Gladys Wester Horton '30, the Boxwood Circle and initiated its Boxwood Circle Committee. She co-chaired the Reunion Gifts Committee for 1934's 55th Reunion. She was a member of the Williams Associates and strong supporter of Friends of the Library.

Always thinking of the future, she gave to her alma mater a lifetime of both practical, material support and personal devotion, approaching each undertaking with grace, wit, and good humor. We are grateful for her careful stewardship.

Ed's note: In addition to her daughters and son, Elizabeth Wood is survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Kavanagh '74 Remembers Elizabeth Wood:

"A legend to us all and a splendid mentor and friend."

I was so sorry to hear about Jackie's death. She was the first person to hire me and one of the reasons why it never occurred to me that women didn't ask for gifts and didn't turn out to be Vice Presidents for Development.

I remember so well her taking me under her wing as a recent graduate, letting me work in the development and alumnae offices, and taking me with her to conferences (where I did notice, at least in the south, that she seemed to be the only woman in the room when all the "important" VP boys gathered to gab). It was just at the time when the American Alumni Council and the organization of public relations professionals were coming together (often not in the best of moods) to form what is now CASE [Council for Advancement and Support of Education].

She was a moving force behind the effort that led to the establishment of CASE, an organization that has provided conferences and professional development to thousands of development, alumni, and public relations officers for almost 30 years. She was a legend to us all during her time at Sweet Briar, and a splendid mentor and friend.



Catherine Sims Boman

Sweet Briar College Dean Emerita Catherine Sims Boman

With sorrow we report the death of Dean Emerita Catherine Sims Boman, Dean and Professor of History and Political Science

at Sweet Briar from 1965-1974. (See *Alumnae Magazine* Centennial Issue 2001, p. 115, "A Very Good Time: Dean Sims Remembers 1965-1974.")

Following are excerpts from the obituary carried in the September 20, 2004 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*:

Mrs. John Harris Boman, Jr. (Dr. Catherine Sims Boman) died September 15, 2004. Born in White Plains, New York, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Strateman. She married Roff Sims, Jr. of Atlanta in 1939. Mr. Sims, an Atlanta banker, died in 1988. In 1997 she married John Harris Boman, Jr., an Atlanta attorney who died in 2001.

A graduate of Barnard College,

she received the Ph.D. in History from Columbia University and the Honorary Litt. D. from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. After her graduation from Barnard, she enrolled at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. She made extensive use of books and manuscripts in the collections of the British Museum. She was a member of several scholarly and professional societies and the author of two books and a number of published articles in the field of British parliamentary history.

Formerly a member of the teaching faculties of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, she served as Vice President and Dean of the American College for Girls in Istanbul, Turkey; Dean of Sweet Briar College; and Interim Dean of Agnes Scott College. For 18 years she was a member of the Senate of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and was President of the Society in 1982-1985.

As a longtime writer, she used the names of Catherine Strateman and Catherine S. Sims. After her retirement as an institutional educator and administrator, she continued as a frequent lecturer for interested groups of men and women on current, international, and historical subjects. She served on the governing boards of the Atlanta YWCA, the Legal Aid Society, the Visiting Nurse Association, and the Metropolitan Atlanta United Way, acting as Chairman of the Budget Committee of the United Way in 1958-9. She was twice named an Atlanta Woman of the Year, in Education in 1946 and in Civic Service in 1958. Interested in international affairs, she served as Chairman of the Selection Committee for Fulbright student grants to the United Kingdom

in the 1950s, and as Vice Chairman of the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, also under the Fulbright program, in the 1970s. She was a member of the Atlanta Historical Society, the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Symphony and the Atlanta Branch-English-Speaking Union, and a communicant of The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

Dorothy J. Sales, 1924-2004

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Mrs. Dorothy J. Sales on Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

Dorothy was employed by the College for 48 years, working in the Book Shop every one of those years, from 1945-1994. She outlasted four managers and, according to many, was the driving force behind the Book Shop. Dorothy was made an honorary member of the graduating class of 1994, the year she retired from the College. The Virginia College Store Association also recognized her in 1988 as its Employee of the Year. "She could carry on conversations with all professors, staff, and students, delighting them with her wisdom and warm sense of humor," said Rebecca Page Baker '94, a co-worker and Turning Point alumna. Roscoe Fitts, manager of the Book Shop from 1973 to 2002, noted, "Returning alumnae would always ask for Dorothy."

She was born on the campus, in the old slave quarters, now called The Sweet Briar Tool Museum. Her father helped fire the bricks and build the first buildings on the new campus. The Centennial Issue of the *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine* stated, "Dorothy's long-standing connection to the College is rivaled perhaps only by that of the founding family." She was one of 22 Centennial Award honorees.

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Dorothy J. Sales

The Education Department, Honors Center, and Computer Services building was named after her just one year ago, in November 2003. At the dedication of "The Dorothy J. Sales Building," Sweet Briar President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld remarked, "Dorothy was an icon to faculty, students, staff and alumnae... Naming this building for her immortalizes a woman who came to Sweet Briar with little more than a strong work ethic and left 48 years later with the love and admiration of so many individuals whose lives she touched. She embodies the values inculcated in the Education and Honors Programs and personifies the customer service priority of Computer Services. Every function that now occurs in the building can relate to one or more of the positive attributes remembered fondly and associated with Dorothy J. Sales.

Dorothy is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters; one brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Recent Deaths

1924	Ruth Williams Mrs. Julian T. Anderson Date unknown	1933	Sara Houston Mrs. Hugh L. Baker August 2, 2004	1938	Winifred Hagberg Mrs. Stanton K. St. Peter August 2, 2004	1944	Jane Williams Mrs. Harvey Bradley August 29, 2004
1929	Dorothy Joffle Mrs. Martin Ermer June 27, 2004	1933	Marjorie Morse Mrs. Ralph A. Embling Date unknown	1938	Lucy Talaferro Mrs. Charley C. Nickerson June 2004	1947	Jean McCulloh Mrs. Ben Kleinpeter 1998
1929	Martha Maupin Mrs. R. L. B. Stewart August 31, 2004	1933	Helen Seaton Mrs. Stephen S. Preston February 7, 2003	1939	Lottie Lewis Mrs. Charles T. Woollen, Jr. May 30, 2003	1948	Sylvia Saunders Mrs. William D. Davis, Jr. August 26, 2004
1930	Louise Nelson Mrs. Hugh Redd June 20, 2004	1934	Elizabeth Bond Mrs. Ernest M. Wood, Jr. August 21, 2004	1940	Jean Erskine Mrs. William C. Harris, Jr. Date unknown	1954	Nancy Cornwall Ms. Nancy Huber Cornwall Date unknown
1931	Martha McBroom Mrs. Franklin L. Shipman 2003	1934	Elvira Cochrane Mrs. Thomas E. McMillan August 1, 2004	1940	Clara Sasscer Mrs. Harrison C. Chandler, Jr. Date unknown	1963	Janet Hiestand Ms. Janet H. Koller August 31, 2004
1932	Elizabeth Layfield Mrs. Orville T. Smith September 13, 2002	1934	Elizabeth Collier Mrs. Robert Wardle, Jr. September 6, 2004	1940	Estelle Sinclair Mrs. Estelle F. Sinclair Date unknown	1971	Mary Bell Ms. Mary B. Parks July 23, 2004
1933	Virginia Alford Mrs. George B. Johnston Date unknown	1934	Marcia Morrison Mrs. Marcia M. Curtis January 4, 2004	1941	Sylvia Pethick Mrs. Lucius F. Maltby October 25, 2004	1986	Jennifer Carter Miss Jennifer L. Carter October 16, 2004
1933	Betty Burgess Mrs. Burgess Poppell Date unknown	1935	Evelyn Martin Mrs. John W. Williams October 22, 2004	1942	Lucy Case Mrs. Lucy Wendelken May 14, 2004	2001	Hilda Griffin Mrs. Hilda H. Griffin June 30, 2004
1933	Margery Gubelman Mrs. Clark J. Hastert August 28, 2004	1936	Carol Straus Mrs. Joseph Ney Date unknown				

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

Letters

Always look forward to receiving magazine

My Alumnae News arrived today. What a nice write-up! Thank you for being so generous with your space!...Thank you for helping me spread the word to my classmates. [See "In the Spotlight," dingbats in the kitchen, p.25, Spring/Summer issue '04] Truly, the Alumnae Magazine is one of the best publications of its kind that I have ever read. I always look forward to receiving it and, as soon as I have checked our Class News, read all of the articles. Often there are exceptionally good ones which I have shared with my English Prof daughter-in-law.

— Anne Laurie Lanier Samuels '58

New brochure for Admissions fantastic

By the way, the new brochure for Admissions is fantastic!!! And all

those alums who "don't ever open anything," have opened them and love them! It makes me want to come back @!!!

— Brook Tucker '02

So Impressed

Hola! Hola!...I was so impressed with the new student center and the admissions advertising campaign. I can't imagine why a young woman wouldn't want to attend SBC!

— Sarah Belz Bucciero '97

Excellent materials just received

"Which" is a word on the verge of being a cliché, but I am fresh out of a substitute by which I can praise the excellent materials just received from the college. Great design, and laws, the color is spectacular. I sat down, read and reviewed and, here is the deal...if we are not on the right track with material as well designed,

organized and cleverly put together, then I just give up. Good on all of you.

Again, GREAT WORK.

— Carol McMurtry Fowler '57

Kudos to the Admissions Office

Many kudos to Sweet Briar and the Admissions Office for the wonderful publications sent to alumnae and prospective students in the Fall of 2004. The new view book and "insider's guide" are fresh, fun and up-to-date to surely attract high school students. What a great job you all are doing! As president of the Triangle Area Alumnae Club, I'm proud to pass these new publications on to prospective students from our area. Holla Holla to you all!

— Elizabeth Davis Baker '02

Article on Anne Calvert Brooke

The article on my sister, Anne Calvert Brooke '54 was excellent! [Spring/Summer '04 issue, p.22] I was delighted that the picture turned out so well! Many thanks on behalf of all the members of the family.

—Edith B. Robertson '50

Loved the new recruiting information

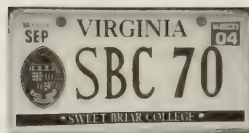
I loved, loved, loved the new SBC recruiting information. The guidebooks absolutely represented our traditions and our personality in a positive, non-apologetic way. I'm proud that Sweet Briar is pearls, Pink & Green, and a whole lot of fun rolled up into an interactive and solid education. I'll bet a lot of prospective students are just as excited about Sweet Briar as I am.

—Courtney Yerdon Gleason '03

Most eye-catching and best tailored to audience

As a 30- (gulp!) year practitioner of public relations, I had to write to tell you that I think the set of admissions materials I recently received was one of the most eye-catching and best tailored to its audience of anything I've seen in a long time! I wish I had had all that information before I entered. And, rest assured that if I had seen those materials, I would have applied immediately! Bravo.

—Louise Lake Hayman '70



License plate a huge hit

My SBC License plate is a huge hit. People are always stopping me and asking where I got such an elegant plate! Even in Massachusetts my friends were drooling over it.

—Kristin Herzog '70

Fresh, hip, and thorough

I was thrilled to discover the new marketing materials in my mailbox. I was impressed! The theme/language was fresh, hip, and thorough. Thank you for finally addressing the "social" concern prospectives have about a women's college. We are not a convent!... By the way, can I come back for four more years? ☺

—Katie Maxwell Schellhammer '95

Thank you

Thank you for what you are doing with the Alumnae Magazine. It just keeps getting better and better.

—Miriam Meglan '71

New admissions materials are great

Just wanted to thank all of you for a wonderful weekend! [Alumnae Council 2004] It was great to be back on campus and see all the changes that have been made since May 2003, yet know that Sweet Briar's focus is still the same...I enjoyed both Anne Poulet and Prof. Witcombe's lectures very much—it made me want to be a student again. I think the new admissions materials are great and I can't wait to do a College Fair as an AAR! I feel as tho' my batteries have been recharged.

—Susan Dern Plank '73

Love new SBC brochures!

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—Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter '86

Good News Update

I thought that I would update you on what's been happening since y'all provided me with that invaluable list of UK SBC alumnae:

A number of alumnae have responded warmly and provided useful advice, contacts and encouragement with both the job hunt and getting my permanent residency in the UK. The sister of one SBC alumna (Allison Clark '85) works for a prestigious PR agency in London [Halpern] and called me last week to see if I wanted to do a month's summer work placement that

could lead into a permanent job with them. Apparently, Allison Clark had sent my resume to her mom who then sent it on to her sister. I was selected as a finalist for the James Maxwell Award which is sponsored by PRWeek and Ketchum. I have won a paid summer internship with Penguin Books under the Pearson Ethnic Minority Internship scheme and to my delight, there is another SBC alum (Christine Jones '86) who works for Penguin!

So things are now moving in the right direction and hopefully, my summer internship schedule as well as a career-track job for the fall will be finalised over the next few weeks.

Thank you all so much for your help! Believe it or not, Sweet Briar has been of more help to me than Oxford or the Rhodes Trust in terms of the networking side of job hunting—the most effective way of getting into PR.

I hope I can repay the debt at some point in the future: if any SBCer wants to try for the Rhodes scholarship, she is welcome to get in touch with me for a chat and I'll also get her in touch with American Rhodes I know who will be happy to provide advice and help.

With all good wishes,

—Regina Yau (attended SBC '98-'99; B.A. in English with First Class Honours, Royal Holloway University of London; Oxford University, Rhodes Class of 2001

(Ed's note: Regina wrote to Sweet Briar again in October to say that she has accepted a position with Waggener Edstrom to do PR for Microsoft.)

Have heard soooo much...

I think that the latest issue of the Alum Magazine was sent to my old address and I'm afraid that it won't get forwarded to me. I have heard soooo much about the new Admissions Catalog that was included and I really want to see it. Can you send me a new copy of your last mailing? That would be so great! Thanks,

—Sarah Dorminey '99

Memories will last a lifetime

Hats off to the Alumnae Office for another spectacular reunion! I can't tell you how much fun I had and how wonderful it was to see my classmates and others "reuniting." The program and time schedule was perfect. I had just the right amount of time for everything including significant Book Store browsing. A big thanks to everyone for all their special attention to alums. This is truly the only time some of them can ask questions and feel that Sweet Briar values them. Our memories will last a lifetime and have truly been a blessing to me this week at work!

—Sandra Taylor '74

SB History Series of special interest

I just wanted to let you know how much I liked and enjoyed the recent Spring/Summer '04 Alum. Magazine. The layout was great and the enclosure of a return postcard was, I think, a wonderful idea. The Sweet Briar History Series was/is of special interest to me—I love history. Both Lynn Rainville and Rebecca Ambers are excellent writers. It was most interesting to learn more about the farsighted visionary person that Elijah Fletcher was, even though he owned some slaves at one time. Now to look forward to the continuation of the series—if more is to come.

—Ruth Mealand Schwartz '40

Class Notes

1926

Martha Bachman McCoy, who died on May 31, 2004, was recognized posthumously by the Chattanooga members of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America. Following are several excerpts from a tribute to Martha that was read at one of the society's meetings: "An active leader in the community, Mrs. McCoy served on the boards of Little Miss Mag Day Nursery, Girls Preparatory School, the Red Cross, Family Service Agency, and volunteered at Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute... She was a true role model no matter whether she was with the ladies of the Tennessee Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America or with the children of Miss Mag Day. The passing of Martha Bachman McCoy marks the end of an era."

1927

Ruth Street was named to the prestigious list of Tennessee Women of Distinction for 2004, at the annual Women of Distinction luncheon hosted by the American Lung Association. This is the newest in a long list of honors conferred upon Ruth (details are in the Spring/Summer 2004 *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine*, pp.28-29). Ruth's daughter is **Frances Street Smith**, Sweet Briar Class of 1958.

1929

Mrs. John R. Jamison (Sara Callison) 620 Ridgewood Dr
West Lafayette, IN 47906-2367

1930

Miss Elizabeth Gorsline
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt 831
Richmond, VA 23227-3322

1934

Mrs. W.F. Stohman (Martha Lou Lemmon)
D-212 Pennswood Village
1380 Newtown-Langhorne Rd
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr. (Juliet Halliburton)
4100 Well Spring Drive, No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1936

Mrs. Franklin P. Parker (Katharine Niles)
Send news to daughter, Mrs. Anne P. Schmalz
22 Ashland Street
Dorchester, MA 02122

1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr. (Frances Bailey)
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

1939

Mrs. Richard A. Michaux (Julia Gray Saunders)
1600 Westbrook Ave No 633
Richmond, VA 23227
ramjgsm@aol.com

1940

Mrs. L.C.A. Schwartz (Ruth Mealand)
1202 Oakridge Drive
Cleveland Heights, OH 44121-1507
For April 15 deadline, send news to Secretary pro tem: **Mrs. James. A. Glascock** (Adelaide Boze)
1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 27
Richmond, VA 23227-3324

Greetings, ladies. Have you noticed how our class notes have moved up in the Notes section? March of Time!

Ruth Mealand Schwartz is still in the process of moving to Florida and is hopeful that by the time for the next set of class notes she will be reasonably well established in Florida.

Cynthia Noland Young was good enough to use her e-mail to get news from the following classmates: **Virginia** (Ginny) **Allison Heywood** is in fine spirits with her Pacemaker and is still engaged in making delightful Christmas ornaments depicting storybook characters. Two sons live nearby, but Margy, her daughter, lives in London with her Deutsche Bank husband and three

How to get your news in Class Notes:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your class secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '05	April 15, 2005
Winter '05-'06	July 15, 2005

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

children whom Margy brings to Raleigh during school holidays to visit family. **Phoopy Burroughs Livingston** and husband Henry have retired from the ancestral Livingston manor/house which their children now occupy while Phoopy and Henry moved to a smaller version of the house on the property. Cynthia loves her home fronting on the Cape Fear River in North Carolina and hopes her oldest son might move nearby. Her six offspring pay frequent visits.

Mary Lee Settle has produced still another book to rave reviews, *Spanish Recognitions*, describing a trip to Spain alone at age 82 driving around mountainous country in a small rental car from North to South.

Blair Bunting Both still works as a volunteer at Delaware Hospice while Rich is busy in Longwood Gardens Greenhouse three mornings a week. Daughter Blair is moving from Memphis back to Wilmington, NC; Rick continues to fly for United and Steve lives in Wilmington. Blair keeps in touch with **Ellie Snow Lea** in Vermont.

Mrs. Chattanooga (a.k.a. **Mildred Moon Montague**) continues her active life, in great shape due to daily brisk walking. Recently she visited son Rickey and his wife in their new condo in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Mildred was honored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Chattanooga. The citation read: "Mildred Montague has served both our local and national Big Brothers Big

Sisters organization for over forty years and worked with President Gerald Ford to merge the Big Brothers Program with Big Sisters in 1977. She has served our community through a variety of roles and organizations including Chairman of T. C. Thompson's Children's Hospital Foundation, President of Children's Home/Chamblis Shelter, and President of the Chattanooga Symphony Guild. Mrs. Montague has been the recipient of many awards including the Westheimer Award from BBBSA and the Distinguished Citizen Award from Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga."

A brief note from **Connie Chalkley Kittler** She and Kit are still in Ware Neck, VA—over 61 years, she says. They also have an apartment in D.C. **Cannie Lancaster Pasco's** daughter, Carrington Pasco Brown, a professional landscape gardener, has been in charge of rejuvenating the gardens here at Westminster Canterbury. Cannie and Merrill divide their time between W-C and their home in Bath County. They have 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren **Emory Gil Williams** and Cankie spent their summers in Maine and have built an additional house on the property to accommodate their 6 children and 17 (at last count) grandchildren and greats!

Helen Cornwell Jones (Old Faithful) and her husband, Homer, called me from their New Jersey home (Meadow Lakes in Heights town) to "touch base," ask about some of our fellow classmates and give

me a bit of news about themselves. Helen is still busy with her rosebushes, eight of them now. They have a grandson at Washington & Lee (Homer's alma mater) and a granddaughter at Vanderbilt. It was great to talk with them both.

1941

Mrs. John A. Wallace (Helen Gwinn)
19385 Cypress Ridge Ter No 814
Lansdowne, VA 20176
Bonita3923@aol.com

1942

Mrs. Bernard Reams (Ann Morrison)
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA 24503
amrsbc@msn.com

1943

Dr. Catherine Silverman
Monroe Village, Apt. E118
1 Bainberg Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

1944

Mrs. Pierpont B. Buck (Alice Lancaster)
Covenant Hill Farm
9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115-9701
PBBUCK@erols.com

Mrs. Richard Gookin (Elizabeth Williams)
8457 Oaks Road
Warrenton, VA 20186
rbgookin@infli.net

1945

Mrs. Lawrence Jacobsen (Julia Mills)
4416 Edmunds St. NW
Washington, DC 20007-1117
ljamj@erols.com

Mrs. Donald G. Glessner (Martha Holton)
116 W Blount St
Pensacola, FL 32501
dgglessner@worldnet.att.net

1946

Mrs. Robert M. Saunders (Mary Vandeverter)
955 Harpersville Road
Newport News, VA 23601-1085

1947

Mrs. John G. Stewart (Linda McKoy)
18 Osprey Lane
Rumson, NJ 07760-1821
lmckstewart@comcast.net

1948

Mrs. David P. McCallie (Maddin Lupton)
1508 Edgewood Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37405-2435
dmccallie@comcast.net

1949

Mrs. Walter H. Brown (Catherine Barnett)
29 Crescent Road
Madison, NJ 07940-2519
bunnybrown@msn.com

Our 55th Reunion, Spring of 2004, is still a happy memory for those 18 of us who attended. Many others sent contributions for our class scrapbook, which is now on view in the Alumnae House on campus. Be sure to check it out next time you visit. It includes the following entries:

Mimi Powell Leonard writes of her very full life, while still missing her husband Russell who died in 2001 just two days before their 51st wedding anniversary. We regret that a previous column inferred that Mimi was away at that time, which is not correct. Now, though, she is back to performing on stage, delivering Personal Emergency Response System units to home-bound folks who might need to call for help, is secretary of the Rotary Club of Grundy County and plays with several bridge clubs. Mimi lives on a bluff with a beautiful view, and one of her children is just across the ravine. All five of her children, from Alabama, Texas and Montana, gathered last April for Mimi's 75th birthday. An enclosed picture shows her looking so pretty!

Ellen Ramsay Clark looks wonderful, too, in a family picture with husband, Ken, and a handsome group of offspring on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary. There are 10 grandchildren, Ellen says, two of whom are classmates at Woodbury Forest. Ellen lives in Memphis, but spends the month of May in Destin, Florida, so couldn't make it to reunion.

Martha Query Odell sent a nice photo of herself and husband Harold on the deck of a boat with the Statue of Liberty behind them. They do enjoy

traveling, she says, and are now in the process of moving to a new address in Annapolis which we can send to those of you who may want it...also email address, which remains the same.

Alice Dulaney Sheridan was en route, during our reunion, from Jacksonville to Atlanta to Zurich to Munich to Sarajevo to visit friends in Tulya, Bosnia, which seems like a long, long journey. Then she was on her way to Florence to see her sister who is summing there. Alice's children sound like travellers, too. When she's home, Alice still keeps busy in the real estate business in Jacksonville Beach, FL.

President **Fritzie Duncombe Millard's** smiling visage is in our scrapbook, as she extolls the many amenities she enjoys at the Park Lane, a Hyatt residence in Monterey, CA. Fritzie is an active participant and spokesperson for this sunny place she now happily calls home. We missed her at reunion, but re-elected her class president anyway!

Jackie Jacobs Leffers sent a charming photo of herself with a granddaughter, Alicia Wright, a lovely look-alike! Jackie has moved from Callawassie Island, SC back to Lookout Mountain, TN and is remodeling her old home there to accommodate her now more casual life-style.

Barbara Stuart Pearsall writes from Austin, TX a nice note saying to Mary Fran that she will miss her phone calls every year. Don't worry, Barbara! So many people have expressed the same sentiment that at reunion your classmates unilaterally refused to let Mary Fran out to pasture. Her cheerful calls will continue!

June Krebs Liversage explained that her home town, Bobcaygeon, Ontario, is named for a native word meaning "shallow rapids" or "swirling river around island." (You see, your liberal arts education never ends!) The town, about two hours northeast of Toronto, is actually three islands between two lakes, and a canal runs through it. June enjoys horticulture and traditional rug hooking, and her four grandchildren.

Judy Baldwin Waxter and Bill were also among the missing at reunion, but sent a nice family photo of the two of them with son Peter, his wife, Lacey, and grandson Jamie. They all look happy and well.

Another set of pictures depicts a Christmas Eve, 2003, gathering of former roommates **Judy Easley Mak, Ann Eustis Weimer and Caroline Casey Lindemann**. They all attended reunion as well, so we know how wonderful they look.

Ann, by the way, did a super job of making reunion arrangements for us in Fritzie's absence.

June Eager Finney said she could not make reunion because of physical problems following a bout with pneumonia, perhaps as a result of the antibiotics she was given. We surely hope she is all better by now.

Ann Henderson Bannard says she and Yorkie were about "traveled out" at reunion time, after a trip to New Zealand and Australia with a N.Y. Museum of Natural History group. They encountered lots of rain, but as Ann says, "rain forests and reefs are meant to be wet!" She adds her personal thanks to the class for supporting the plan for the Class of 1949 Courtyard which features Ann's beautiful sculpture, one of the highlights of her life, she says. The courtyard continues to be a popular gathering place for students and visitors, with its quiet location and sweeping view, so near the new hub of campus activities. When Ann is home, she volunteers at an inner city school, working with children who have learning problems, and also continues to sculpt. Walter and I enjoyed dinner (she's a talented chef!) at the Bannards' home in Tucson last spring and saw some of Ann's recent work, innovative and beautiful as always.

Joan McCarthy Whiteman wasn't able to make reunion, but wrote that her life is busy with bridge, boards and golf. She lives in Winnetka and was hoping to take a cruise in September from Rome to Barcelona.

In addition to the scrapbook entries, I heard that during our Reunion time, **Beth Gorter-Jansma** and husband Kaspar and **Sally Melcher Jarvis** and John had lunch together in London. The Jarvisses had gone to Scotland for a reunion of his, so Beth and Kaspar drove from Amsterdam via the Channel tunnel to meet them and have their own "mini-reunion." Sally says the luncheon, in a restaurant overlooking Hyde Park, was very elegant... "almost too beautiful to eat, but we did!"

I'm sad to report that **Kay Bryan Edwards** died June 10 in Greensboro, NC. The lengthy obituary in the paper listed the many arts programs and civic projects to which Kay gave her enthusiastic energy and support. Her survivors include eight children and 11 grandchildren.

Another non-scrapbook news item is that **Alice Trout Hagan** had unexpected surgery for a perforated colon in the spring, after reunion. Her recovery has been uneventful, but it did slow her up for a while.

1950

Mrs. Guy W. Gilleland, Jr. (Betty "B.G." Elmore)
1098 McKean Circle
Winter Park, FL 32789-2681
betsynguy2@earthlink.net

1951

Mrs. William R. Campbell (Ann Sheldon)
407 North Hamilton St. Apt. J
Richmond, VA 23221
gatzburger@earthlink.net
Our sincere sympathy to **Nedra Greer Stimpson**, who lost her husband early in 2004.

Carolyn Sample Abshire writes that she and David are still in Old Town Alexandria, David still working as President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency in D.C. In 2001 Carolyn had both knees replaced; all very successful, so far. Happily, most of their five children and families are nearby. Son Lupton Abshire, an Episcopal Priest, has been called to Emmanuel Church in Middleburg, Va., an hour away. Their daughter, Anna Bowman, and her family live in Warrenton; she is a Counselor at the Highland School. Carolyn has two other children in D.C. and Arlington. Their faraway daughter is Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold, a primatologist working at Central Washington University with four chimps who know sign language. She's with the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute—CHCI at the University. They have a web site for anyone interested.

From Charlottesville, **Mona Wilson Beard** plans travel with her daughters and their families—nine people in all—for two weeks in California and Alaska.

Ann Mountcastle Blechta writes that they had a wonderful trip with Washington and Lee on the Waterways of Holland and Belgium. Their children in Paris will come over here in July. In November her GCA Founders Garden Club hosts the Zone VIII meeting.

George's daughter teaches 3rd grade. **Ann Mountcastle Rusbuldt** ran a good Fair, I hear

Jean Randolph Bruns Sweet Briar news features **Julie Micou Eastwood** and Dick visiting Warm Springs en route to Dick's 60th U. Penn reunion. She went on with them to Philadelphia for a few days and on the way met **Patty Lynas Ford** and Dick for lunch in Leesburg, with the Fords' daughter and son-in-law. Randie had a fine day birding with

Julie in Cape May. She hopes to visit **Ruth Magee Peterson** in St. Louis in November. Grandchild season is in full swing with two arriving from Thailand the week of 21 June. Another, her daughter's seven year old, will come with her in July. The other three are in law school in New York, based in Hawaii with the Marines, and a sous-chef in a lovely restaurant in Seagrove, FL.

Francoise Happe DeBraconier writes, "At last, after 23 years of silence (remember the Reunion of '81) I am taking my pen to answer your nice letter... I lost my husband in '78 and after that... I went on playing golf and bridge and I traveled a lot at that time with cultural associations, etc... I am ashamed to tell you I have never had a job. Anyway, I am still going to the Opera's Premiere and to classical concerts, but my life is becoming very quiet because I broke my ankle last year and... I must walk with a cane when I go out because each step is painful. The good thing is that I have a lot of nephews, nieces and cousins whom I love and I enjoy their company..." Francoise sent a beautiful picture—she looks too young to have been in my class!

Julie Micou Eastwood says their last trip started with a visit with Randie (**Jean Randolph Bruns**) and **Patty Lynas Ford** and Dick. The Eastwoods then flew to Budapest for a very informative trip on the Danube to Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania to the Black Sea and Bucharest. No grandchildren yet, she says, but we love our grand-dogs.

Mary Pese Fleming writes, "Rivo and I are clipping along—we spent some time with **Sue Taylor Lilley** and **Barbara Birt Dow** and Bill in Florida in March—we had a great time together, even went to a Grapefruit League Baseball game." The Flemings gave a truly lovely dinner party for my new husband and me in their beautiful new home, which is all on one floor and still sporting a place for Mary to teach her piano students.

Patty Lynas Ford and Dick flew to England in March to be at a dear friend's 90th birthday party in Torquay (Devon), celebrated in a lovely hotel overlooking Torbay. Visits with other friends were in Ewelme (a village near Oxford), Sherbourne (Dorset) and Muckleford near Dorchester (Dorset). Highlights of their one-day visit to London included visiting the Handel House Museum (Handel is Dick's favorite composer), having lunch at the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank

and then riding on the London Eye, a 450-foot high wheel (it resembles a Ferris wheel) that revolves very slowly and from the top has a beautiful 360 degree view of London and its environs. In May they flew to Herndon, VA to be with family and to celebrate our granddaughter Rachel's 16th birthday. All of us drove down to Sweet Briar so Rachel could see the campus. Although it was between graduation and reunion time, we had a wonderful tour led by an upcoming senior. It was marvelous to be back and enjoy all the beauty and new buildings.

Carla deCreny Freed wrote from Nantucket in June that she will rent the house for the latter part of the summer and head to Virginia and California and then to Napa for a wedding the last weekend of August. She had a wonderful SBC trip to Paris this spring and found deCreny relatives going back 300 years, chateau and all. A great adventure on 2 years of high school French.

Joanne Williams Frazer writes from her summer home in the Adirondack mountains, "I've spent some time in Montreal with my dead husband's family where there was an International Radiology meeting dedicated to him; I was so lucky to have such a world-renowned doctor as a husband."

"Buy a house!" says **Lynne McCullough Gush**. She has lived in the same one for 42 years and has "enjoyed" every challenge. This year, with the floods, she purchased a sump and a flotation sump-pump, which works sporadically. To dry out, she flies... to Colorado where a student owns a condo in the mountains. Teaching, harp playing, and piano performance continue. Everybody does two-piano work, she says. The dogs are pleased to have her schedule slow down in the summer, although ballet class does continue for the die-hards.

Jean Stapleton Heller: The World War II Memorial in DC is finally complete and has been of great interest to Burge, a WW II Veteran, one of the lucky ones. Through the auspices of two of their children they were honored guests at a preview of this magnificent project. "We recommend a trip to Washington to pay respects to the 'Greatest Generation'," says Jean. "Our door is open." They stopped by Sweet Briar on one of their trips to Georgia and then to be "Fair and Balanced" also drove through UVA. Amazed at the changes in both schools, they were very pleasantly surprised to see how well the tradition and beauty have been preserved. They are also doing some genealogical research on

their southern ancestors, particularly as regards the Civil War. This was a result of a trip to Andersonville, which has been made into a National Memorial for POWs of all wars. Two of Jean's cousins were captured by the Union Forces at Gettysburg, as was Burge's great grandfather, who was exchanged and captured again at the battle of Four Forks. Andersonville should be a must for anyone visiting the Georgia area, Jean says, as it provides a lesson in history without parallel.

Susan Taylor Hubbard has a brand new granddaughter (May 28)... Jane Emerson Anderson. Born to Cathy, an SBC graduate, class of '85. She has two little boys... ages 4 and 2, so this little girl was particularly welcome. Susan stays busy but not too busy.

Margaret Fitzgerald Jones writes that her twenty grandchildren are turning into teenagers—one college graduate already—youngest is three. She and Bob play a lot of golf, go on a cruise or take a trip with friends occasionally. They're both pretty healthy, she says, with the knee replacement here and the pacemaker there.

Katharine Phinizy Mackie writes that he will spend most of the summer '04 at her mountain cottage near Roanoke, VA and see Randie (Jean Randolph) Bruns several times, as she is about 1 1/2 hours from Warm Springs and Randie's B & B. Then Katharine will spend three weeks during October in her beloved France, equally divided between Provence and Paris.

Ruth Oddy Meyer writes that the whole family—she and Ed, two sons and their wives and four granddaughters—are off to Eaton's Ranch in Wolf, Wyoming for a vacation next week. This will be their third visit, but that's the only horseback riding Ruth does these days. Otherwise means a winter visit to Maui in January, that's all.

Nancy Pesek Rasenburger and **Carolyn Sample Abshire** see each other fairly often, still good friends. Nancy's son, Jimmy has written a book called *High Steel*—about the building of the skyscrapers

Carol Rolston Toulmin reports that she has been in the same house for 52 years. She lives with her brother and their dog. They are doing the things they like near home now, being for the most part done with travel and active volunteering.

Nan Sirna Waldstein has three children, two in California and one in New Rochelle, NY. One of them is an attorney, one a child development therapist, and

her son is a sports writer covering the New York METs. There are six wonderful grandchildren. They all join Nan and her husband for two weeks in Truro on Cape Cod in August. They have lived in the same Bauhaus in Cambridge for 38 years and since it's all on one floor they plan to remain here. Nan went to graduate school thirty years ago and is still working full time as a psychotherapist, although she was at first a peer in age of her patients, then as old as their mothers, and now as old as their grandmothers. Other than work, she is busy with two book clubs, the Unitarian Church, and her garden.

Pinkie Barringer Wornham writes that she has been back once (1971) to try to 'sell' Sweet Briar to their girls...BUT ... after six years in an Episcopal girls' school they chose Stanford. Pinkie has been on two wonderful Sweet Briar trips, Russia in 1988 and Greece 1995, and wrote about both for the SBC Alumnae magazine. She retired in June after 30 years of full time working at Bishop's ... 25 of them as Director of Admissions. She is still married to Tom; their three children are all grown, have great jobs and great kids themselves. They do Meals on Wheels, she does Alt Guild at St. James By the Sea Episcopal Church plus some spot volunteer jobs which do NOT include being in charge of any committees or large groups of women ... She walks three miles on the beach first thing every morning with their Labrador Retriever ... works out at Curves five days a week ... is back in touch with old friends and ... life is pretty great! Travel is still on their agenda but Tom is having both knees replaced so they will stay put for a while.

Ruth Magee Peterson says she enjoyed a zoo trip to the Pantanal in Brazil but spends a lot of time with house projects.

I. Ann Sheldon Campbell, report that Bill and I are headed to Squam, NH for a visit with the Campbells, who gather there each summer. I shall undoubtedly meet some new in-laws even though all his sisters and brothers came to our wedding last February. After ten years in London, my son Sheldon and his family are returning to Atlanta, GA. With his brother in Columbia, SC, I have my children and grands reasonably close now. Thank you so much for your wonderful letters and e-mails—this has been a real pleasure for me—I love hearing from you.

1952

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There! With all that heading, you have no excuse for not sending me news! I have agreed to be your secretary for another four years—I hope we all make it. I had thought fifty years would be enough, but they flattered me into continuing. And **Louise 'Weezy' Aubrey MacFarland** has agreed to be our new class president. She will be a wonderful leader. Our thanks to **Ruthie Frye Deaton** for her years of excellent service as our president too. **Vaughn Inge Morrisette** will continue her fabulous job as our class fund agent.

We always have some condolences to start our class notes with. 'Weezy' lost her husband, Jim, early in the year and **Mary Jane Roos Fenn's** husband, Dick, died just before reunion. Our deepest sympathies to them. And also to the family of **Suzanne Stribling Koster**, who passed away a few months ago.

You have all received the terrific Class of 1954 Book that the college compiled for us, so you are pretty well caught up on your classmates. If you didn't send a completed form in, aren't you sorry you didn't? You can always still look at the form and email me about yourself, answering the questions from the booklet and I will put it in the next news. We aren't limited to once a year anymore.

I have talked to **Cynthia Sinclair Rutherford** recently and she and her family are doing well. She had wanted to come to reunion, but is having some memory problems, as her mother did at this age, and the thought of all those people was just a little overwhelming. She and Bill still travel a lot to various arts and crafts shows to offer his garden bells to the public very successfully. You can see them on www.billrutherford.com or in the

Wind and Weather catalog. They deliver Meals on Wheels twice a week and Cindy also reads twice a week for the blind. Like us, they have one granddaughter.

Contessa Logan Bentley Lessona nearly came to reunion. She was on her way to the airport when she got sick. Although unable to come to reunion, she did come to the States from her home in Italy, for a month this summer. Besides some legal stuff, she was seeking an agent to help get the book she is writing out to publishers. Logan did freelance writing, mostly interviews with celebrities, royalty, and the beautiful people of all countries, principally for Time Warner, for many, many years and is recalling the meetings with these people for her book. She has sent me a few chapters and it's fascinating reading! Logan took a French freighter to New York, and also visited old friends in Richmond, where she was able to learn quite a bit about some of her ancestors that she wasn't familiar with before. Then she stayed a few days with her nephew in Camp Lejeune, NC. On her way to Miami to visit friends and catch her freighter back to Italy, she was in Charleston for a couple of hours and we got to see each other for the first time since 1950. Logan only stayed one semester at SBC. We had such a nice visit talking about what we could still remember from SBC and what we're doing now. She has one daughter, Barbara, and two grandchildren who are also in Rome. Logan also has a website about shopping in Italy.

Our reunion was wonderful as expected. The college took very good care of us, feeding and entertaining us royally. Of course our record-breaking percentage of classmates donating to the Alumnae Fund brought the house down. There was big applause for classes reporting things like 11 or 25 percent, so when we said 85 percent, they were mightily impressed. I think this is a record for a 50th reuniting class. For our skit the original Sweet Tones performed with Vaughn being finally accepted as an honorary Sweet Tone—something she had always wanted—and she conducted their singing of the old favorite, "How Could Red Riding Hood..."

There was the usual alumnae art show in the nice little gallery at Babcock. I brought some things of course, but the big surprise was the gorgeous paintings by Mary Hill. She is very talented!

Those attending our fiftieth reunion were: **Betty Gene Orr Atkinson, Jeanne Stoddard Barends, Merrill**

Underwood Barringer, Martha 'Billy' Isdale Beach, Bev Smith Bragg, Shirley Poulson Broyles, Sally Bumbaugh, Ann 'Pinkie' Walsh Cahouet, Mary Hill Noble Caperton, Anne White Connell, Faith Rahmer Croker, Ruth Frye Deaton, Ann Thomas Donohue, Betty Walker Dykes-Steib, Mary Jane Roos Fenn, Sue Bassett Finnegan, Caroline 'Kobo' Chobot Garner, Anne Sheffield Hale, Joy Bennett Hartshorn, Liz Carper Hoffman, Barbara 'Snooks' Matthews Holley, Ann Henry Lake, Helen Smith Lewis, Jean 'Sissy' Morris Long, Jerry Driesbach Ludeke, Meri Hodges Major, 'Weezy' Aubrey MacFarland, Vaughn Inge Morrisette, Lamar Ellis Oglesby, Nancy Edwards Paul, Sally Gammon Plummer, Barbara 'Bee' Pinnell Pritchard, Oram Oram Reid, Anne 'Peaches' Davis Roane, Hattie Hughes Stone, Ann Collins Teachout, Margaret 'Peggy' Jones Steuart, and me, **Bruce Watts Krucke. I hope I haven't left anyone out. It seemed like more than 39 people because there were about 20 husbands there too.**

Of course there was not enough time to catch up with everyone you wanted to. Time just flew by. There were some aches and pains and stiffness, but by and large we are in pretty good shape and of course we look great! The weather was perfect and most of us made time to check out the lake and the monument. The campus was beautiful—the changes have been so nicely done.

Please read about all your friends from college in the class reunion booklet and especially if you aren't included there, please send me news of yourself.

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What a forty-fifth reunion it was for the fantastic class of '59! We had 26 attendees and did the rest of you miss it. In '09 it will be our fiftieth—PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The school never looked better—so lush, green, and lovely. The class looked younger and healthier than ever—No kidding! Our class led the dancing Saturday night, even though there were just a few men. We pranced in a circle, and when the mood hit, one of us performed magnificently in the center—soon the entire room joined in. The music had us jumping. The real queen of the dance was **Jane Jamison Messer's** mother, **Sally Callison Jamison**, returning for her **seventy-fifth**, looking younger than all of us, and could she teach us a trick or two! Fun!

The queen of the weekend was our own **Betsy Smith White**, who won the Outstanding Alumna Award at the main meeting. Supported by her darling husband Bill and her three beautiful daughters, and four adorable granddaughters, Betsy also, of course, received our rousing cheers when she received her recognition. Her acceptance speech is one we should all have copies of to read whenever we want to reflect on how lucky we all were to attend Sweet Briar. Later in the day, we all congregated at the Garden Cottage, on the invitation of the Whites who where in residence there, for more conviviality while we watched the Preakness. We all screamed and yelled as in the old days at hockey games!

Here's who was there, including me: **Ann Young Bloom, Barbara**

Sampson Borsch, Snowdon Durham Byron, Mary Harrison Cooke Carle, Rew Price Carne, Elsie Prichard Carter, Judith Sorley Chalmers-Simpson, Polly Space Dunn, Tabb Thornton Farinholt, Ginny Robinson Harris, Pickie Payne Hester, Virginia MacKethan Kitchen, Dorothy Moore Lawson, Judy Nevins LeHardy, Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb (and her charming husband Lloyd), Sandra Maddox, James Jamison Messer, Sarah Jane Murdock Moore, Courtney Gibson Pelley, Betsy Duke Seaman, Diane Doscher Spurdle, Mary Blair Scott Valentine, Tricia Cox Ware, Cay Ramey Weimer, Betsy Smith White, and Elizabeth Colwill Weigers.

Here is a little of the news I gleaned from conversations with classmates and a few replies on the cards.

From New World Island, Newfoundland, **Kathy Tyler Sheldon** wrote to classmates to say she couldn't attend reunion this time because she and John had just returned from a trip to South Africa to a nephew's wedding. Kathy's descriptions of the beautiful countryside were impressive, but the most fun part of her letter told of her affinity with the hefty hippopotami because of her own love of a new hot tub John recently gave her.

Snowdon Durham Byron, who gave the most beautiful extemporaneous toast at dinner to **Betsy Smith White** for all she's done for Sweet Briar, says she has no news but promises to have some next time! (You know you can report on other people too!)

Mary Blair Scott Valentine reports that she ran into **Claire Devenen** in Anguila last winter. After forty-five years, they recognized each other immediately! They met later for dinner and had a great time. Claire is Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of *Anguila Life* magazine, and lives in New York most of the time.

Great news from Jacksonville, FL: **Cookie Payne Hudgins** married Wallace Allen in the fall of 2003. Cookie would have been at reunion with us if there had not been a graduation in the Allen family she had to attend.

Courtney Gibson Pelley and husband Herb have moved to her beach house on Emerald Isle, North Carolina. We all may pop in one of these days. Courtney, so watch out!

Barbara Sampson Borsch lives on both coasts these days. While Fred teaches at a seminary in Philadelphia, she spends time there with him, but

still keeps their house on Corda Drive in Los Angeles as well. She also enjoys babysitting occasionally with Jack Borsch, age two, who lives in New York City.

Judy Sorley Chalmers-Simpson not to be outdone, also lives in two places—Summit, New Jersey and Amersham, Buckinghamshire, England. With her husband Kep, she goes back and forth, keeping up with four children there and a growing number of grandchildren. Here in the states, she has three children and three grandchildren.

Virginia Ramsey Crawford reports that they spend summers in Chautauqua, New York, but they had a fascinating trip to the Galapagos Islands last winter. She proudly announces that her eldest grandson will enter Rochester Institute of Technology, his first choice college, in the fall.

Another traveler, **Judy Nevins LeHardy**, my illustrious predecessor, reports on her amazing trips with Ward in Feb. '04, a cruise around Cape Horn with stops in Argentina and the Falkland Islands and Chile. In July, they traveled to Belgium for a LeHardy family reunion, "hosted by dozens of Belgian cousins." Then they went on to Berlin to revisit some "old haunts" in the western part of the city when they lived there in '72-'73, "and especially enjoyed seeing all the magnificent buildings in the eastern section, restored since 1994 when the wall came down."

Classmates in eastern Virginia were really hit by Hurricane Isabel which came in a high tide and wreaked havoc from North Carolina to Pennsylvania in Sept. 2003. **Pickie Payne** and **Pat Hester's** house was hit by three huge trees which penetrated through the attic and into their upstairs. At the height of the storm they had to flee to their daughter Bitsy's house a mile away. For a while they were not sure the house was even salvageable, but after about eight months in an apartment, they were finally able to return home. When asked what shape the house was in after the storm, Pickie said, "It looked like a shoebox a big foot had stepped on." **Tabb** and **Blair Farinholt**, who live on a river flowing into the Mobjack Bay in Gloucester, Va., suffered enormous damage to their shoreline from the storm surge. Tabb said, "What a mess! My entire rose garden was dumped into the swimming pool. Our adored waterfront garden was utterly destroyed—including sixty English boxwoods. But the amazing thing was that even though our house was surrounded by water, none of the water got into the house. So many people

suffered so much more than we that I just have to be thankful that it wasn't worse. And the grandchildren still loved visiting, regardless of the damage; they have found it all rather fascinating!

Jackie Hekma Stone (that is DR. Stone) is a professor at Fordham University teaching prospective teachers. Her title is "Coordinator of Initial Preparation of Programs." She says she's also very busy with her four granddaughters, sails, plays tennis and "bad golf." She sometimes sees **Lizora Miller Yonce** while playing duplicate bridge.

Jana Bekins Anderson, out in Seattle, (not sleepless, but very busy!) has two American quarter horses entered in the World Championships in Oklahoma City in November. Jana is riding one, and her trainer is riding the other. She wants all of us to come cheer her on. (Let's go!) She also proudly declares she has two beautiful grandchildren, a boy and a girl. She had more to say (on the phone) but her front doorbell rang, and she was eager to open it!

I ran into **Sallie Armfield McMillion** at Roaring Gap looking fabulous, accompanied by her darling daughter Evans and two adorable grandchildren. Sallie has retired and is living in Greensboro.

Anne Fulenwider Schenck a psychotherapist in private practice in Chapel Hill, has decided to reduce her schedule to part time now that she has a new grandson by daughter Shirley in London. His name is Hunter Alexander Armstrong Pietruska. Isn't that a marvelous name? Her other daughter, Mary, lives in Switzerland where she is head of the International Equestrian Society.

I, too, have a beautiful new grandson, Hobart Samuel Reynolds, child of son Roland and Diana Reynolds. He joins his sister India, and cousins Isabel and Alexander Stettinius, and Anthony and Chessa Benevento. The other exciting bit I have to report is that I initiated a bookclub (are you not impressed?) with SBC classmates in the area, there are eight of us: **Tricia Cox Ware, Betsy Duke Seaman, Pickie Payne Hester, Sorrell Mackall McElroy, Cay Ramey Weimers, Mary Blair Scott Valentine, Tabb Thornton Farinholt** and me! We meet monthly and alternate between fiction and nonfiction. If you're ever in Richmond, please join us. We're quite au courant.

Late, exciting news: **Sally Dobson Danforth's** husband John, former

senator from Missouri, has been named U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations! They will be living in New York City. We're all so proud of Jack and we know Sally has played a great part in his accomplishments.

With my new job as class secretary, I have acquired great admiration and appreciation for the job **Judy Nevins LeHardy** did. Since I was elected to the position while I was in the "100," I have not quite gotten over the shock of it yet. So please HELP! Send in those postcards!

1960

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Hello Everyone! I'm so glad that more of you have communicated this go around and I hope this will inspire the rest of you. Here's your news. After 36 years, **Barbara Murphy Hale** and Phil have moved from her beloved Annapolis home to a farm in Dorchester County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her new address is: 4069 Griffith Neck Rd., Cambridge, MD 21913. The Hales live on a truck farm along the Chicamamico River 16 miles from the nearest store. They are enjoying all the wildlife their new land supports. Having purchased a tractor/bush hog/snowplow and secondhand pick-up truck, Barbara is living her childhood dream of a home in the country. Future plans call for a new house on the property with the existing farmhouse to be used for guests. Barbara comments, "I hope SBC's Strategic Committee does not try to sell us on giving up on women's colleges. I see too many women for whom that opportunity would have been a godsend..."

It is with sadness that I report the death of **Patricia Russell Howard's** husband Andrew Binnie on January 10, 2004 after a long illness. Retirement allows Patricia time to paint watercolors. She had two exhibitions of her paintings this year, one at the University of Toronto and one at the Women's Art Assoc. in Toronto. Enjoying retirement in Williamsburg. **Isabel Ware Burch**

and Bob stay "very busy but can't really account for all of our time." How many of you can identify with that? I can. Visits to daughter Margaret and family in Westwood, MA and sons Allen and Charlie and their families in Philadelphia keep the Wares on the road. Isabel has stayed involved in Bruton Parish Church

and has also started volunteering at Faith in Action. In March, Bob and Isabel spent the night with **Margot Saur Meyer** in Siesta Key. **Lura Coleman Wampler** retired in June from teaching at the Shipley School for 22 years. The school is going to honor Lura by naming the chemistry lab after her. **Lura and Lucy Martin Gianino** have joined **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** and me as classmates whose children have wed! Are there any others of you out there? According to Lura, her son Hoopes and Lucy's daughter Gemina met 2 years ago at Cambridge, MA where they both work. It was only after several months of dating that they made their mothers' SBC connection. Newborn Coleman Martin Wampler is a delight to both families. Lura reports that Lucy is still "full of energy and great fun to be with, as are her husband and two other children."

Liz Faw Penfield and Teddy Hill "survived and lived to tell about a rainforest and snorkeling trip to Belize with seven children under 12"! They also travel with "adults we know, not wanting to limit ourselves to grandchildren, and arrange trips for people we don't know. While not doing all that," she and Teddy "read, exercise, and amuse our cats."

Janie Haldeman Hope spent some time with Liz and Teddy in Colorado and was inspired by their work-out program and has begun one herself. She reports that she feels 30 years younger! Janie enjoyed a "great reunion" with **Cookie Canaday Mays** on Sanibel Island and looks forward to a return in Jan.05. Janie's grandchildren number four—two boys and two girls. If the hurricanes don't interfere, I'm planning my 3rd annual "Ya Ya" reunion with 9 grammar school friends near Litchfield Beach. Phyz is patiently encouraging my golf and we both are enjoying grandparenthood. Church work is very involving and I've continued my Reader to Patient volunteering at Children's Healthcare. I hope I have included everything that you sent to me. If not, please forgive me and send again. We all want to hear from everyone so write, please! Our 45th reunion is less than a year away!

Good wishes to all. Ann

1961

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Catching up with our classmates, it's marvelous how many activities we participate in, and how much we're surely accomplishing for our families, friends and communities. As several wrote, "Life is good". A few classmates from whom we've not heard recently wrote in.

Mary MacKenzie Shaw and Jim are retired on Cape Cod, where she runs, plays tennis, reads and is the busy treasurer of the Friends of the Eastham Library. She takes care of her three grands when not traveling—she's recently been to Alaska, Bermuda, Italy and France.

Julia M. Johnson Chapin left SBC to get her R.N. from Columbia in New York and will never forget living in a big city. She married a yankee, stockbroker Bill, and loves "the country" in Contocook, NH, where she gardens and "lots of outside stuff, even a sailboat off the coast of Maine". Her son and two daughters are grown, the last one married in June. Three grandchildren live down the street, and the other two in Telluride, CO. Julie would "love visitors."

Judy L. Bullock Pattison married Ron in 1962, and they have two grown daughters and five grands. She has a Certificate in Christian Counseling from Tyndale College in Toronto and a bachelor of theology from Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus, Georgia. She's the only woman on the Board of Elm Canada, and is the director of its women's department, for which she plans an annual convention, retreats and leadership conferences. She speaks to church groups across Canada.

Julie O'Neil Arnheim is doing "my best work" but considering retirement from Princeton. She and Bill "are finally grandparents" of Malcolm, a veteran of the beach, Disney World, and a San Antonio rodeo. Daughter Lelia was a wedding attendant to her former roommate and best friend, Geoff, wearing a dark pantsuit. **Stevie Barutio Welch** and Michael care for their horse farm of 38 years, and up to five grands in the summer. Retired since 1986, they travel, especially to the Keeneland races in Lexington, KY. Last spring they enjoyed their oldest grandson's college baseball.

Sandra Wilson Johnson lost Emmett, her husband of almost 40 years in 2003;

family and friends sustain her. Her son Ed and his wife expected a baby last month, to join brother Lyle.

Zanne Carr Fitzgerald sees **Sally Mathiasen Prince** when Sally visits her home in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Entrepreneur **Chloe Lansdale Pitard** is "delighted with the results of SBC's long range plan. Being clear that the College's mission is to prepare young women for the working world is excellent. They have done that, but saying so clearly will make a big difference." Last summer, Chloe was moving to the Eastern Shore of MD, and suspects "whoever said retirement is relaxing must not have been retired yet." Fellow Pennsylvanian **Sara Finegan Lycett** agrees: "The older I get, the busier my life gets." She still loves The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore where she's been a docent for ten years, giving tours to all ages. Each year a special exhibit comes, and Sara loves learning and teaching about them. She's on Sweet Briar's Friends of Art Board and works for "various arts and women's groups." She urges us to revisit our campus to admire new buildings and old plantings. Ike and Sara, four children, spouses, and seven grands are busy and productive. **Lou Chapman Hoffman** and Don celebrated their granddaughter's first birthday in August. In October she and a friend went to Paris to see son Donald, who's on the staff of "Where Paris," a magazine for English-speaking tourists.

Our sweet sixteen, **Patti Anderson Warren** had a birthday party on February 29, with **Sue Bell Davies** over from Wales. Her younger son's wife made her a grandmother for the third time, and brought infant Hailey to the party. Patti's a member of the Red Hat Society, and attended its Dallas convention with members of her chapter, the "Vintage Vamps." **Simone Aubry** and sister were her hostesses in Boston and Maine. Then Simone came west and the two sailed the Sea of Cortez, seeing "spectacular whales and dolphins." Her older son and two grands live in Colorado Springs, where she and Bob visited, also seeing Mt. Evans, Red Rocks Amphitheater and the high altitude zoo on Cheyenne Mountain. The Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center in San Rafael is her workplace, and she's also on the Marin County Board of Education. Weekends, she commutes to their place in Truckee, near Lake Tahoe, where her younger son also lives. Patti maintains gardens at both houses.

The Republican National Committeewoman for Kansas is **Alicia Laing Salisbury**, after last summer's

convention. After the convention, she and John again traveled to central and eastern Europe. She's glad SBC will remain a women's college.

Both the Storeys now live in adjacent townhouses at 2525 Peachtree Road, Atlanta 30305—#11 for **Winifred** and Tread **Davis**, and #16 for **Margaret** and Ed **Wasson**. This makes it easy for all three sisters to go to the mountains in Cashiers, NC, where they see Robert and **Scottie Scott Johnson**. Margaret's son Andrew's wife, Margaret, gave her a second grandson, Storey Davidson Abernathy. Daughter Win finished her master's and teaches in the Atlanta City Schools. Margaret keeps busy on the vestry at All Saints', the Families First Board, and volunteers downtown at a medical/dental clinic for the un- or underserved.

Steve and **Judy Greer Schulz** spend time on the road, often going to New York and Rhode Island to visit their two grandchildren. Judy teaches piano two days a week, and was working on a recital of her own, as well as volunteering at Jefferson's Poplar Forest and attending as many programs and concerts at Sweet Briar as possible. The Lynchburg alumnae met at her home where President Muhlenfeld announced "hot off the press" that Sweet Briar will add innovative curriculum and remain a women's college. Judy asks of all of us to speak up for Sweet Briar when we learn of good students near us.

Mary Denny Scott Wray enjoys her six grands and being on the Board of the Richmond Symphony. Last year she went twice to Italy, and to Alaska in August. Also in Richmond, **Susie Prichard Pace** meets grand James, 10, at the school bus stop and they practice tennis at the club on the way home.

Tom and **Sally Hamilton Moore** spend a lot of time at their former cabin, in Maggie Valley, NC, now expanded and featuring a new kitchen. All her children and grands, including her daughter's first, died in October, live in Raleigh, so the Moores also hit the road. Her sister, **Brooke H. MacKinnon**, '62, has a home in Cashiers, so they get to see each other monthly.

Susan Cone Scott "is loving retirement" and visits her children often. Alexandra sings her own songs around New Orleans, and Susan might've been the oldest person at her fourth c.d. release party in July. "Am continuing to learn what modern rock is about." Son Frederic, in Austin, welds bronzes commissioned by artists from all over.

Susan does satisfying volunteer work, and is more flexible than ever, thanks to Astanga yoga, and "thoroughly enjoys free time for the first time in my adult life."

This year our foreign correspondent is **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss**, whose Bill is the United States ambassador to Prague. Catherine is checking out the lively arts scene, with a musical component to everything. Ross and **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton** were due in early October, followed by SBC's Friends of Art.

Susan added that she'd enjoyed a weekend with **Suzanne Seaman Berry** and Fritz at their home on the Rappahannock, eating crabs and oysters fresh from the water. It was fun to watch Fritz shell oysters and he helps with Suzanne's interior design business. Suzanne's "gorgeous, meticulous, extremely intricate" designs for dining room chairs had just won national honors.

Also on the national scene is **Fran Brackenridge Neumann**. Having gotten the seven western states into lovely floriferous shape, Fran has accepted the National Program Chairmanship for the Garden Club of America, which meets quarterly in New York. Fran is making new friends, and says she at least is becoming full of new tricks. Your secretary faces a bad birthday next month, but, since the good majority of your responses arrived via e-mail, I rejoice that many of us are surely learning many kinds of new tricks. "And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."

1962

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Mary Steketee MacDonald visited the New Jersey Pine Barrens in May to enjoy the nature. She headed to the Green River in Utah in July, after surviving the tax season with her job at H & R Block. She utilized the "class notes" card in the last Bulletin which I encourage you all to do.

The Adams had a family vacation in Charlestown, Rhode Island late in June with four generations under one roof. It was great fun.

I eagerly await hearing about your summer adventures.

1963

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The general reaction to my solicitation for news this time was, "Good grief, I can't remember what I wrote last time...and probably nothing has changed!" It's only been a couple of months and this time the response has been less, but it's summer (yes, I know this is for the *Winter* issue of the magazine) and I suspect lots of us are on vacation! The very first person I heard from was **Sally Strain** who said, "No news to report from Washington DC other than it would be good to see anyone from the Class of '63 when they're visiting this area."

A quick note from **Jane Yardley Amos**: "I'm sending this from London—we're here and in Paris simply vacationing!" **Stevie Fontaine Keown** and **Lee Kuciewicz Parham** got together in Lookout Mountain with **Cathy Caldwell Patten** recently to catch up before **Cathy** left for Maine for the summer. **Cathy** and **Bryan** are going to Patagonia next February! They may want to check in with **Nikki Griess Deupree** who absolutely raved about the trip she and **Tom** took to the Antarctic, touching on Patagonia, in January, 2004. **Stevie** and **Lee** are both coming off weddings, both May 8, and talk about small worlds—at her son **Carter's** wedding, **Lee** discovered that her new daughter-in-law's uncle had been **Stevie's** daughter's boss in Hong Kong!

Cynthia Hubbard Spangler is taking full advantage of her recent retirement and is on the road! So far this year she's been skiing in Colorado with her son and his family, to Spain with friends, to the Tennessee State Tennis Championships and on a Russian river cruise, St. Petersburg to Moscow, with her mother **Costa Rica** and **Greece** are planned for this fall! **Cinnie** says "I can't afford to do this every year, but I thought the first year was a good time to explore as much as I can! As for work, I've never looked back!" Continuing her usual travel pattern. **Betty Stanly Cates** and a friend had a wonderful trip to Montreal and Quebec City in the spring.

Sue Jones Cansler and **Chuck** have spent July taking care of a grandchild on St. Simon's Island. "Needless to say, he has kept us hopping! We'll need that vacation in the mountains next month!" **Sue** is looking forward to a mini-reunion in Louisville this fall with **Laura Lee Brown Wilson**, **Ginger Cates Mitchell**, **Mary**

Groetzinger Heard, **Lyn Clark Pegg** and **Pru Gay Stuhr**. **Ginger** gets around! **Jane Goodridge** reports that **Ginger** and some friends attended the Spoleto Festival in Charleston in June and dropped in to the shop where **Jane** works part-time. **Jane** says **Ginger** must have brought some kind of luck because the following weekend **Ed Turner** and his girlfriend shopped with them!

Lucy Otis Anderson and **David** will be in Lake Placid the end of July to cheer on their daughter, **Lucy**, who is participating in an Iron Man (2.3 mile swim, 125 mile bike ride followed by a full marathon)! It's a fund-raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Lucy Jr.** has invited her Dad to run the last mile with her so he's in training too! **Betsy Parker McCall** and **Jim** go to Blowing Rock for vacations—**Betsy** says she still plays a lot of tennis and **Jim** plays a lot of golf.

Jean Meyer Aloe has set up a poetry prize in her mother's name at Sweet Briar, the Jean Taylor Meyer Memorial Poetry Prize, under the sponsorship of the Academy of American Poets. **Jean** realizes the name might be misleading and says, "I don't want anyone who might come across this to think I passed on!" **Jean** and her daughter are still planning to join SBC's Tuscany tour in August.

Heinz and I had a ball crossing the Atlantic on the new *Queen Mary 2*! The ship is amazing—anybody who wants a full report, let me know. I recently spent a gala weekend in San Diego with ten of my high school classmates. And now we are about to be off on our usual August R&R in Snowmass, Colorado, one step ahead of the Texas heat!

Happy 2005 to all (when you will read this). Keep those cards and e-mails coming!

1964

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Marsh Metcalf Seymour writes: "I was offered a one person watercolor show in March and sold all nine of my paintings! I took a bag of paints with me to Scotland and had a wonderful time enjoying the countryside and looking at wonderful skies. As most of you know, I am a docent at the Smithsonian Museum—The Freer and Schachler Galleries. If you come to town and would like a tour, please ask for me. I'd love to show you around."

1965

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Remember, dear classmates, that in May we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our graduation from Sweet Briar! Our Reunion dates are May 27-29, 2005.

I had a note from **Elvira McMillan Tate** about her children, written last summer. She writes that son Edward has one more year of Law School at Virginia. "He has been working in Atlanta this summer, first at a law firm, now in a political campaign." She adds: "Clark finished his first year of architecture at UVA. Elvira gave birth to her second child and second girl in February. Minnie has just returned after a month in Italy with her family."

Now please let us hear from **you!**

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Many, many thanks to all who took a moment to stay in touch. As always, it was a real pleasure to hear from everyone, and a special treat to be contacted by those of you who broke radio silence to let us have some word of you. This time I was impressed not only by the richness and vitality of our lives, but the humility with which we approach them. Most everyone started out with something to the effect of "...I have nothing interesting to say..." and then went on to offer details of lives filled to the brim. In this issue, Italy emerged as a top pick for a vacation abroad. Construction projects, kids growing up, and complaints of sporadic memory lapses and age-related maladies were recurring themes. Somewhere along the line, we've turned into our parents! Yikes!

Please keep **Mary Bell Parks** and **Gale Hull Whetzel** in your thoughts. Both are confronting serious health challenges. Mary has completed another year of teaching special education preschool in a bilingual setting. "This year the parents insisted on mortarboards and diplomas, which they created. It was pretty cute. I am in some sort of black hole as far as my health goes. I had an aortic valve replacement in January and a few months later discovered that the breast cancer with which I had been living peacefully for 17 years has now crept into my liver...My three kids are fine—two in college and one at home. The youngest is working hard on an attitude, unaware that he's my third teenager, and I mostly laugh at him."

From Gale, with her characteristically sunny outlook: "My husband is still legal counsel with the Ohio State Bar Association, and my kids are all grown up! Robin is the oldest and working with a billing company here in Columbus, and Jamie, 25, is a physical therapist (graduated from UNC) in Chapel Hill. Sadly, I've been "dealing with" renal cell carcinoma since 1996. Ugh. I've lost a kidney and both adrenal glands and part of a lung, but I'm so thankful that it keeps going to places that I have two off! This year, I've participated in a clinical trial you may have heard of that involves creating a vaccine out of one's own tumor cells. Although painful, it's also been fun, because I've been able to travel to Tampa

for the treatments, and I have some wonderful friends who came with me when Gene couldn't. So I've actually had a bunch of mini vacations this year! On the beach even! And so far, the growth has stopped! Wouldn't it be a miracle if the vaccines turn out to be "the answer?" Other than being tired, I feel good and am able to continue staying busy with church and friends. More than anything else, though, I have felt God's presence with me throughout. It's an amazing kind of peace He gives us." She's lost **Jacque Penny's** new e-mail address, as have I; she owes **Frances Barnes Kennamer** and **Martha Roten Terry** a visit; and she conveys to us that **Honey Hammer** is doing well. She's still teaching riding and judging and working in Dayton.

From **Rhoda Allen Brooks**, we learn that her children are in San Francisco (John, Jr.) and Denver (Lyn), and so she and Bear are home alone with their three dogs: "...Bernese Mountain Dog, Golden and Corgi must in descending order. I'm doing the same old volunteer work: Antiques Festival for Convalescent Hospital, Strategic Initiatives Committee for the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, etc. I do travel to D.C. twice a year for the Dumbarton House (not to be confused with Dumbarton Oaks) board and get to see sister **Ruth Allen Darlington** and **Christine Fox** (class of '72) at least once a year when I'm there. The last time was in May for Ruth's second son's graduation from American University School of International Studies. Chris came in for dinner so we had a good visit." She loves gardening and is planning a month or so this summer in Northern Michigan.

Ruth Allen Darlington wrote that she visited **Christine Fox** in Warrenton en route to a wedding in Annapolis. "I hit the 4th of July sale at her boutique, and managed to see the parade in downtown Warrenton before heading back up to Annapolis. I'm looking at colleges with my youngest right now, and it always reminds me of how wonderful my four years at Sweet Briar were."

Louise Archer Slater sent a press kit on her company, Brighton Pavilion. She says this is truly all she does, and I believe it. In her words, "...we manufacture the most exquisite hand-painted furniture in the world. All of our pieces are painted to order and are signed original works of art." You will find her products on yachts in the Mediterranean, castles in Scotland, and at Camp David. But if you don't want to wait for your next vacation to see

what she's talking about, check out her website, www.paintedfurniture.com.

Barbara Brand has completed a training class with Penn State to become a Master Gardener. "This is training offered in most states through the Cooperative Extension Office. It was grueling and overwhelming, but kind of fun to be back in the classroom after so many years. Volunteer time through community programs is mandatory, but the knowledge gained was worth more than anything I could give back...guess I'll be doing a lot of community service to repay this debt!"

Judy Brown Fletcher has just gotten her second "Swissy." "A friend of mine in California who breeds Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs sent me a show puppy, Riverwalk's Lunar Diademe, back in October. Steve and I are having tons of fun showing her in AKC sanctioned shows. In April at the 'Nationals' in Lexington, KY, her breeder showed her to first place in Puppy Bitch 6-9 months. Watch 'Best in Show' and then multiply it by five and you'll be close to our experiences in the dog world. Steve has been pack hiking and sheep herding with our older Swissy, Phoebe, and I've helped her pass her CGC and failed to get her to pull more than 625 pounds. Yes, we've gone to the dogs! Will has finished his Masters in Oceanography at Texas A & M and is going to move into his sister Katie's house in Athens, Georgia (where she is working on a Masters in History of Science and Technology at UGA). Will says he is going to tile, granite, and panel various rooms over the next year while he decides where he wants to do his Ph.D. We're hoping Katie will teach him to pick up after himself."

Carter Burns Cunningham is still the Deputy Director of the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, DC. Daughter Maisie graduated from Duke and is heading to NYC to work at Skadden and Arps. Lolly is a senior at the Potomac School and looking at colleges in the Northeast.

From Charlottesville, VA, **Debbie Chasen Wyatt** writes that in addition to getting older and watching her kids get older, she's been travelling quite a bit. She just returned from a biking trip on the Amalfi coast in May and is trying to do some writing ("...something I was trying to do even back in SBC days—maybe some day I'll succeed) and painting." She plans to return to Italy in the fall "...for a new infusion of inspiration (and boy, can Italy be inspiring)." Her first son just graduated, and her second is turning into

rock n' roll star ("hope to keep him from the sex, drugs . . . part for now")

Carol Cooper sends best wishes to everyone. "I was unable to attend our last reunion since it was so soon after my mother died and I was recovering from colon cancer surgery. Now things are currently going along quite well. My job has changed. I am still working at the Patent and Trademark Office but with the Patent Cooperative Treaty (PCT) section doing customer service. As a member of the National Federation of the Blind, I serve as Corresponding Secretary for our local Potomac chapter. Recently I just joined the Lions Club and keep busy with volunteer activities." She welcomes phone calls and e-mails at carol.cooper@uspto.gov.

Rosemary Dunaway Triple's exciting news is the marriage of her daughter, Mary Katherine, on June 5th to Barrett Peters. "It was a time of rejoicing as we love this young man. They will live in Charlottesville where he will be in medical device sales and after getting settled, she will find her career. **Rene Roark Bowditch** is still my closest friend and her daughter, Tilden, was the junior bridesmaid in the wedding. My husband Paul, whom I met on a blind date at Sweet Briar, is President of Christopher Newport University and he both are very busy and involved with students. After 33 years of marriage, we have never been happier and love what we are doing. Our son Paul is 22 and works for Operation Smile as a mission coordinator. They operate on children with cleft palates, lips and burns. Paul has traveled extensively and seen some wonderful miracles."

Jill Evans, who was with us for two years before transferring, has sent word. "...Even though we sold our Microsoft stock just after it peaked in the late 80's, we're enjoying the best of the Northwest. Peak experiences have been climbing mountains (Mt. St. Helens with its top still on, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood), hiking 200 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail, the Himalayas, marriage, baby girls in '86 and '88, and now Megan heading to Columbia in NYC for college and Betsy enjoying flamenco dancing and driving, a 50th birthday spent rafting on the "River of No Return" in Idaho, snowboarding at Whistler, fly fishing and horseback riding in the Tetons, and boating from Puget Sound to Desolation Sound. With BS, BSN, and MSN degrees from the University of Washington and Cal State University, I practice anesthesia as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist,

staying current with technology and changes in medicine and keeping people alive! I always enjoy seeing any Sweet Briar alumni in Seattle and welcome you to our Whidbey Island beach place. Steve Brocco and I live at the foot of Snoqualmie Falls, just outside Issaquah, WA. Find me at jilleavans@comcast.net."

Pat Fuller is "...still enjoying the challenge of a psychotherapy practice in a community mental health center with a mix of family, group, individual, and couples' work. Our thirtieth year of marriage brings advantages I'd never have imagined in the old "don't trust anyone over 30" days. Political activism, foreign films, nature, and an ever-expanding tribe of excellent relatives keep us outta trouble, sort of. Empty nest certainly is romantic! Son Justin, after several years working with special needs kids, will return to school with the goal of teaching history at the college level. Daughter Becca is on her way to France for a few art courses in between her junior and senior years at UMass. She, too, plans a career in education." She also brings us news of the elusive **Debby Pigman** who, with her husband Nat Fleck, travels the world (often by bicycle). They have settled back in New Orleans, LA where they both "...teach and fight back the overwhelming vegetation in between far flung trips." Pat's travels are less adventuresome, usually confined to the Northeast and her Dad's place in Long Boat Key, FL. In April they "did DC" and are planning a trip to Toronto in July.

Liz Glassman asks, "Anyone living in Chicago? I am situated here and have just moved into a new apartment in Lincoln Park. A very pretty city—even if a bit cold in winter, the summer makes up for it. I am in the midst of a huge envisioning of a new foundation for American art with the portfolio of interest centered in Chicago and Europe. A fascinating challenge to re-invent the Terra Foundation for the Arts, where I now serve as president, along with being the director of our museums."

Barbara Gracey Backer is still working in their insurance agency and enjoying three teenagers in the house. "Our son, John, 19, is going to Auburn in the fall. David, 17, and Katie, 15, are in high school. I am leaving this week on a walking tour of Lake Como in Italy. A nice respite in an otherwise normal and happy life." Anyone who saw Barbara at our last reunion has to wonder how on earth someone can have had three kids, be 55, and still fit into the same clothes she wore in college.

The ever under-stated **London Gray** writes her life doesn't change very much. "I am still in Bedford, NY with a stable of 50 horses and their owners all doing some level of Dressage—from very young kids who are superstars to riders in their 70's who just enjoy learning. One of my successful adult clients is **Karen Clark** (I've forgotten her maiden name) whom I first taught at SBC. **Anne Wood** also has two horses with me. I traveled to Iceland to teach and to New Zealand as a coach this winter and felt in love with both countries. I spend all my free time working on equestrian committees especially working for kids, and I return to SBC once a year as Chairman of a Committee that advises the Riding Program. That's about it."

Susan Greenwald has dubbed her condo in Hoboken, NJ the Fat Cat Flat. Quoth she, "The 'Fat Cat' is the accurate description of my feline population. Back when I had the brownstone with lots of space, the large critters ruled a B&B. Then I moved to a condo, anticipating the downsizing of our generation. The old orange Sulphen was about 16-18 pounds. His rescued 'brother' Spot was a voluptuous 26 pounds (AKA my surrogate dog). Downsizing to the condo (elevator building, one level), we all dieted and I took up serious long daily walks. Am pleased to report that we all have healthy bones, still diet and I walk a lot." Sue says she's had "...lots of visiting with SBC pals and fun in NYC."

Anne Helms Cooper is a licensed professional counselor with children and families. Her husband is President of Central Virginia Industries. Son Will is a Director with Ernst and Young and just completed his MBA at Duke. Daughter Daisy is a nurse in pediatric oncology, also at Duke. "I have a great daughter-in-law, Christi, who is a wonderful mother to our two grandsons."

From **Pat Henery Arey**: "Three years ago I moved from a large Episcopal school where I had been for 10 years to a very small, very new, rapidly growing Methodist Preschool amidst the farms of southern Anne Arundel County where I am the Director and also teach the three year olds. My knees aren't so great, but my patience with my little friends is unending. The school includes children with many learning and developmental differences, so there is always something happening, and I am able to put my MED in Early Childhood Special Education to good use. Pat continues to practice law in Baltimore. Our three daughters are grown and on their own. Lindsay is married

and practices family law in Silver Spring, MD; Anne is a local community college advisor; Molly is an athletic trainer and teacher in North Carolina, though she is about to begin full time grad school in Greenville; and our son, John, is about to begin his sophomore year at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Pat & I are both very involved with our church and unending landscaping to try to keep our yard from washing into the Chesapeake Bay!"

Margaret Highsmith Dickson is "...finishing my first term in the North Carolina House of Representatives, and it has been the most interesting and challenging job I have ever had. I am running for re-election against a challenger named Reagan. North Carolina, like most states, does not have enough money to do all that needs to be done, and there is a great deal of robbing Peter to pay Paul. An upswing in the economy will help, but I suspect it will not cure the problem. I see **Claire Kinnett Tate** and her husband, John, with some regularity. He is a member of the North Carolina Board of Education. On the home front, my husband, John, continues on the District Court bench. Son, Wyatt, graduated from UNC-CH in May and has taken a job in real estate development. Daughter, Bright, is a senior at Columbia, which gives me a great excuse to go to New York, and son, Seavy, is a junior at Woodberry Forest School."

Linda Hill Krensky's note gets the Most Exhausting Life Award. "My second husband and I have six children: he came with two; I came with three, and we have a 16 year old (yikes, he drives) son together. The oldest son (33) is married, has a three-year-old and is expecting twins in September. The second child (30) is a daughter who plays professional women's football for the D.C. Divas (number 91). The third (a daughter) lives in LA and jets around the country for a company called Trial Behavior Consultants. The fourth (a daughter) also lives in LA and works on the production team for Six Feet Under. They just wrapped for the season and she is home for two weeks. The fifth child (a son who is 23) works as the Youth Athletic Director for the Jewish Community Center in Rockville, Md. The youngest son is 16 and will be a junior in high school this fall. He works for his dad in the family dry cleaning business. My newest baby is an art gallery in Baltimore, Maryland. I opened it in April and have the third show going up this week. Check it out at www.lightstreetgallery.com. . . So

I am running back and forth a lot, but the gallery is a lot of fun and I enjoy working with creative artists and having great art all around me at work. Is that enough of an update?" Yes, and many, many thanks for filling us in.

We checked in with **Anne Howe Nelson** who modestly deflected questions about herself. She will say that she is the very proud mother of two wonderful girls who are her best friends. Daughter Kate (25) was married in September and now lives in Massachusetts. A graduate of the University of Richmond Leadership School, Amanda (23) just completed her first year in a two-year stint with Teach for America, a program that places teachers in inner-city and rural schools in need of talented, committed teachers. Her assignment is in inner city Atlanta, and she loves it.

Katie Horan's life is also jam-packed. She is still working full time as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch, and she also breeds and shows English Cockeris. "I have a house full of them, and we show in Confirmation, Agility and Obedience. Two summers ago I went on the Sweet Briar trip to Kinsale, Ireland. Kinsale is the name of my kennel and it is where my family roots are. It was a wonderful trip and lo and behold I met other alumnae who had English Cockeris as well."

Carolyn Jones Walthall and Julian live in Daphne, Alabama, directly across the bay from Mobile, where "...I grew up. Our two sons are grown and gone, Claiborne to Washington, DC and David to Florence, Italy, so Julian and I are discovering life as 'empty-nesters.' So far, so good. I am running a youth leadership program for high school students in this area through the local chamber of commerce, while Julian is still a Presbyterian minister. Life is good, even though I am beginning to relate to the aging jokes—bad eyesight, creaking knees, no caffeine after noon, decreased hearing, and wrinkles where I never knew skin existed!"

We received a wonderful note from **Dayton Lawson Miller** in Portland, OR. "It's been a long time, and I've lost touch with everyone from SBC days. Occasionally I've heard news of **Robbie Randolph** from 3rd parties, but haven't seen her since 1972. Today is our 33rd wedding anniversary. I married Ray Miller, USNA 1971, who I was dating when I left SBC spring of '70. He'll retire this December from Air Traffic Control. We have three sons, all married. Todd

is 31, graduated from OSU in Chemical Engineering and is with Intel here in Hillsboro. He and his wife, Jen have three children: Joshua (10), Sam (6) and Carolyn (he finally have a girl!!) (4). Depending on traffic they are 15 minutes to an hour's drive from us. That lets you know what Portland traffic can be like. Benjamin is 26 and just married last March. He's a LTJG in the Navy and is currently deployed on the USS Kennedy. He graduated from Oregon State in Construction Management Engineering. He was deployed to the Gulf last year and enjoyed the time he had in Oman. We were most grateful when he returned safely. Our youngest, Tim is 24 and has been married two years. He's our liberal arts major, graduating from Oregon State in Communications. He's also our most musical son, having been principal viola with the Portland Youth Harmonic in high school. He still plays guitar and writes music, but earns money working for Costco. My dad died in 1977, and as my mom aged, my time with and for her increased. She died in December having just celebrated her 94th birthday. In the past 10 to 15 years, I became her bank, trust officer, investment counselor, medical insurance coordinator, etc. It's been quite a learning experience and definitely stretched me. I was a long distance caregiver, as she lived in Minnesota. Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis, and Rochester are like second homes. During that time I returned to college and graduated from Linfield with a BS in Business Information Systems in 2001. I had the opportunity to take Economics one summer with Benjamin, and to be taking classes, exams, etc. the same time as Ben and Tim. My job as personal administrator is almost completed and it appears the next job will be as 'family historian', coordinating with other family members to reproduce photos and letters of past generations. We've lived in Portland for about 20 years. Oregon is beautiful and life here has been good. There's a Mary Englebreit card of an old woman looking in the mirror as she puts on a hat. Her reflection is of a young woman. I feel much the same way. I wonder where the years have sped. Our children are grown, and we're definitely older, but I still feel much the girl who attended Sweet Briar College. Please send my regards to everyone."

Jill Lowry Wiemer writes that she can't believe the way time flies. "This has been a year of poignant but happy changes for me. I retired from teaching;

sold my house of 22 years; am in the process of building a new one; took up golf; and will be a first-time grandmother in September. I am finding 55 to be lots of fun."

Margaret Mackie Sanders sent this upbeat note: "I am still happily in practice part time with a large and growing radiology group. We live on a small farm in northern Virginia with many horses, dogs and cats. I have recovered from breast cancer surgery and passed the five-year mark. Son John is in grad school in chemistry and will be married in December to a fellow grad student. Husband Bob is doing some part-time architecture and part time old car restoration. Life is good."

Lynne Manov Sprinsky says that she is still teaching riding, selling Mary Kay, and volunteering. "Husband Bill still teaches at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Son Matt is a webmaster at Brodat, Inc., an international distributor of books and library supplies. He's thinking of getting married, and the likely suspect would make us instant grandparents... We just got back from two weeks in England and Scotland celebrating our 26th anniversary. We went from Land's End to John O'Groats (southernmost point to northernmost) and had lots of fun in between."

Maggie Mather Feldmeier writes of a trip to the northwest with husband Jake. He.... "had a business trip and I tagged along so I could finally see Seattle and Oregon. The highlight of our trip was seeing my old roomie **Leigh Edens Hudgins** and her husband Wren, with whom we both spent our Junior Year Abroad in Paris. They looked wonderful and have a beautiful home in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, east of Seattle. Our brief time together was not nearly enough to catch up after 20+ years, so they've promised to visit when they come East in the next year or two. All's well here—good health and many blessings—except 180" of snow this year in Syracuse! However, I travel a lot on business and managed to schedule some pleasure respites to warmer climes so we survived and are loving being on the lake now that it's melted!"

Amanda Megargee Sutton says, "My news is so the same. I have been teaching 27 years. I started teaching Kindergarten 6 years ago and I love it." She plans to continue teaching Kindergarten "...for at least three more years because Jamey is a senior at VCU and just changed his major from filmmaking to painting and printmaking.

Not a huge change but enough to keep him in school at least an extra semester. Also it is a very expensive major!...I continue to be very active in St. Paul's—in the choir, on the vestry, and as is usual in a church with a small congregation, doing whatever needs to be done...I am a mad gardener, going to the Philadelphia Flower Show annually and a member of Lewis Grint Botanical Gardens in Richmond. I knit and read (at the same time). I love the computer so keep in touch!"

Alice Meyer is living in St. Petersburg, FL where "...**Jacque Penny** is my back door neighbor! It has been wonderful living here where I have so many family and friends. Recently I returned to nursing and am working at Hospice, which I find challenging but rewarding. I am in the midst of renovating my old house, which is another challenge that I hope will become rewarding one of these days."

For **Anne Milbank Mell**, the first half of 2004 has been "interesting." Husband John's job was "discontinued" in January, the downside of working for a NYC bank and being over 50 years old. "He is now networking and having great fun finding out what's out there. The younger generation spans the globe! Meredith (27) will be leaving Fidelity to start Harvard Business School in September. John (23) moved to San Francisco after graduating from UVA last year. He works for a small asset management company and loves everything about the city. Caitlin (20) has finished her second year at Miami University of Ohio. She thinks the mid-west is great, but will be taking a break as she's heading to Brisbane, Australia for the fall semester! ...I'm still working for a child and adolescent psychiatrist and grateful that telephone rates are low enough that I can keep up with my kids."

Jill Minnema Worth and husband Larry are moving from Ridgewood, NJ to Irvington, VA. "...one of the prettiest towns in Tidewater Virginia." Their new digs will be about two miles from the Tides Inn. First though, comes the packing and storage as they await the completion of the construction of an addition to their new home. (And they thought they were going to enjoy a peaceful retirement!)

Todd Moseley Brown is a grandmother! "Having given birth to no children myself, I really hadn't thought about grandbabies; however, my middle stepson and his wife had a little one last October, and I am in heaven. Maxwell is a joy at eight months. They just moved back

to Louisville from London, Ontario, so we will get to see lots of him. My husband, Bill, is just as silly about the baby as I am. In other news, we lost my Dad this spring at age 90. He remained "with it" through the end for which I am very grateful. My mom, at 92, has multiple physical problems and must have round-the-clock care, but is also mentally alert. We struggle to get and keep supportive employees who are compatible with her and reasonably competent. Oh my, there are some crazy stories! My sister and I provide the day-to-day support that is needed. A full-time job for both of us! I have finished my latest HR consulting project, and really don't want to do much more at this point. I keep my hand in by serving on HR committees for church, Red Cross, United Way plus another agency. I remain active in a wonderful choir that is filled with close friends. Bill and I travel when we can and hope to get to France next spring to visit the youngest stepson who is teaching French high school teachers how to teach English to their students. This is his second year and he will be in Toulouse. I am going to have to be the navigator, so will need to work on my language skills! A LOT! Our oldest and his wife are in Colorado and we hope to go out in September. These knees are too old to do much skiing so a non-winter trip is best for us."

Liz Mumford Wilson managed to sandwich in a note for us. "I am getting ready for a one person show July third here on the Cape.... I have a web site www.elizabethmumford.com if anyone wants to check it out and see what I do. My son, Sam, just finished his sophomore year at Middlesex School. We just endured drivers-education, and he's now the chauffeur. That can be terrifying at moments." She is also busy with gardening and golf, and fund-raising for the Cape and Islands United Way on whose board she has served for a few years. "We are just so happy to see summer after a very cold winter and no spring. That's when I miss SBC—in the spring!"

Val Murphey reports that she is retiring September 1st after 18 years as an analyst and publications manager at the state budget office in Virginia. "Actually it feels more like I am "graduating." I have that same sense of accomplishment and excitement (with a little trepidation) about starting a new phase in life. My husband and I are building a new home, right next door to our current home in Richmond on a lot that was considered "unbuildable,"

and hope to move in this fall. After that, plans are to travel, play tennis, take classes, garden, do some community volunteer work, and enjoy the four grandchildren. Having married a man whose children were college-age at the time, I got to go straight to grandmotherhood—which is really fun."

In a landmark submission, **Carol Newman** summarized the past 33 years, her very first note ever. After graduation, she went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she loved living and "...eventually graduated with a Ph.D. in music. Along the way, I left Chapel Hill a few times—first, to be Sweet Briar's Carnegie Intern in academic administration at Skidmore College and later to teach music history at Sweet Briar (as a sabbatical replacement for a year) and at Bridgewater College for three years. Determined to become an academic administrator, I went to Duke Law School, but by the time that I had the law degree from Duke, I had clerked at an Atlanta law firm for a summer and realized that I also enjoyed business transactions. So—20 years later, I am a partner at that same law firm, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy LLP, practicing in business transactions (especially mergers and acquisitions) and general corporate law. Life in Atlanta is full, and the only real drawback is that I wish I could see my sisters and their families in Virginia more often. If you come to Atlanta, please give me a call."

Wendy Norton Brown says their older son, David, moved to DC and travels all over the country with his new job, and their younger son, Chris, just bought a house in Richmond where he "...has settled into home ownership and all of the hard work it entails!" She professes that not too much is going on these days but goes on to say "...Lee and I are still in our same jobs and are putting an addition onto our mountain home....and we did get in a trip to CA last summer—our first time there and we just loved SF and wine country!"

Mary Frances Oakey Aiken writes, "The years seem to roll by rather quickly! Before long it will be time for another reunion....something to look forward to! All is terrific with us. My oldest son just graduated from the College of William and Mary Law School and will be working in Richmond, VA. There is also an October wedding for him in PA about which we are all excited. My oldest daughter is teaching high school Spanish for Fairfax County, VA, and the youngest daughter is a junior at VA Tech. John and I divide our

time between Roanoke and Naples, FL and enjoy almost yearlong warm weather. We are also looking forward to going on the Sweet Briar Tuscany tour in August."

From Florida, **Jacque Penny** writes that "...life is fine here in St. Pete—trying to find a job I like and that pays is a bit of a challenge but I scrape by. I have spent a great deal of the last 18 months out of work or pursuing it. Still, it will come together. The problem is that when people ask what I want to do, I think, "retire."

Carol Remington Foglesong's resolution for 2004 is to play more and work less. "So far...I'm doing better than in 2003, but it certainly is not a perfect balance yet! Youngest son, Chris, graduated from Trinity University (San Antonio, TX) in May as an engineer and will be heading to Pittsburgh this fall, where his fiancé will start graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh in geophysics. Older son Eric is back into the political saddle and working for a candidate for County Commission. My 81-year-old mom had knee replacement surgery in April and is doing great, and I'm hoping we will plan another travel trip together this winter or next spring. I've decided I really like traveling and seeing places I've not been before, and this seems to be a time in my life when I can do that. I plan to take advantage of it."

Robbin Richardson came out of self-imposed exile in Raleigh to say that she is a well and happy single mom. Her two oldest, Kylie (30) and Chip (27) had weddings last summer six weeks apart and are now living in the area. "Youngest son Will is graduating from NCSU this summer and tells me he's going fishing. A very educated and eligible fisherman out there for someone. I'm still selling real estate but painting has become more important. I am contemplating scaling down and going to Mexico for winters...anyone living in Puerto Vallarta? Love to hear from anyone."

We have word of **Margaret Schiltgees Schultheiss** through Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko. Sweet Briar's VP of Development and College Relations. Ivana had coffee with her in Munich this April and says that Margaret divides her time between her house in Erlangen and Munich, where her husband works for Siemens. They frequently travel to Texas to visit one of her daughters, and her second daughter lives in Germany. Margaret enjoys hearing news about Sweet Briar and sends her warm greetings and best wishes to everyone

Kate Comer Schmoeller Diehl says that she "...took a psych class last fall, so I now have a better understanding of how and why my brain and general functioning is deteriorating! I'm still working for an insurance company here in Sacramento. We've been building the program for homeowners insurance and I've been very busy with that. I was able to buy a second home in the mountains near Yosemite, and I try to get up there as much as possible. My son, Justin, is teaching eighth grade science and getting his Administration credential in Mission Viejo in Southern California. My daughter Genna is in Lausanne, Switzerland with her husband Matteo who is getting his MBA at IMD. I'm still looking for Mr. Right!"

Anne Sniffen Cates and husband, Ward, are still living in Bethlehem, PA where he is a professor in the College of Education at Lehigh University and she is the school secretary at the Lower School at Moravian Academy, an independent school in Bethlehem. "...It is the greatest job I've ever had. I enjoy the contact with both students and parents. Don't let anyone tell you that a classical education is wasted on a school secretary's position. Our only daughter is teaching high school English in Charlotte, NC. And there you are....my life situation right now."

On June 30th, **Alix Sommer Smith** completed a 32 year career of teaching in the Stafford County Virginia Public Schools. She is spending the summer exercising (swimming, weight training and restorative yoga) and catching up on her reading. She says she has retired, but then goes on to say that she has "...one little job lined up through the Virginia Department of Education as an evaluation coordinator for Governor's Schools. I will set up and coordinate the teams who go to evaluate these summer and school year programs."

From **Lissy Stevenson Bryan** we received the following: "...I've been in Richmond now for eleven!! years. Can't believe it. And for the past two of them we have been under construction—maybe that's why the time seems to fly by. I'm not working—or at least not getting paid. But, I'm a CASA (court appointed special advocate).

Cami Crocker Wodehouse does something similar in Florida, and word has it she is a blond now! "I'm the chairman of a non-profit community development corporation and on the boards and/or fundraise for Planned Parenthood, the YWCA, SportsBackers

and CityCelebrations. I try to squeeze in tennis and golf, but at the moment, the construction keeps getting in the way. I've inherited three grandchildren who live in nice places to visit—Palm Beach and Jackson Hole. Poor dears! We have a place in the mountains of Virginia on the Cowpasture River with lots and lots of bedrooms. So, if anyone is passing through or staying at the Homestead, give me a call! I see a fair amount of **Susan Sellers Ewing** and **May Humphreys Fox**, as we try to play golf together...

Through Susan I have seen **Barb Smith Young**. She and her husband have a hot thoroughbred stud named Storm Cat. (If you are ever at the races and see a horse with the name "Cat" in it, bet on it!) She sees **Nan Glaser LaGow** occasionally (she is still decorating). **Katie McCardle Webb**, and **Corbin Kendig Rankin**. "Even though I left, Sweet Briar just keeps popping up!"

Libby Tyree-Taylor wrote as she was preparing to leave for a trip to NYC and was looking forward to visiting with **Anne Milbank Mell** and **Jeannette Bush Miller**. "Fond college memories abound! I am busy with volunteer commitments—I serve on our local School Board and am chairing a major fundraiser for my son's high school. In between, I visit my parents in Virginia and travel. My husband Barry heads up the California office of a major private equity firm and has an office in Manhattan. When he's not here or in New York City, he travels to China and India, and I join him as much as possible. My daughter Alexa just graduated from college. Summa Cum Laude and is heading to St. Andrews in Scotland to work on her masters in international relations; so trips to Scotland and London are in our fall and winter travel plans.

Sally Uptegrove Lee's daughter Rachel was married June 21, 2003 and is living in San Antonio, TX, where she and her husband are working. Sally still teaches math at Harpeth Hall, where "...last year we taught from a 'village' of trailers while the new middle school was under construction. The trailers are gone, and we will be moving into the new building in August. In May I received the Hofstead Chair in math and science at Harpeth Hall, so that was a fun surprise. It was before Mother's Day weekend and Rachel also came home. Last week I returned from a cruise to Italy and Greece, and West Oehmig, a friend of **Mary Lou Skinner's** was on the ship. West was traveling with his oldest son, Lewis, who will be a

senior at UVA. I was absolutely amazed to recognize the name on the passenger list."

Ellen Weintraub still lives in Florida and recently moved back to Bal Harbour from Miami Beach. She and her mom went to Europe last summer—Florence, Paris, Sorrento, Positano, and Capri, where they had a wonderful time. "...Mother is doing just great, and had a ball...we both can't wait to go back again. When I arrived back home, I started a new job with an investment bank based up North, trading residential mortgage loan portfolios. I don't get back North very frequently, but it seems that whenever I do, I hit a blizzard. I would love to hear from any and all of you: (800) 281-4557."

From Durham, NC, **Wendy Weiss Smith** writes: "I continue to enjoy tutoring Asian students in English-as-a-Second Language which I have been doing for over 20 years...how can that be? Walked in my fourth Race for the Cure while Gil, my husband of 28 years ran. Gil remains too busy as the director of corporate research relations at the Duke University Medical Center. I intend to see **Susan Greenwald** before a family reunion in Ridgewood, NJ including my Sweet Briar '74 sisters Katie and Chris. Gil and I are anticipating with pleasure walking (and tasting!) in Tuscany and Liguria with Washington and Lee's small, but mighty group in the Fall; will finish that trip by visiting American friends in Rome."

Patsy Wheeler Maddox writes: "I am still teaching eighth graders with learning disabilities at Amherst Middle School. My exciting news is that I just became a grandmother. Our oldest daughter who is an attorney gave us a grandson on May 12. We call him "Jed" since he is named for both grandfathers. Our youngest daughter is teaching and is the varsity softball coach at a local high school. We are also leaving for Ireland next week on a vacation without any children. Life is very good for my family."

Anne Wigglesworth Munoz relays the following from Salt Lake City: "It's been an interesting year with both girls away at college. I thought I would have so much more time to do my work—and maybe I did, but I still have so much I still want to do! Maya graduated from Scripps in May and is now applying to medical schools. Aliria finished her first year at Hartwick College in NY and her water polo team went to the NCAA Final Four. What a treat to get to see them play against USC and Stanford. They lost but were thrilled to be there. Milton and I bought a camper

for our truck and have been enjoying little excursions to the desert and the mountains. It's so nice to be able to cook (inside) when it's snowing or raining outside (not a fun thing in a tent)."

Nesi Wisell O'Connor sends hellos to everyone. She and husband are happy and healthy and plan to "...spend the entire month of August in Scotland this year. We are really looking forward to it as it gets us out of the worst of the Florida summer. I was thinking about reunion—only two years away now. Wow, how the time flies. I never thought that as I approached 55 I would feel about 30, but I am very glad that I do." As an aside, Nesi won't let me print the best stuff she sent. To get filled in, you'll have to give her a call.

Kathy Wilson Lamb's household had an up and down year. Her mom died a year ago, and her dad had surgery and almost died this November. "Thankfully... (he) is doing really well now. I am very grateful. Our other news is that our younger daughter, Katie, just got engaged to her boyfriend from W&L! We are thrilled. Our older daughter may not be far behind, as her boyfriend asked Rex's permission as well. Very exciting! I imagine I will have a happy and wedding-filled year." Not to mention expensive.

Barb Wuehrmann tells us that, "After three years of renovating our lake cottage into a year-round home, we moved in full-time in August 2002. We spend winters in Arizona where I work part-time at a nonprofit community health center south of Tucson. Our fun time is spent hiking and bird watching." Back in Michigan, she has her hands full maintaining a lakefront house and yard, and she works part-time up there, too, filling in at various offices of a local multi-specialty group. She enjoyed a monthlong trip to England last September where they did Wainwright's coast-to-coast walk across northern England with the Sierra Club, visited friends, and hiked the Lake District. Other than battling menopause weight gain and achy joints, she is doing well and hopes everyone else is, too.

Alisa Yust Rowe sends hi to everyone and fills us in on where we left off. "My mother had been in ill health and passed away May 1st. My sweet grandson Jack is 14 months old and I spend lots of time with him. He is the son of my younger daughter Alison and her husband Gregory. My older daughter Meredith is married (also to a Greg—how's that for solving memory problems!) and living in Denver. We spend time at our family farm near Warrenton (close

to Round Top for antiques) when we can. I really enjoyed attending a Sweet Briar dinner here in April and seeing old friends. I have such a loyalty to Sweet Briar even though I was only there a year and was glad to hear news of the school and students. I am hoping that I will get back to writing—I put that on the back burner years ago to focus on children and elderly parents. I may not have talent but enjoy thinking I might!" As for me, I have hung up my calculator and Excel spreadsheets for a summer sabbatical. Vaughn and I have just returned from a respite in Italy, and I am looking forward to catching up on some things I've been neglecting: playing the pipe organ (I am taking some badly needed lessons with Allen Huszti at Sweet Briar); cleaning and sorting out my house; cooking for my ever-patient husband; catching up with friends; and taking day-trips with my sister, **Elizabeth Washabaugh Jarvis**, '75. In the words of London Gray, that's about it, except my thanks again to one and all for finding the time to stay in touch.

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Please, please use these addresses to contact us. Anytime, all the time, once in a blue moon...we don't care. Just write. If we have news, our class can have notes in every issue. Better yet, send us something about your SBC friends/classmates. Fiction is accepted. Sorry about the badgering but we just must hear from you. Phuhleez.

I still maintain my SBC habits: forgetting deadlines and then trying to hash something together at the last minute. Nice to know that some things don't change, even as I color my hair regularly now and have been thinking about the "knife" recently. OK, OK, I also joined Curves to try to do something about the declining metabolism rate. Gosh, I just love to eat! Where was I? Oh yes, leading up to a great apology to many of you for not accessing **Carter Frackleton's** email address list earlier. As I sat down to quickly gin up some notes (à la SBC term paper!), I knew I needed to get to Carter immediately.

She was just packing to leave her lovely lake compound in the Adirondacks after several well-deserved vacation weeks. As usual, she's ever diligent in the family's concrete business plus all her volunteer activities. Despite her busy career and devotion to family, everyone knows to call on Carter for extracurricular activities. I'm thinking of nominating her as "volunteer extraordinaire" if only I could think of an appropriate prize!

Carter says **Ginnie B Payne Sasser** is as busy as ever with daughter Nancy, a recent UVA grad, who is in Thailand for a few months teaching English to Thai children. Later, Nancy will travel on to Australia, Bali, and Fiji with friends, returning home to Fredericksburg for the Holidays. Daughter Virginia is an English major at UNC and enjoys working part time in a restaurant in Chapel Hill. She has always been interested in the culinary arts. Son Phillip trained at NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) in Wyoming in preparation for his role as a senior at Woodberry Forest.

Also according to Carter, **Janet Nelson Gibson** is truly enjoying her career change of a few years ago. She took a great class in the summer through UVA at St Christopher's in Richmond. Teaching at Fredericksburg Academy will give Janet a chance to employ what she studied. Carter and **Marty Neill Boney** always have an annual October meeting in Raleigh so that Carter can get a leg up on her Christmas shopping. Marty's son Andrew graduated from Duke last spring and is living in Silver Spring, Maryland. Daughter Kristen is in law school in California. **Mary Heller** organized a mini reunion at Filomena's in Georgetown when Carter was in DC in late winter.

Dale Shelley Graham, Karen Medford, and I joined the group so we could all be surrounded by the extravagant and gaudy Valentine's decorations. It's always fun to catch up on Carter's latest travels: this year she took a Princess Cruise with family members to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Estonia, and Poland. St. Pete was her favorite. Carter could not believe the beautiful collections in the Hermitage. Dale spends time in France each year on her "special alone" time. She's quite the French chef these days! Karen's annual trip to Italy this year will focus on the Etruscan civilization. Her research for her trips is incredibly comprehensive, including self-study in language preparation! Once she returns, she organizes her photo albums immediately to include receipts, menus, wine labels,

maps, and other relevant trip papers. How can she do this?

Betty Moricle wrote Mary Heller that she thoroughly enjoyed the River Run International Film Festival at downtown Winston Salem and NC School of the Arts in April. She'd love it if SBC filmmakers would consider participation.

Marion Walker, our Class President in Perpetuity (Bless Her), is now a partner with the largest law firm between Atlanta and Dallas! She focuses on litigation of domestic and international Intellectual Property issues. Her golf game could stand some improvement, and her garden needs attention, but, in general, life is good. In early September she hoped to join some SBC'ers in Cashiers for a few days, including **Nan Glaser LaGow** and others. One of Marion's twin sisters lives in the Birmingham Metropolitan area and her mother still lives in Tuscaloosa so the family spends a good deal of time on the road. Marion's nephew graduated from W & L Law School in May and is clerking for a federal judge in Birmingham for a year before he joins a local law firm. He's just precious and Auntie Mame Marion is wild that he is there! Her oldest niece graduated from the U of A in May and is delighted to have gotten into graduate school there so she can now avoid work a little longer. One of Marion's twin sisters had twin girls of her own! She is stationed in Germany with her husband who is in the Air Force. Marion had a wonderful trip to Bainbridge Island and Seattle where she got to sail a 32-foot sailboat in the Puget Sound. A dream is fulfilled!

Susan Waller Nading's daughter Murray married last November and what an occasion it was! A number of Sweet Briar friends attended—Carter Frackelton, Ginnie B. Payne, Janet Nelson, Dale Shelley Graham, **Margaret Hayes Brunstad**, Marion Walker, **Kathy Keyes Graham, Cutler Bellows Crockard, and Jeannie Mann Hardesty**, whose daughter happened to be a bridesmaid in another wedding party at the same time in the same country club. Dale and Carter told me it was the most beautiful wedding they'd ever attended. Dale was specifically impressed with the large wreath of roses. Everyone said Susan was as radiant and as pretty as the bride. All agreed it was a party, party, party wedding of a lifetime. Congratulations Susan!

Stephanie Harmon Simonard sends greetings to all from France, where it has not been easy to live these last two years, with respective presidents bitterly sniping at each other. Luckily,

most French people she knows are still friends of America. Stephanie writes that she has just stepped down from being State Regent of France of the D. A. R. (for the second time). For those who have never really thought about the D.A. R., she points out that it is a patriotic group that provides education for the poor, preservation of historical sites, helped create the Women's War Museum at Arlington Cemetery and is a leading genealogical society, etc. Of course, representing the Society in France, whence have come descendants of the Marquis de Lafayette, General Rochambeau, Admiral de Grace, author St. John de Crevecoeur (e.g. "Letters from an American Farmer"), etc. adds a wonderful international twist. Our classmate **Holly Smith** likewise has been State Regent in the U. K. and a leader there for many years. Stephanie took up fencing this year and has "re-started" tennis after 20 years of watching rather than playing due to back problems. In an effort to avoid osteoporosis, she has also strengthened her back via simple hand-weight exercises, and now cannot remember when she felt better. She recently went to Washington to lobby re: tax bills concerning American residents abroad. Her international tax law practice is doing well. Husband Baudouin is still in the non-ferrous metals industry and president of their tennis club. Daughter Sophie (28), SBC class of 1997, is a lobbyist in D.C. for Americans overseas. Daughter Vanessa (26) works with Stephanie's firm but is doing "design" school at night. Daughter Emilie (13) is giving her parents language headaches as she insists on learning German and Latin in addition to French and English. A German au pair arrived in September to take over after German language camp this summer.

On a more sobering note, I often think of **Bev Horne Dommerich** whenever I hear of hurricanes threatening the west coast of Florida. When I inquired how she and her family fared, she wrote back on the very day of her 30th anniversary. John and Bev have had a great journey together and they look forward to the next 30 years. She can't believe she's old enough to have been married for so long. Anyway, the most topical news from her corner of the world is their recent scrape with Hurricane Charley. Bev had not been in a hurricane since Betsy in 1965. Sure, they had a few winds from Andrew but he had pelted out before he reached the west coast of Florida. Bev and family live in a two-story house on

the Caloosahatchee River in Ft Myers. The back of their house is all glass and it faces north up the river. They were not particularly worried about Charley as it was projected to come ashore near Tampa, some 150 miles north of Ft Myers. They made cursory preparations for the storm by bringing in boogie boards, dumping patio furniture into the pool and buying extra bottled water.

By early afternoon on the day Charley came ashore, they were advised that the storm had taken a slight jog to the east and that the storm would be making landfall far closer than previously reported. Bev decided to do some ironing to relieve the tension. (Can you believe it?) Then by 2:00 p.m., Charley had taken another jog in their direction. At this point they were advised that Charley had become a Category 4 storm, was heading to Punta Rassa (the mouth of their river) and the hurricane center was predicting a 15 to 18 foot storm surge. Their house is at 10 feet so they needed to move paintings and photo albums to inside closets on the second story. At this point it was too late to leave. Bev's three men (husband John, sons "young" John and Stephen) were invigorated by the thrill of this new adventure. Bev tried to lay low by sitting in the den where her only view outside was to the north. The storm was coming but had luckily taken a slight jog to the north and would come in across Captiva Island and up Boca Grande Pass, about twenty miles to the north. By 3:10 p.m. the power had gone out. The winds were from the southwest at about 50 m.p.h. Within twenty minutes, the storm was raging around them and the winds were pounding on the front door. They have double doors which open inward on the south side of their home. She heard creaking and starting walking around the house to find the source of the noise. It suddenly occurred to her that the wind was trying to blow down the doors. She knew that they had to keep the doors from blowing open or they stood a good chance of having the roof blown off as well. All four of them had to push against the front doors for two hours. As the doors bowed from the strength of the winds, water would come in from every little crack around the doors. They would get wet but worse, the floors would get wet and they needed the traction to push against the doors. At every opportunity she could take, Bev would run to the pool bath to get towels to mop up the water. She was extremely frightened but soon the wind subsided and they were able to go outside to assess the damage. Luckily

they lost only four broken roof tiles and three palm fronds. Truly miraculous!!! The pictures of Punta Gorda are staggering. It was a lovely old Florida town—very quaint, lots of character. As sad as she is about Punta Gorda, she is equally thankful that it didn't hit her home area. The loss and devastation would have been far worse. Bev and family were without power for only five days, cable for six, and phones for seven. Everyone learned a lot from Hurricane Andrew; the federal government moved in within 24 hours to start the clean up effort and the healing effort. This is the first hurricane John and Bev have experienced together. She hopes it's another thirty years before they "do" another. After a year off from teaching, **Debbie Wilson Hollings** reports that she "reactivated" her real estate license and joined Coldwell Banker United. She and Michael have been spending lots of time avoiding the humidity at Sullivan's Island, outside Charleston. Son Christopher is attending school and working in Charleston, so that makes the trip from Columbia very much worth traveling. Debbie and Michael are also in the midst of planning their annual trip to southern France to visit family and friends.

Mary Heller and **I. Jill Johnson** love our time spent with **Karen Medford** at her beach house. She's very kind in sharing her lovely Rehoboth Beach house with us. That's where we do our best creative thinking on what needs to go into these Class Notes. (Please send something... ANYTHING... at your earliest convenience!) And speaking of houses on the ocean, **Eileen Gebrian** hosted Mary and Karen at her spectacular Nantucket beach house. The girls had a most relaxing break with plenty of walking, sunning, and yoga. Yours truly just couldn't make herself get on a puddle jumper to make the trip, but please don't tell.

Jim Mattix and I had a lovely trip to Almaty, Kazakhstan in the early summer. We stopped off in Germany first to recover from jet lag, spending time with a close friend in the lovely village of Kindsbach and strolling around Heidelberg. Then off to Almaty where we attended an 8-hour birthday celebration for our good friend Alexander "Sasha" Romanov. What an adventure! The party went on for five days with trips to the mountains, lake, and laughing our way through most of the restaurants in Almaty. Sasha and Lida's daughter Elena lives in DC and has been Jim's and my "adopted daughter" for almost 10 years. Our time

spent with the Romanovs is always memorable. Did I mention neither Jim nor I speak Russian?

Almost every weekend Jim and I head off for our little cottage in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Syria, Madison County, Virginia. I just love it there. The cottage is small but the view is to die for. I play the organ in a little one room Methodist church by the river every other Sunday when we have services. Additionally, the Madison County Board of Supervisors appointed me to the Board of Directors for Germanna Community College, which serves seven counties in central Virginia. We have two campuses in Fredericksburg and Locust Grove, plus have just broken ground for a new technology campus in Culpeper. I think I'm going to really enjoy this!

Other than that, Jim and I will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our company International Satellite Information Services (ISIS) this year. We moved into a larger home last January so our two girls (Labradors) Halley's Comet and Sophie could have a better yard for naps and chasing squirrels. The house was one of the original farmhouses in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, which was blown up and blown out into something that's supposed to resemble a contemporary. I guess the point is that it's very eclectic and odd... its weirdness suits us perfectly. In general, I just must say "Life is Good." I hope it's so for all the members of our Class. Have I mentioned that Mary and I want to hear all your news? Just want to make sure you know that we hope to hear from you all soon!

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Nancy Mortensen Piper reports that she heard from **Helen Holmes Sockwell**, who wrote: "Couldn't make it to reunion this year... I took Mother to her reunion last year, though, and rode a bit for old times sake. Now I'm a Realtor—something I wish I'd done 20 years ago—and about to turn into a Broker. The horse herd numbers 9 and 1 visiting

stallion; some very friendly, thorobred Quarter Horses, and the only thing I can think of to do is to start playing polo where you need a string of 6-7, though I've been assoc. member of the Mells Hunt up until last year. I lost 100# over the last 3 years, struggle to keep it off and lose more, and let my hair go brown again. Oh, and I painted sailboats over Labor Day. I'm living in my grandparents' old home on my family farm. Hunter Jane is the resident Jack Russell, and 7 cats bring presents to my door. Guess that's about it. Please let me know what you're doing in life and forward this to whomever in our class keeps up with such news.

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Hello to all! It is my favorite time of year once again, when I get to collect your letters and enjoy hours of pleasurable reading as I learn of all the wonderful things you are doing. It has been a pleasure to serve as your secretary for these past five years. How fast they have gone by! I find it hard to believe that we are already gearing up for our thirtieth class reunion. I feel as if I were still twenty years old, even though the calendar and some of my vital signs are telling me otherwise. Now, for the news!

In a long, newsy letter that often waxes poetic, **Karen Bewick** writes, "I am sitting in my darkened classroom (school closed), picking up lesson plans for a class I'm taking on 'How to teach AP Lit for Experienced AP Lit Teachers.' ... I love teaching. I'm teaching AP Lit and Honors 12 English at a wonderful school in Montgomery County." Karen, a five-year veteran in said position, bemoans the fact that she has been unsuccessful at persuading students to consider Sweet Briar. "Few want to go to a Southern school," states Karen, "and even fewer are interested in a girls' school." Many of her students go to Harvard, Yale, U Penn, Dartmouth or Stanford. Karen has had a couple of students attend Randolph Macon and Hollins. "Unfortunately," she muses, "SBC has an unfounded reputation I can't seem to counteract, one of goody-goody (and shallow) Southern belles wearing pearls and high heels. And I'm certainly not that as the students well know (I'm one of the rebels of the faculty)." Karen's stepdaughter, Lauren, is a rising sophomore at James Madison.

She almost went to SBC, but chose Madison because its art department attracted her. She loves it! Karen and her partner are adjusting to a quieter life and enjoying it: "For the first time in years, we were able to take a couple of short vacations together. In January, we went cross-country skiing and in April, we spent a week kayaking (sea kayaks)." Karen reports that she has found a new passion: Riding! "I am taking English lessons," says Karen. "On our way down to Smith Mountain Lake in April, we stopped by SBC and drooled over the riding stables ... If only! I leased and almost bought a horse, but the terms suddenly changed. Now, I'm exploring the concept of Equissharing through a barn in Maryland." This summer, Karen hopes to return to Tara Mandala, a Tibetan Buddhist Retreat Center in Colorado, which she calls her "second home." She and Susan have bought 52 acres contiguous to the center and hope to retire there after Lauren finishes college.

Carol Clement is working part time at home and "loving not being a VP anymore," with the travel and exhaustive work schedule that upper management entails. Her son, Louis, is 19 and just finished his first year at college. Her son Derek, 16, has completed his second year of high school. Carol is in the process of adopting a girl, 13, who has been in the foster care system. She has bred her Lhasa Apso, which has five new puppies!

Anne Cogswell Burris and Lon have sold their house of ten years and will move into a more casual and contemporary style of living at the end of August. Anne is in the process of negotiating a contract for the sale of the barn and looks forward to being a boarder and owner who goes to the barn for enjoyment. "With Scott living in DC, Ben graduating from SMU in May 2005, Will a junior at Wofford and Carrie in her last year of high school, Lon and I are entering the next phase of our lives ... hence the move and complete change of living style!" Anne is not sure that she will be able to attend Reunion because the time might coincide with Ben's graduation from SMU and Carrie's graduation from Ashley Hall. Therefore, Anne signs off with, "Hope to see everyone at the 35th!" **Catherine Cranston Whitham** lives in Richmond and is two years into "retirement" from being Development Director for a non-profit agency. She is doing much the same work, only as a board member for three other non-profits. "Three sizeable board commitments

remind me of three part time jobs that require constant attention and juggling!" Despite Catherine's busy schedule, she and Whit celebrated her 50th birthday with a wonderful trip to London in December. Ann graduated from W&L last year and is now working in Jackson Hole. Son Craig is a rising senior at Elon. Catherine saw **Randy Anderson**

Trinor and Cecelia Robertson **Queen** this past spring. She and **Ellen Harrison Saunders** work together on the Development Committee for the Garden Club of Virginia. "Seems the older we get," observes Catherine, "the more often we bump into SBC alums ..." (Yes, indeed! I love it!)

Beverly Crispin Heffernan sends us all a big howdy from Utah. This has been a year of medical crises for the Heffernans. Husband Jim had prostate cancer surgery early this year. Thankfully, he has recovered just fine. Son Jimmy, who has experienced major health problems over the past couple of years, is developing Type II diabetes. Although this has slowed down Jimmy's college work, he expects to earn his B.S. in Anthropology in December. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Beverly. Other news from the Heffernan household is cheerful. Son Chris graduated from high school in May and is heading for Redlands University in California, where he will play football. Beverly is still the Environmental Group chief at the Bureau for Reclamation in Provo. She also keeps busy with volunteering, skiing and riding, as time allows. "No big vacation plans this year," says Beverly. "We're planning a week in Lake Tahoe in early August." Beverly enclosed a marvelous photograph of herself on horseback. As we all know, Beverly is an accomplished equestrienne. Put her on a beautiful horse, and you have the proverbial poetry in motion! The photograph that I received was taken during the annual reenactment of the Pony Express in June. This year, participants rode from Sacramento to St. Joseph. Next year, they will ride in the reverse direction. Beverly's team took the mail across Utah on the original trail, "which of course is paved in many places now!" The entire reenactment is completed in ten days, with participants riding round the clock, as was done in 1860-1861. Beverly hopes to make it to Alumnae Council this fall. "Don't forget our big three-oh reunion in 2005," Beverly reminds us. "Hope to see everybody there!"

Janis Csicsek Dodge is excited about a new house in Maine, "Mount Chamberlin," which is almost complete. Her step-son Graham was married in October, 2003. Janis will soon be a grandmother, for stepdaughter April will deliver her firstborn in January, 2005. Son Trey is a senior at New England College and daughter Emily is a sophomore in Canada. Janis's travels took her to San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans this year. She tells me that she is "having fun with a new racehorse, Arroway."

Mary Dubuque Desloge shows us this from the Show Me State: "Things are good in Missouri, though we miss all the benefits of living on the East Coast. I am selling real estate and commuting from the country, 30 minutes. Around here, people think that is a long way!" Mary has two sons in college: William at St. Louis U and Chris starting at Lake Forest. Number three son, Ray, is in the midst of the college decision process. Mary sends a big Hey to all. "If you find yourselves in the hills of Missouri, we have a guest house!" Don't be surprised, Mary, when people start knocking on your door!

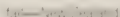
Jeanette Egli Drake is approaching her 29th anniversary of service in the Air Force Reserves. Gigi, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, is the Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to the State of Pennsylvania. As an additional duty, she is Air Force Academy/ROTC Admissions Liaison Officer in Western Pennsylvania. Husband Andy is a nuclear engineer with Westinghouse. Her son, Andrew, who is 10, keeps her on the run. "My best to all," Gigi writes, "especially **Binba Kebede**, **Anna Ho**, **Delores Scott** and **Julie Tu**! I miss you, wherever you are!"

Linda Frazier Snelling and husband Michael moved into a brand new home in November. They have just finished putting the landscaping in the backyard. "We are delighted with all of it, and it is within 10 minutes of where I work," Linda states, causing the green-eyed monster to lurk at my desk. I would give just about anything for a 10 minute commute! Linda still works at PRA International, a contract research organization with offices around the world. In Charlottesville, the primary focus is upon cancer research. Different locations concentrate on different medical research areas. Michael still works with Biotage, AB, which custom designs medical research testing materials. Michael's and Linda's offices are next door to each other in the University of Virginia Research Park. Michael's three

sons are all in the San Francisco area. His family has grown by two grandchildren—Alice, 4, and Emily, 2. Linda's daughter, Catherine, who attended our Fifth Reunion at SBC, is married, lives in Seattle and has two children. Dahlia is 6 and Sequoia is 3. That makes four grands for Linda! Son Chris graduated last year from William and Mary. He now lives in San Diego and works for Northrup Grumman. Linda enjoys frequent contact with several SBC friends in Charlottesville. Most of them graduated in earlier classes. This spring, Linda visited **Celia Dunn** ('56) in Savannah, Georgia.

Melissa Greenwood Riemer and family are still living in Chicago. Daughter Emily graduated in May from Macalester College in St. Paul. She is excited to be starting an internship during which she will be writing for a small Chicago-based film magazine called *Stumped*. Katherine spent last spring in Florence and will be returning to Dennison in the fall for her senior year. Jeff stays busy at Bovist, endlease. "My acting career is moving slowly along," says Melissa, who was in a production of *Picnic* that ran for two months last fall at a small off-Loop theatre. They received several nominations from the Jeff Committee, the Chicago version of the Tonys, and were subsequently invited to open the season at Theatre on the Lake in Chicago in June. In the fall, Melissa will appear in a one-act play at the Around the Coyote Festival, also in Chicago. Even though she lives in a city where there is no dearth of things to do, Melissa thinks of us and Sweet Briar often. *Break a leg, Melissa!*

Ginny Holden continues in the practice of technology law as a partner with McDermott Will & Emery in the firm's Chicago office. On the home front, Ginny has finished her construction project and has been enjoying many guests in Lincoln Park. "Although I have fully embraced my insanity and have no regrets," says Ginny, "after four rescue dogs and two cats, I have put the No Vacancy sign up. The dogs are—finally—all obedience trained although I can't say that for the cats!" Ginny enclosed a picture of her pets, along with a picture of herself with sea lions. To celebrate her big five-oh, she went on an Abercrombie & Kent trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos in November. She swam with juvenile sea lions and took a nap on a beach within five feet of an adult female. She also had close encounters with tortoises, birds and other wildlife. She plans another trip in the



Carol Leslie St. John and Tommy are "doing great!" Their oldest son, Bryan, graduated from Hamilton in 2003. He now lives in NYC, where he works in finance. Kevin, their second son, who is also a student at Hamilton, is off for his junior year in Australia. He will be back in time for lacrosse season. Harry, a rising high-school senior, attended the Renaissance School in Lanciano, Italy, this past year. He often received visits from the family. Harry hopes to study at W&L. "Tommy is still traveling and running his own business," Carol adds. "I'm still decorating." Carol had not seen as much of her SBC friends as she would like. She hopes that will change in the coming year, during which she will become an empty nester. The St. Johns are looking forward to spending time at the Jersey shore this summer with friends and relatives. Carol signs off with, "Best to all!" "I guess I must have had a premonition that I should do my celebrating of my fiftieth birthday last year, because I wouldn't have had much opportunity to do it this year," writes **Denise Montgomery** from Valdosta, GA. At the end of last August, Denise injured her left knee in a tumble down a flight of stairs. The following day, she injured her right ankle while getting out of a car. In mid-October, Denise developed tendonitis in both arms from computer overuse. Early in December, she got a sinus infection which turned into bronchitis. After four rounds of antibiotics, the infection did not clear up. In mid-February, Denise was prescribed three new antibiotics which caused severe side effects, including pain, elevated blood pressure and anxiety attacks. "The anxiety attack lasted for a weekend, the nausea for two weeks, the insomnia and pain in my body lasted for seven weeks, and my blood pressure didn't get back to normal until mid-May," Denise also had an enlarged thyroid, which made swallowing difficult. After seeing a doctor who mentioned frightening possibilities such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia, Denise went to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for extensive testing. The doctors in Florida gave Denise a clean bill of health and found that she was suffering from the after-effects of one antibiotic, Levaquin. "I could have gone to Europe on what that week is going to cost me," Denise observes, "but it was worth it to know that everything was all right." We are glad that the news ended up good, Denise, and hope that you are feeling much better by now. Denise and Gerry had to postpone a trip

to Japan planned for April. They have rescheduled the vacation for September. Other travels for Denise this year include a few days in Orlando for the annual American Library Association meeting and a visit with a friend from U Conn who is now living in Rhode Island. Denise concludes by saying that she looks forward to our next class reunion. "I am also glad," she states, "that the College decided to remain a single-sex college. Honestly, can you imagine any guy wanting to graduate from a place called Sweet Briar?" No, Denise, I can't. In fact, when I was a twelve-year-old baseball-playing tomboy, I had trouble imagining a football team in pink and green uniforms!

Kathy Osborne Spirtes saw her first-year roommate, **Gail Anderson**, in San Diego last year. In May, 2003, Kathy and family moved from Alaska to New York State when husband Dave became the superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore. They were quite happy living on Long Island and being associated with Fire Island until a tragedy occurred. Sadly, David was diagnosed with kidney cancer in February, 2004, and succumbed in April. Our hearts go out to Kathy and daughter Alexandra, 9, as they try to figure out where their lives are headed without husband and father David. Kathy plans to attend our 30th reunion.

"Never a dull moment!" exclaims

Nelly Osinga Branson, who is returning to school to update skills. Daughter Susie, 13, took off on a school trip to Spain the day of the train station bombing in Madrid. Molly, 12, went with her Destination Imagination team to the global level in Knoxville, TN. Nelly is looking forward to leading a troop of Cadette Girl Scouts. Husband Lindsey is "hanging in there. After teaching his girls all he can about sports, etc., their emerging sense of fashion, etc., mystifies him." (Chuckle, chuckle!)

After 2 years in the Washington, DC area, **Louise Pulizzi** and husband are relocating to Sarasota, FL. He has accepted the position of Senior Vice President and general counsel for a real estate developer. As of September 1, Louise will be based in Sarasota and making periodic visits to DC clients as she continues working with Terra Nova Communications, LLC, her PR and marketing consulting business. "Before we began packing, we did manage a summer vacation in France," Louise says. "We had great fun working on our apartment in Paris, which has now been completely renovated." Anyone who might be interested in renting

the apartment should e-mail Louise at lp@tnovacomm.com. (Tempting, Louise...you don't know how tempting!)

Sara Ruhle Kyle and Ted enjoy living in Pittsburgh, although they find themselves making more and more trips south. Son Richard has completed his first year at W&L. The Kyles have therefore made numerous visits to Lexington, which "have all been pleasant and filled with the aura of Virginia." Son Peter's college search took them through Virginia and North Carolina during the spring. "I think our older sons will always be southerners at heart," Sara reflects. "At thirteen, our youngest son Steven is refreshingly open to all regions."

"Have we really been out of college almost 30 years!!!" wonders **Ginny Shippe Cameron** in Severna Park, MD. "I guess so since my youngest graduates from Roanoke this year!" The family is heading to Napa Valley in August, then on to Carmel for a few days. Son Andrew just returned from three weeks in London with May Term at Roanoke. A trip to Ireland is planned for April. Ginny would like to return to Amsterdam, where she spent a semester Junior year. She has recently purchased land to build new offices closer to home. She hopes that Andrew will join brother Scott in the family business next year after graduation. "Time will tell!"

Kathie Shirk Gonick writes from Philadelphia to tell us that she has been busy establishing a program in Archaeology at Cheyney University. She has also been teaching, working on her dissertation and practicing law. The children are doing great. "Jeff the younger graduated with a screenplay and several short films in place. Meg is busy traveling." Kathie also looks forward to Reunion 2005. Another Pennsylvania resident, **Polly Shriver Kochan**, is enjoying her "LOVELY" home and the renaissance of Philly. "Our family is growing up and soon OUT!" Polly announces. Older son Michael just finished his third year at UVA and hopes to go on to Darden. Younger son Andrew starts eleventh grade in the fall and will begin to shop for colleges. He has just passed his driver's test! Husband Jeff remains the director of interventional radiology at Temple University Hospital, where Polly works as the sole pediatric radiologist in the Temple University Children's Medical Center. The Kochans are looking forward to summer vacation in Jackson, Wyoming, where they are scouting out property for their retirement home. Polly and Jeff obviously find

their medical careers stimulating and rewarding, for Polly adds, "I think it'll be a long time before we retire!!" Polly concludes by extending sympathy to **Paul Cronin**, whose wife recently passed away.

We move out of Pennsylvania and into Ohio, where **Ann South Malick**, who lives in Hudson, finds that "Kids are taking up all my free time." Mary Frances, 13, rode in her first horse show. Ann is now a groom! Kacer, 12, plays football and hockey. Ann and husband Mark spend their spare time driving the kids around. Ann muses, "Somehow it's not quite the life I expected almost thirty years ago, but it's not bad either."

Gwynne Taggart Barter and fiancé purchased a winter home in Naples, FL, in October 2003. "Maine winters are getting tougher to endure the older we get!" Gwynne quips. Daughter Adrienne just completed her first year at Elmira College. She spent her third term in Paris and Barcelona, which was a great experience for her. She has been named to the National Dean's List. At the time I received Gwynne's news, she had just returned from a software training session in Kansas City which she attended because her company, Tricorp Corporate Federal Credit Union, has a major software conversion scheduled for October. "We have almost completed remodeling our home (four long years) but that's what you do with a handyman's special," Gwynne writes. She, Bill and Adrienne plan a trip to Las Vegas in July. "I'm going to tie the knot again and have some fun doing it!!" Congratulations, Gwynne, and best wishes.

Carroll Waters Summerour and family have sold their 3600 square foot house, the one in which Carroll grew up, and downsized to 2200 square feet. In August, they will move to Sewanee, TN, where Toby will attend seminary to become an Episcopal priest. Carroll's son and daughter-in-law will move into the new house, for which a rent-to-own deal has been arranged. "When we come home for break, we will be in the guest room instead of the master bedroom!" At present, Toby is doing his summer reading. They will be in Sewanee for three years.

"It is hard to believe that we have been almost 30 years since we graduated!" **Kathy Wilson Orton** begins her letter with this thought, which is likely to be shared by all of us. Her older daughter Betsy recently graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Younger daughter Ginny is a sophomore at the

University of Denver. The Ortons just sold their house of 17 years and moved into a fabulous high rise in Houston. This year, Kathy took on a new job, moving to the Investment Bank at JP Morgan Chase as a Managing Director doing Public Finance. Kathy is on the road most of the time, but loves it. John is still practicing law at Thompson & Knight. In their "spare" time, Kathy and John remodeled their house in Aspen. "Life is good!" declares a vibrant and enthused Kathy, who has just celebrated four years as a breast cancer survivor. Our best wishes for continued health, happiness and success are with you, Kathy.

The past year has been uneventful for me, which I count as a blessing. I continue to enjoy swimming and nature walks, and have developed an interest in bird watching. There is a fabulous flock of wild long tail parrots that I see regularly in my yard. They are bright green with deep blue wings and vivid yellow breasts. They look splendid, but sound terrible! I have noticed how the birds with the brightest plumage sing the worst, and how the ones with the most pleasant calls have drab feathers. I wonder if there might be a philosophical insight to gain there. I had a long telephone conversation with **Denise Montgomery** in June, followed by lunch with **Debraae Karnes** '76 two days later. Debraae lives and works in Northern Virginia. She vacationed in Florida this summer to go scuba diving near Fort Lauderdale. Debraae is a certified and highly skilled diver. It was a pleasure to have lunch with her at a seaside cafe and rehash the antics of our senior year. I look forward to more reunions with my Sweet Briar friends—especially with you fabulous Seventy-Fivers come next May! Till then, **Kay Lindgren**

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As usual, we received some wonderful, newsy notes from our classmates. The class of '78 really is great! We worked on gathering a collection of e-mail addresses and so were able to send a group e-mail to most of you, asking for notes during the summer. About 15 of these addresses bounced back so we sent out letters to those classmates. In addition, we sent some snail mail to those of you who have not sent in your e-mail addresses but, eventually, we just ran out of time! So, please keep us updated with your current e-mail address if you want to hear from us! You can also send us a letter/postcard with your update, anytime, to either of the above addresses.

Cathy Mellow Goltermann will pursue a Masters in Early Education at Webster University. She has been teaching preschool for the last ten years and loves it! Cathy had loads of fun with 13 friends at their 30th reunion from MICDS. Her son, Woody (11) will be entering 6th grade at her old alma mater. He plays basketball and water polo. Her twins, Catherine and Christen (14) are entering 8th grade this fall. They will play field hockey and take ballet. They both planned to work as camp counselors with Cathy before the whole family heads to Wisconsin for her husband, Chris' family reunion. Chris is still busy manufacturing shoelaces for St. Louis Braids Co. In his spare time he rides his Harley, bare-foots behind their boat, and loves to go duck hunting whenever the chance arises! Cathy stays in touch with **Ann Key Lucas** and **Ginny Graig**, when she is down in Florida.

Leslie Lewis Anderson Battle reported that her family moved to another home in Miami. After 15 years in the same house, she described moving as "an undertaking" and a "cleansing experience!" She did have a great get-together with **Katie Brown Eney** and family—they came to visit Leslie and family three days after they moved and although not unpacked, they still had "tons of fun!" She was sorry to have missed the reunion but a trip to Ireland interfered

We received a beautiful letter from **Becky Mulvihill McKenna** describing her life with her family and the recent loss of her mother. Becky and husband Ken recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Ken is the head of the guidance department at St. Louis University High School, which Becky says has come in handy since each of their three daughters is now in college. She calls her daughters, the "Neapolitan sisters!" Katie (blond) and pre-med, has finished her sophomore year at Carleton College in Minnesota and is very talented in drama. Maggie (redhead) just graduated from high school and was headed up to Macalaster College in the Twin Cities. Erin (brunette), a junior in high school, was focused on getting her license when Becky wrote to us. Becky enjoys using her doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy in private practice but also in several interesting positions. She is an adjunct professor at Webster University and works for the Archdiocesan Tribunal office as a court expert on annulment cases. She is also a part-time counselor in a small, Catholic, grade school in East Saint Louis, a poor and challenged community. She never would have imagined herself in such a position but is loving it and learning much from the job. She is looking to develop programs for families and couples with other therapists. Her mother died two years ago after living with breast cancer for 9 years. Her father has since remarried and Becky is happy for him. She misses her mother very much, however. She describes her life as full of transitions, with the children growing and the "letting go" as the hardest part. She has learned to cherish every moment!

Our congratulations go to **Lucy Darby Cole** who married Eric Meston in Tampa, Florida! They traveled 2400 miles by car from Tampa to Colorado Springs where Eric will be stationed at Shriever Air Force Base. On the journey, they visited **Janet Smalley Todd** and her family in Atlanta. The Mestons plan to keep residences in both Tampa and Colorado Springs.

It is always fun to hear from **Maggie Laurent Gordy**. She left behind her grocery clerk uniform for sub-teaching at two high schools in her county. She is delighted to wear professional clothes for work and reports that dealing with kids is much easier than dealing with the public!! Hmmm, what does that tell us? Maggie likes her work so much that she is working on her teaching certificate. Maggie went to Chicago earlier this

summer, then to Boston and Vermont for a week, and was hoping to go to Atlanta in the fall. Last February she went to a wonderful reunion of the Rutgers Junior Year in Italy group in Manhattan, and it was the first time they had all been together since they had left Florence in 1977. She looks forward to another reunion trip back to Tuscany in the summer of 2005. Maggie's daughter, Megan, is at George Washington University, doing well and hoping to be in London for the spring semester of 2005. John will be a senior in high school and is thinking about college, and husband Joe is very busy at the hospital. Maggie was hoping to have a mini reunion in St. Augustine with **Susan Neгаard Harley**, **Betsy Wood** and **Leigh Ramsay Simmons** over President's Day weekend 2005. **Betsy Moore Conti** currently serves as Chief of Staff to North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue. Her daughter, Molly, transferred from Sweet Briar after her freshman year, and is a junior at Wake Forest University. Betsy's son, John Reiley, will be a junior in high school, and spent the summer as a camp counselor at his beloved Camp Maxwelton (outside of Lexington, VA) and enjoyed the summer teaching lacrosse at camp. Betsy and her husband Gene live in downtown Raleigh in the historic Oakwood neighborhood.

Cindy Whitley Auman and husband Dave, have had a busy year. They continue to work on their 101 year old farm with construction projects "out the wazoo" and just love being in the country with all the wildlife. Cindy just marked her 9th year with Parsons Corp., and was promoted from Regional to National Program Manager for Cultural Resources which, Cindy says, just involves more paperwork! Dave continues with SSP Litronics Solutions as a Technical Manager. They planned to head off on their yearly jaunt for a couple of weeks to St. John, US Virgin Islands in October, which is like a home away from home after 5 trips there.

We enjoyed hearing from **Hallie Powell Cardwell**! She was delighted to report that the daughter of her first cousin has chosen to attend Sweet Briar this fall as an incoming freshman. "Hallie Nixon Watson, from San Antonio, will be following in the footsteps of her mother, Nan Cunningham Watson '75 and my mother, Hallie Tom Nixon Powell '46." Nan was a senior at SBC during Hallie's freshman year!

Dana Dotten Endacott (infamous class of '78 pilot) reports that all is well

in the high desert of Fallon, Nevada. The highlight of Dana's summer was "rendezvousing" with **Jane Hemenway Sullivan** and her family while the Endacotts were visiting NYC. Dana was surprised to learn that the day of their visit was also Jane and her husband's 9th wedding anniversary! The Sullivans graciously included the Endacotts in their celebration! Dana and Jane are still looking for **Jeannette Mehl**. If anyone has any leads as to her whereabouts, please let us know. **Jane Hemenway Sullivan** also wrote to us and told us about Dana and her family's tour of NYC and their wonderful evening together at one of the Sullivan's favorite restaurants while the kids and baby-sitter went to play in Central Park and tried local gelato. Jane and family go out to the Hamptons almost every weekend in the summer where she jokingly said she has almost all of her flower beds perfected. She enjoyed showing her husband, Jay, how beautiful SBC is at our 25th reunion. Jane and Jay had a wonderful lunch with Herr Horwege and a lovely visit with **Ileke Ousinga Scully**'s parents during the reunion weekend.

Ann Thrash Jones gave us lots of alumnae news! She enjoyed two great weekend trips to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. Her daughter, Mary Pat (18) was competing in a horse show where and Ann was able to catch up with Dini Cecil Pickering '79. She and Dini had a great time looking at photos and remembering the "good ole (SBC) days and friends!" Dini married a "super" guy named Chuck and they have two sons, Devon (13) and Chase (17). She was very impressed with her home and family and wants to go back in the fall. Ann and her husband, Bob, took **Melanie Bowen Steglich** to dinner when she was in Atlanta. Ann reports that Melanie looks great as always! She has Melanie to thank for meeting Bob on April 18, 1975 when Melanie "dragged" Ann to the Lambda Chi house! Ann and Bob saw Jane Hubbard Sams '79 at Bob's W&L reunion, last May. She also looks super! Jane and her husband live in the D.C. area with their two boys, Henry and James. Jane planned to spend three weeks in July and August at their family beach house on Kiawah Island! Bob is still corporate counsel for Per-Se Technologies and Ann will be celebrating her 18th anniversary as a paralegal at Alston and Bird in October. Their son, Chris (23) is working, continuing his education and loving life in the Virginia Beach area. Mary Pat will graduate from high school in May. She's hoping to win an NCAA Equestrian Scholarship to UGA. Ann

hopes that anyone coming through the Atlanta area will look her up! Bob is the only "Robert Q. Jr." in the book!

Betsy Hurley Deimel and daughter enjoyed our reunion. Her daughter, Erica (13) was pictured with **Ann Thrash Jones'** daughter, Mary Pat, in the SBC magazine riding in the indoor ring during reunion. I remember that rainy day! Erica had a wonderful time at SBC and picked up the southern accent by the end of the weekend. Betsy was in full campaign mode when she wrote to us, as she is finance director for her five term congressman, Congressman Phil English. Rep. English serves on the House Ways and Means Committee in Congress. She was looking forward to the Republican Convention in NYC!

Edie Baird is still in Powhatan, VA with her mother. She's been enjoying her family and friends. She had a nice but quick visit from her sister and her family who are living in Saudi Arabia. She also had a big party for her cousin who was sent to Afghanistan. Her oldest nephew is starting college in September and the middle nephew, her "baby" is doing great in school and in soccer. Edie has been working at Wachovia Securities since February.

Cannie Cryslar Shafer reports that all of the Shafers are healthy and happy and all still at Episcopal. Francie will be a senior and is a Varsity Soccer player as well as a rower. She thinks that is going to determine her college choices...she is off to row! Blake will be a freshman and so both are in the upper school! Blake is almost six feet tall! Her best story to report was her "fabulous" visit with **Dru Springer Oswalt** this summer! She came up to visit with Cannie while her daughter Haden was a counselor with Cannie at Camp Susquehannock. They had so much fun all being together!

Carol Baugh Webster has been busy launching her international consulting business, Cassel International, and is excited about celebrating its 1-year anniversary on August 8th. In her spare time, Carol enjoys teaching international business classes at the University of Phoenix campus in Nashville. She and husband Tim spent a week in the Dominican Republic and had a special individual tour of one of the big cigar factories there which was a lot of fun! Tim turned 50 in March which merited a big surprise birthday party. Carol's stepson Blake turned 18 in May, graduated from high school the same month, and will be going to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville this fall as a

member of the Volunteers football team, so Carol and Tim will be spending a lot of time in Knoxville! Carol was SO excited to talk to **Jane Hemenway Sullivan** a few months ago, and would love to see her, **Monte Costa** and **Dana Dotten Endacott** again sometime!

It has been a crazy year for **Melanie Bowen Stiglich** in Dallas, Texas. She and Lee have a new family member—a 6 month old male blonde lab puppy. Lee decided not to name him after a tooth, so his name is Doc. Molar, now 6 years old, loves his little brother and they play together all the time. Melanie and Lee will travel to Sanaa, Yemen in November where Lee and two other dentists will represent Baylor College of Dentistry as guest lecturers. This will be their Mission trip for the year and what an opportunity! Melanie's business, One Bag Wardrobe, will be honored at a big event in November having won the Rising Star Award in the Fashion Industry. For more detail, check out the July issue of Essence Magazine on page 74 and the website www.1bagwardrobe.com. In business travels to Atlanta, Melanie had dinner with **Ann Thrash Jones** and her husband Bob. They all had such a good time catching up and laughing about fun times at Sweet Briar. They came to the conclusion, "We are all just the same except our waist lines might be a little broader, and we have to use magnifiers to read the menus." Oh well!

Lee Carollo Boyes had great fun on a 10 day trip to Alaska in June with her husband and son. They flew to Anchorage and traveled around the Kenai peninsula fishing and watching wildlife. They took a day cruise to see glaciers and ice fields (and more wildlife.) Lee will spend a week on Maui with her husband before she starts teaching Junior College and high school this fall. Lee saw **Tricia Mason Terraneo** last summer when visiting her year at UC San Diego. They had a great time catching up.

Carol Cordell Mullins writes that life in Denver, Colorado is wonderful! Carol works part-time on legal and real estate projects. Her son, Charlie, is a sophomore in high school. Carol enjoys volunteering with the school's Futures Office which helps students with information about college scholarships. Charlie has fallen in love with Virginia and returns to defensemen lacrosse camp (he plays year round—only sport now) at W&L University again this summer. When senior year rolls around, Carol may beg help from Sweet Briar friends to put

in a good word for a kid from Colorado who wants desperately to go to college in Virginia! Too bad they don't have a daughter! Carol hopes her classmates are well and happy and invites us to look her up when "out west"!

Mary Gearhart wrote from Raquette Lake, NY where she spends every summer managing one of the Great Camps of the Adirondacks for a wonderful family from Maryland. She and her son, Jacob (4) moved from Manhattan back to Baltimore this year, to be close to family. Mary will return to her new home in October and will resume work in the arts community there.

For **Suse Hudson Fitzgerald** this year has been one of passages. Suse finds herself in a completely new stage of life, officially an empty nester. Ryan is in Miami in his 3rd year of med school and Van is a freshman at Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach. Suse expects lots of Florida trips in her future! She moved into an older house about a year ago and spends a great deal of time working on it as it needed just about everything. Suse has turned out to be one of those women with power tools and loves it! Suse began working for a woman CEO about a year ago as a gal Friday. "It is wonderful." Her job is to anticipate need before the need is felt and she has found that she has a knack for that. Suse would love to get together with any classmates in the Charlottesville area.

Carey Johnson Fleming states her luck continues as her family is healthy and happy. She has taken a new job as Senior Director of Corporate Relations for The American Heart Association. Carey explained her personal interest in this organization. The AHA started the American Stroke Association in the last 10 years. Eleven years ago at age 39 Carey's sister suffered a massive stroke. Her son, David, also had a very scary, life threatening, heart incident this past year. Both events reinforced her passion to do something worthwhile with the job skills she has developed. Carey is also extremely interested in the AHA Red Dress campaign designed to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease in women. Most women don't have any idea that cardiovascular disease kills 1 in 2 women, breast cancer kills 1 in 27 women. Carey enjoys riding cross country and jumping her new horse, a lovely Hanoverian Mare named Galina.

After 11 years working in the Italian fashion industry in New York, **Tricia Mason Terraneo** moved back to California and now has her own business,

Terraneo Marketing Concepts. She organizes promotions/special events and develops marketing strategies for American retailers and Italian companies that sell/manufacture apparel, footwear and accessories. She also sells exhibit space for the WestCoast Exclusive men's trade show in Las Vegas. Tricia lives in a rural area of San Diego with her boyfriend, Donato, and his two boys, Tommy (12) and Vinny (15). They have a lot of land with fruit trees and 2 dogs, 3 cats and 2 land turtles. Tricia stays in touch with **Nanette Cooper Dumontell** who lives in Paris and vacations in Cape Cod every summer with her husband, Bernard and their 4 beautiful girls!

Barbara Mendelssohn Price writes that everyone with children will know what she is doing at this time of her life with two boys 13 and 16. Not blazing any new trails... Just trying to keep her head above water!! Spencer is a rising sophomore at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT and his brother Harrison will be following him in two years. Barbara and husband, Wesley are really enjoying family time this summer and will see **Martha Glover Perry** and **Marianne Hutton Felch** in Nantucket. Barbara sees **Becky Dane Evans** from time to time at the stable and always enjoys her fun sense of humor. Barbara spoke with **Anne Clement** recently and reports that Anne and all her wonderful children are doing well.

Donna J. G. Mihalik Lee has been busy writing, with poetry appearing or forthcoming in *Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal*, *The Dalhousie Review*, *Descant*, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, *Journal of New Jersey Poets*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Seattle Review*, and *Terrain.org: A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments* (<http://www.terrain.org/>). Donna keeps in touch with **Debbie Dalton Knapp**.

As Director of International Marketing for Cardinal Health, **Susan Negaard Harley** develops marketing strategies for their medical disposables such as surgical drapes, gowns and masks. Susan says the part time position is great because it gives her more time with her two children, Andrew and Caroline, and their schoolwork, friends, and sports activities. The Harley family has been racking up frequent flier points recently spending spring break in the Caribbean and two weeks in Ireland and the south of Spain this summer. Susan's family, her parents and sister, **Robin Negaard Kerr** '81, rented a villa in Mijas, a beautiful Spanish village on the Mediterranean. It

was really wonderful. During the school year Susan serves as a Brownie Troop leader and Church Council Leader, filling out the time she is not in the office. Susan, **Margaret Laurent Gordy**, and **Betsy Wood** communicate regularly and are busy planning a mid-winter Florida reunion. Every now and then she hears from **Leigh Ramsay Simmons**

Mary Page Stewart is still teaching art and loving it. Although she did not take any big painting trips this summer, she has been painting a lot. Mary did take her easel when she and Bob went to Bermuda to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Mary and Bob! According to Mary, "It was the most wonderful trip. It's a very cool thing to be even more in love with someone 25 years later. Bob is fabulous—doesn't look any different than he did when you all knew him at Sweet Briar—it's a little scary!" His business continues to thrive and they just keep looking for companies in which to invest. Mary's whole family vacationed in Maine for two weeks which she described as a "zoo" and a "blast." Ellie also had to head back to Bucknell for her sophomore year and will be pledging a sorority, making Mary very happy that SBC didn't have the "Greeks." Geordie has his license—yikes, loves Gilman and will be starting the college search next year

Katherine Powell Heller writes that life continually gets more stressful. It seems her oldest has her driver's license now which she interprets as entitlement to go anywhere at any time. Her driving in Atlanta has accelerated the number of gray hairs that Katherine plucks each week. Said daughter will begin the college search this year which will increase domestic travel plans and decrease the exotic stuff for the year. Since reunion Katherine has traveled to Barcelona, London, Cozumel, Napa, and Portugal. She had just returned from Hilton Head where she spent time with **Carey Johnson Fleming** and David and ran into Ann Reams (retired Alum. director) in a store! Katherine says she would recognize that gentle Virginia voice anywhere. Katherine's family attended her husband's 25th Harvard reunion in June where she saw **Claire Cartwright Vaughan** who was attending with her husband.

Katie Renaud Baldwin wrote from Michigan while on a three week stint visiting family there and loving every minute of it. She saw **Martha Fruhauf** while there. Back in Alaska, daughter Amanda graduated from high school

in May and will be attending college in Oregon. Emily will be in ninth grade next year. Katie loves teaching Kindergarten and first grade reading. Her family bought an 80 acre farm in Oregon last summer and will most likely move there after Emily finishes high school.

Meg Richards Wiederseim was sorry she couldn't be with us for our 25th. Hopefully we'll see you next time, Meg.

Nancy Robinson Lindberg writes that she is still working her way out of jet lag as she just returned home from a hiking trip to the Swiss Alps. Nancy practices family medicine in Enfield, CT. Her oldest son, Andy, just graduated from high school and will attend Wheaton College in Mass. this fall. Wheaton is a former all-women's school that went coed in the 80's. Nancy guesses this is close to sending him to SBC! Her other two children, Tim and Alex, are going into 11th and 8th grades so she'll soon start the college search all over again.

Carrie Ruda Clark reports that despite her move a year ago which kept her from attending reunion, she managed to feel connected through some get-togethers with a number of classmates, as well as letters and phone calls. Her "new" 1938 house is still very much under renovation, a slow and frustrating process as she is doing a lot of the work herself. Her older son, John (21) is studying physics (pre-engineering) at Elon University (NC), where he continues to exercise his passion for lacrosse. Younger son, Andrew (16), is a sophomore in high school. After years of small, teacher-attentive, independent schools, he is mastering the skills necessary to survive in a large, culturally diverse, public school. Andrew is halfway through the rigorous training necessary to attain a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Carrie recently returned to the work force, accepting a desk-top publishing position with an investment advisory firm.

Janet Rakoczy also works for the company (and had clued her in on the opening). They eat lunch together almost every day, and try not to chat in-between. Carrie serves on Altar Guild and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at her church. Carrie's parting comment in her notes was, "Life is very different now, but gets better every day!"

The following classmates did not submit notes this time but confirmed that we have their correct e-mail addresses: **Becky Dane Evans**, **Cecie Garcia-Tunon Lear**, **Muffy Hamilton Parsons**, **Kathy Jackson Howe**, **Lu Litton**

Griffin, **Cathy Lumsden**, **Betsy Ryan Glenn** and **Betsy Wood**

We managed to catch **Michelle Tarride Frazier** just as she was heading off to Costa Rica with her husband, while their children John (14) and Margaret (11) were at camp. Michelle was sorry to miss reunion as she heard how much fun we all had. She had previous golf tournament commitments over that weekend that could not be changed. Michelle says they are rather busy as they have moved out of their house into a rental only 4 houses away, and will do major renovations and an add-on. They hope to be back in the house by the end of February but Michelle relents, "We will see."

Katherine Nesbit lives at Lake Monticello, VA and works for the Federal Reserve in Richmond as a performance architect. The last two years have been hectic ones for Katherine as she has been busy helping her mom, Mary Nesbit '56, move from the family home in Upperville, VA into a retirement community in Sarasota, FL. The mission was finally accomplished this past spring.

Ann Yaeger reports that life in Atlanta is fast paced as usual. Ann is in the process of establishing the Atlanta office of The Yaeger Group, International Protocol and Event Specialists. Ann recently joined the Associate Board of the Atlanta Botanical Garden and will serve the SBC Alumnae Association Board as Region 5 Chair. AND, she has started playing bridge again (for the first time since high school!!!) with Francie Root and Georgia Schley-Ritchie, both SBC '80 and **Jane Lauderdale Armstrong**! Ann is in touch with **Claire Cartwright Vaughan** who has one son at Texas A&M and another, a high school senior!

Dorothy Lear Mooney, **Carrie Ruda Clark**, **Paula Brown Kelley** and **Janet Rakoczy**, met at a local restaurant for dinner one night last winter. It's amazing how much catching up you can do in a couple of hours! A few others had to duck out at the last minute, but we hope they can make our next gathering. It has been such fun hearing from all of you and recognizing and remembering your "voices" as you describe your various activities. Thank you for the opportunity to be one of the first in line to hear your news!

I, **Paula Brown Kelley**, have had a busy year since reunion. I always look forward to relaxing in the summer but, it seems like I am on the road more and my gas tank empties faster than during the school year! As I write this, my family and I plan to work our

way up to Boston for a vacation. My children have second cousins they have not seen in several years so we also look forward to a get together with a cousin of mine in Mountain Lakes, NJ. I attended a great reunion of my friends from my overseas high school during a gathering of "Overseas Brats," held in Atlanta in July. There were over 700 alum there representing American schools throughout the world. During the winter, Jack and I attended a lovely dinner given by **Liz Williams** and her husband, Chuck. We also had an opportunity to take our children, J.P. (12) and Genny (9) to see Liz take off with her fox hunt. The Snickersville Hounds, in Middleburg. It was my first look at a helmet cam! We had a great time! That will do it for this round of notes. Thank you all for keeping us up to date. Have a wonderful 2005! Paula and Janet

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Myth Monich Bayoud gets to see lots of SBC'ers in Dallas! Featured are **Susan Boline Thompson**, **Melanie Bowen Steglich**, **Ann Stuart McKie Kling**, **Ellen Sellar McDowell** and **Lisa Wray Longino**. **Brianna Boswell Brown** and **Kama Boswell Koudelk** are seen frequently as Kama's son Teddy is in Charlie's kindergarten class at Lakehill Prep. Myth keeps in touch with **Janel Hughes Wiles** and corresponds regularly with **Missy Gentry Witherow** now of the Alumnae Office at Sweet Briar.

Neiman Marcus's corporate offices keep Myth occupied overseeing the special order business for Fine Apparel, Couture and Evening. David's real estate business is doing well. The Bayouds just got back from a wonderful trip to Victoria BC where future Egyptologist Charlie loved the Eternal Egypt Exhibit at the Royal British Columbia Museum, and everyone enjoyed the cool Canadian temps.

Ginny Faris Hoffman continues to be busy with her title company, Tye River Title, in and around Staunton and Harrisonburg, VA. Allison is a senior

this year and on the college-hunt. Mary has gotten her permit and is practicing driving, while son Graham is just trying to "stay in his lane" in a house dominated by teen-age girls. Hang on, Graham!

Mary Rhoda Mabry practices law and teaches Sarvaopa Yoga as a hobby in and around suburban Philadelphia. Vacation destinations have included Colorado and Maine for hiking, and trips to the homes of family members who Mary is happy to say "all live in relaxing, picturesque and perfect places on the water or in the mountains!" Last summer in the Philadelphia Airport she saw **Lanny Sasser**, who was on her way to a dude-ranch in Wyoming with husband Wynn and their sons. Mary's big news is that she and husband Michael are soon off to China to pick up their new daughter Nancy Zhen! Mommy Mary will then be on leave for a few months.

Toni Santangelo Archibald is in Rye, New York cleaning up the remnants of hurricane season. Her home suffered a lot of flooding but no major damage. Toni says: "In March my Dad died after a valiant fight with lung cancer. He was 71 and believe me he lived every second of his life until the end!" Toni's son Johnny is 17 and looking at colleges, especially the University of Colorado, Boulder. Second son Franny is 15 and 6'1", 220 pounds and playing back up quarterback and kicker on Rye High School's Varsity football team. Daughter Sara is 12 and in 7th grade at School of the Holy Child in Rye, her mom's alma mater. Toni is now working there 3 days a week in the Development Department planning special events and acting as Parent Liaison. She loves the environment and simply being back at work. She stays in contact with Hollis, Claire and Sandra, and has enjoyed Jill's website.

Lind Bussey writes: "Life is good in Jackson but we sure do run hard! The best news is that I still feel young even though I'm not." Daughter Jenny Lind is a sophomore at Ole Miss, son John is in eleventh grade and Anderson is in ninth. Lind says the boys play every sport ever invented and that she and husband John just run around trying to keep up with them. The Busseys will celebrate their twenty-second anniversary in October. Congratulations!

Garrow Hudson Crowley still lives in Spartanburg SC. Her first child, Elsa, just began college at Trinity in Hartford CT. That leaves only two teenagers left with Chris and Garrow, who asks: "It seems like my freshman year at Sweet Briar was yesterday. How can we all

be so old?" **Phyllis Watt Jordan** is living in northwest DC working at *The Washington Post* as the Maryland political editor. The hot issue just now is slot machine gambling. Her husband Brian is a Navy lawyer handling oceans policy at the Pentagon. Daughter Miranda, 7, has started first grade and Jake, 5, is in kindergarten. Phyllis is looking forward to reunion!

Louise Swiecki Zingaro of SBC and her husband Scott moved into the SBC Farmhouse last fall and love having the extra space for entertaining guests. Scott's parents moved to Lynchburg in April and Louise says it's nice to have family close by, adding: "I am also delighted to have **Missy Gentry Witherow** as a new Assistant Director in the Alumnae Office. Missy joined our team on Nancy for a few months."

Charlotte Gay Gerhardt and Paul are still in Williamsburg and get to see lots of friends coming to visit the area with their children. The Gerhardts have 3 teenage daughters and are never bored. The eldest is busy applying to colleges and all three are very active with school, field hockey, cross country, volleyball, and club sports. Charlotte is bracing herself for the next 10 years, saying, "It will certainly be a fun ride, but I'm already looking forward to the peaceful and financially comfortable years that (will follow)." Meanwhile, she keeps in touch with **Lisa Schneider Thornton** and **Pam Koehler Elmets** via email, and recently got to see Pam who was visiting her father. Anyone planning a trip to the colonial capital is invited to look her up! **LaQuela Scaife Barnett** has had an eventful year. She reports: "Andy Cude and I married in June 2003 in Carmel Valley, California, and now live in God's country with Lexi, 10, and our 2 dogs, Pepper and Sunny." LaQuela still presides over Music Incorporated via phone, fax, email and federal express. She loves having a home office and the opportunity to spend more time with Lexi. This summer her family spent another week in Holland at the Bernardus Cup in Dourheet Mees, the golf course Andy designed several years ago. LaQuela wants to know what's doing with **Lisa Faulkner** and **Pam Leuzinger**, and who else might be living in the bay area. She and **Kim Horner Greiner** ('79) keep in touch regularly. Kim is married with 4 kids and a home in Orange County. For the second school year in a row, they are all living in Michigan so that eldest son Luke can cultivate his talent for ice hockey, which is not popular in Southern

California. **Jana Joustra Davis** married Ansel in May 2004 in a small wedding in the countryside outside DC. She's Director of PR for HCA and loves traveling between their homes in Nashville and Georgetown.

Mimi Walch Dees latest book, *Nurturing Your Teenager's Soul* (Perigee) will be released in November. Mimi assures us that, believe it or not, teenagers do have souls. Daughter, Elizabeth (14) is off to her first year at Deerfield Academy and Whitney (17) is a junior in Concord.

Tish Longest Tyler continues to love her job at Virginia's Office of the Attorney General, where she has been working for 21 years! She did take a break to dust off that French major, traveling to the Loire Valley and Paris on an SBC alumnae college trip in June of 2002. The following June she visited the South of France with a friend. Tish writes: "In addition to that, life is very nice. I keep up with **Carolyn Birbeck Thomason** who is in Wilmington, N.C. She is doing very well and her son, Paul, is almost a teenager!"

Amy Andrews Monahan ferries between her Manhattan apartment and her Victorian farmhouse in the Catskills. When not putting miles on the car, she is tending to her twelve year old son, Morgan and forty-three year old husband, Sean. Any spare time is spent raking leaves in Central Park and volunteering for left-wing political organizations.

Anne Secor and husband Steve are in the process of selling their Tribeca loft and planning the move to Quebec. The new 1200 square foot house with 26 windows in the woods on a lake in the Laurentian mountains is almost completed. Steve's son Julian has just started college at Dawson in Montréal. Anne says: "We are still hoping to expand our family, but for now, we have our two faithful kitties, Marley and Farnsworth. Work-wise, I've been really busy with freelance art directing, and Steve has just started a new company, Safebox Data, Ltd., specializing in data back-up and disaster recovery."

Kim Fuller continues with her work in the travel business, which affords opportunity for adventure. Kim took a fantastic cruise from Tahiti to Hawaii in May, after staying in Moorea for 3 nights in one of the very cool over-the-water huts. "We did a shark dive with about 15 3-foot Black-tipped Reef sharks which was interesting but a little unnerving when 3 9-foot Lemon sharks showed up!!" Kim, **Sally Lovejoy** and **Janel**

Wiles got together in Colorado in August 2004 for 3 nights and had a blast hiking, horseback riding and catching up. **Sally-Ann Polson '78** came to OKC on business and she and Kim visited over dinner.

Sandra Rappaccioli Padilla writes from Nicaragua that her family is doing well and recently got a weekend house at the beach, just one hour's drive from home. Sandra hopes that some of her friends might take a vacation down south and visit her!

Catherine Flaherty, Barbara Wesley Bagbey, Ginny Faris Hoffman, Jeannine Davis Harris, Lisa Schneider Thornton, True Dow Datillio, Fanny Zollicoffer Mallonee and Liz Swearingen-Edens gathered for a long summer weekend at Catherine's cottage in rural Wisconsin. Along the way was a fabulous dinner party at the lovely Wausau home of Catherine's brother and sister-in-law **Anne Riordan Flaherty**. The cottagers amused themselves with canoe races, huffle-Gumpy, yoga class with resident instructor Franny, an impressive trick-ski demonstration compliments of True and an alarmingly vigorous small-raft adventure through the rapids and over the waterfalls of the Wolf River. All survived.

True Dow Datillio is busy at the Exeter College counseling office in beautiful coastal New Hampshire. Her boys have turned their attention to fall sport rituals, husband to his music, cat to her kittens, stepchildren to their families. All is well. True expects to join us at our 25th in May and hopes to see "a record number of class of '80, cuz if I can make it, you can, too!" True adds that her hamstring is slowly healing, thanks to physical therapy.

Barbara Wesley Bagbey is teaching preschool and working as part-time river rafting guide in Richmond, VA.

Carol Williamson Jenkins visited campus and classmates during Alumnae Council, 2004. Carol, Nick and William all withstood hurricane season in Alabama.

Elizabeth Purdy Thorsey's IT search company, Capitol Search, Ltd. is enjoying its 15th year of business! Rich is still practicing employment law, and their daughters enjoy modeling. Beth says: "Katherine, 11 going on 18, is still with Ford NY, and is a singer and soccer player. First born Britt is now 15, has legs to my waist and actually has her first magazine cover coming out in Paris (November issue of L'Officiel)." Beth travels with the girls for castings and jobs, and works in between. Most down time is spent at the barn with her Hannoverian gelding, which showed

at 4th level this summer. Plans are to debut at Prix St. George in winter. Beth keeps tabs on **Nancy Rae**, whose farm in Richmond is home to the Thorseys' Swedish mare, Sophie. Sophie is expecting her first foal in April.

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Lee Watson Lombardy writes that she is still an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Orlando, Florida—and still loving it. Her husband Warren is Director of Printing and Creative Services at Darden Restaurants' home office (home of the Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Bahama Breeze, Smokey Bones BBQ, and Seasons 52). They built a home in Winter Garden, just west of Orlando, nearly three years ago. Daughter Georgia (you'll never guess how she got her name!) is 8 and in the second grade. She is into piano & Scottish Highland dancing and has recently discovered tennis.

Where do people who live in Central Florida go for vacation? "We went to San Diego and Los Angeles the first week of August for a break from it all." Lee had a mini-reunion with **Lucile Redmond Flournoy** in June '03 when they gathered for their 25-year high school reunion in Columbus, Georgia.

Ben and I continue to live in Statesville, NC with Peter (3rd grade) and Betsy (1st).

Classmates, if you are like me, you grew to depend on the little postcard to remind you that it was time for class notes. As a budget cutting measure the college discontinued this practice and we can now send in notes for any magazine but we get no reminder. I owe you an apology because for a year I have had the intention of sending a letter or card at my own expense but other local projects

have always seemed to take over my time. I would love to get your news and I know other classmates would enjoy reading it. Drop me an email or a note.

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Jeff and Suzanne Weaver Zimmer built a house on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay in Montrose, AL. They moved Aug. 1, 2003 and are loving it! Joshua (9) will be in 4th grade and James (7) will be in 2nd grade. Both are busy with baseball, soccer, and swim team! She recently saw **Ginger Church, Heidi Turk, Vicki Blum, Barbara Conner, Julie Thompson, and Renata Davis** at Vicki's house for a mini-reunion!

Heidi Belofski Turk writes that her oldest son Carter passed the critical three-year window of being seizure free since his surgery; so knock on wood, it appears that the results are permanent. Grant and Sydney also keep her very busy.

Everything is pretty much status quo for **Julie Hickman Thompson**. David is 3 and loves preschool, camp, music, swimming, etc. and is very active and happy. Dan is in his 4th year of 5 now so they are counting down the months toward the completion of his Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Georgetown. Julie went back to SBC as an alumna-in-residence and panelist for an evening of discussion of environmental careers and spoke to classes, met with students and professors and reviewed a lot of resumes.

Lenetta Archard McCampbell left Amtrak this spring and started a mobile pet grooming business called Aussie Pet Mobile. It's a national franchise. She currently has two units on the road and is planning to add a third this fall. Adjusting to the small business environment has been tough, but rewarding. She also

moved within Annapolis and is slowly renovating her house as time allows.

Laurie Limpittlaw Krambeer says her biggest news is the birth of her second daughter (Rachel) who was born 8/03. She joins her older sister (Sarah) who will be 4 1/2 at press time. Life has become more chaotic and lacking in sleep with two children but she still manages to do some research as a faculty member at KUMed and is on the board of the Kansas Psychological Association. She and Craig took the girls to Colorado and Wyoming this year for a family vacation.

Leigh Watkins Taylor is the owner of Reel NZ Productions—visual promotions' business that directs and produces TV commercials and corporate videos. Gracie is 12 now and is a very keen rider, a varsity field hockey player, and recently was awarded the highly coveted Founders Medal for outstanding speech and drama. While visiting in Maryland she spent several days with Melinda Sher ('88).

Betty Saylor just moved back to Alexandria from San Francisco. She has seen a lot of **Lesly Allen Bell** and occasionally **Frances Clardy Hooper**. She saw **Martha Boxley Creasy** at the Homestead over July 4th. Betty is doing special events and fundraising for Debbie LeHardy & Co. **Martha Boxley Creasy** writes her 3 children continue to keep her busy, but she seems to have a little more time these days to keep up with the Sweet Briar crowd. **Frances Clardy Hooper** and family are moving from Concord, MA, to Prague, Czech Republic where her husband will be working in the American Embassy for the State Department. The children (Bobby, 9, William, 7, and Woodard, 7) will be attending the International School of Prague and will be playing on local hockey teams with Czech kids. Frances still gets to DC a few times a year to work on political events.

Ann Martin Gonya was at Sweet Briar this past April for the annual Alumnae Lacrosse game. It was great fun catching up with Missy Ackerman and all the returning alumnae and seeing how the College has changed since we were there. She is still happily married to Jeff Gonya. **Karen Gonya Nickles** ('86) brother, and just celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary. They have two children Caroline (13), 8th grade at Calvert School and Jay (6), attending Boy's Latin School this fall. They are remodeling their 65 year old house in Ruxton, Md. Ann enjoyed seeing **Katie**

Hearn, Lenetta Archard McCampbell. Karen Gonya Nickles ('86) and **Kathleen Teague Bogusky** at the quarterly "Girls Nights Out" in Annapolis. She is working at RCM&D, the largest independent insurance agency in the Mid Atlantic area 4 days a week.

Cheryl Fortin Young is doing the mom things this summer. The kids (Tate, 13, Timothy, 9, Kayla, 7) are doing swimming, tennis, golf, basketball, gymnastics and horseback riding. They are all keeping up on music too. Tate is playing the guitar and starting a band with some friends. The family just spent two weeks in Italy for their 19th wedding anniversary. She saw **Renata Leckszas Davis** and her beautiful family in May. They came to stay with Cheryl at the beach. Renata writes she and Bill have two sons: James (7) and Andrew (5). The Davis clan has just returned from a 2-week camping trip in upstate New York and Montreal.

Larrie Catron McCleary is living in Tarpon Springs Florida. She has been married to the love of her life Dick McCleary for the past seventeen years and has 2 children, Patricia (age 6) and Tucker (age 5). She and Dick own Manatee Bay Enterprise and provide corporate identity for companies of all sizes.

Martha Shorter Lanier Dougherty just started a new job in April with the Cleveland Clinic Health System (Cleveland OH) negotiating contracts with the managed care payors and also enjoys her Southern Living at HOME business. For the 3rd year in a row, **Martha Shorter, Stacy Zackowski Lukanuski, Karla Kennedy Newman, Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel** ('86) and other non-SBC friends/bridesmaids spent a week at the beach in Sea Grove, Florida. They all had so much fun together.

Kurt, **Cathleen Brooke Dunkle**. Caroline (12), and Maddie (10) spent the last three years in New York City where Kurt, after retiring as a lawyer, went to seminary to become an Episcopal Priest. Kurt graduated in May and was ordained, and they have moved back to Jacksonville, FL where he is now working as the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Florida.

Elizabeth Kelly Ravitz still lives near Princeton, NJ where she and William celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this June. They are busy with Alex (10), Rebecca (8) and Jessica (5). Also, Elizabeth celebrated 18 years at AT&T, still in IP Services Product Management and is now an official

budding entrepreneur. She started a small business on Ebay, selling finds from auctions, estate sales, garage sales, etc. (check out her user id "wrawitz").

DeAnne Blanton is still living in Arlington, Virginia with her husband, Marc Wolfe, and son Sam, age 6 who is in first grade. She works part-time at the National Archives in Washington. Her biggest news is that her book, *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*, is now available in paperback from Vintage Press.

Martha Swanson is living in Virginia with her husband Roger Muller and two children, Braeden (5) and Lily (2 1/2). They recently bought a travel trailer and are looking forward to camping with immediate and extended families. The kids are learning to swim this summer so spending a lot of time at the pool. Braeden is looking forward to starting kindergarten this fall. Martha currently works at MCI as an IT Senior Manager.

Patti Dolan Stuebe has 3 boys, ages 8, 7, and 3 and lives in Weston, CT with husband Douglas of 12 years. She recently went back to work as the District sales leader for CT and RI for Doncaster, a line of designer clothing for women. Last month she saw **Catty Hubbard** **Andry** and **Jane Cox Murray** and the 3 had a great time!

Leanne Weber Kreis continues as a manufacturer's rep. for commercial furniture and textiles and enjoys traveling with her job and for pleasure quite a lot this year. Two of her favorite trips were with family to Montana as well as Whistler, Canada this past winter. Leanne was the assistant coach for Katie's (8) field hockey and lacrosse team this year. Phillip's (11) baseball team came in 1st place in their division. She and George have enjoyed sailing this summer. **Catty Hubbard Andry** writes, "Our big news is that we have a new baby! Jane Emerson was born on May 28th! Her brothers, Becker and Ras, adore her. I did her nursery in pink and green! We couldn't be happier! **Patti Dolan Stuebe** and **Jane Cox Murray** (whom I see often) came for dinner to meet Jane Emerson when she was a week old. Imagine my surprise to get a phone call from **Quinci Stevenson Velie** ('86) who moved to Asheville last fall! I hope to see more of her when our children are in the same school this fall. Michael is still with Bank of America, heading up the private bank in Western NC, and I am at home with my three little ones."

Patsy Kraeger is still living in hot Phoenix, Arizona and practicing

immigration law. She went on a roadtrip through Mexico with cousin **Amy Kroeger** ('90) after she finished her first two years at Guadalajara Med School in MX.

Stacy Zackowski Lukanuski is still happily married (18 years now) to Greg who is a Richmond City Prosecutor. They have 3 children: Olivia Shea, 10, Anna-Janay, 7, and Samuel E.T., 5. Stacy just started her own Dental Practice this year in Richmond, Virginia where she practices 3 days a week and plays tennis the rest and loves it.

Roshani M. Gunewardene still continues practicing law as a sole practitioner.

Caperton Morton Andersson writes her mom passed away this January. They plan to keep the farm near Sweet Briar in the family for future generations to enjoy. Christer, Caperton and kids spend many weekends at Cherrywood and last summer took a trip to Sweden to visit Christer's family. Eli, 15, finished his first year of high school with great grades and with a new love of lacrosse. Berit, 7, finished her first grade year, reading everything in sight. Caperton has taken up tennis and loves it.

Laurie Richmond McWilliams has been living in Coral Gables, Florida for almost three years and really loves the lifestyle. She writes, "I transferred to Alabama after one year at SBC and graduated there with a French major. I then lived in Atlanta where I worked at Merrill Lynch and met my husband, David, who also worked at Merrill. We were transferred to Naples, Florida, then Bloomfield Hills, MI, then Sydney, Australia, then Tokyo and now have landed in beautiful South FL! We have been married for almost 13 years and have 3 children: Reid (10), Cole (7) and Ivy (3)!"

Barbara Tragakis Conner is now the proud mom of two high school students—Maggie is a junior and Kit is a freshman at West Potomac. She is chairing the Excellence in Schools Parent Involvement Initiative for the high school and is within reach of finishing her Masters Degree in Social Foundations of Education at UVA and plans to graduate in Charlottesville on May 22, 2005. She is still doing organizational consulting with individuals and business teams as well as working at the local elementary school.

Scott and Dale Banfield Banning are still in Newport News, VA. He is a physician and Dale is home with the kids Will (11) & Mary Webb (10). They got slammed by hurricane Isabel and had no

power for 12 days! They spend a lot of time at their home on the Eastern Shore of Virginia near Chincoteague.

Chantal Pirrone Sexton took a 12 day trip to France in April with her younger sister to visit her aunt and uncle in the French Alps. Days were filled with snowshoeing, hiking, biking, skiing, and shopping. Meanwhile husband, Bill, had bonding time back in VA with now 5 year old Will. What a treat! She passes on that **Mary Dragas Shearin** had a beautiful little baby boy and both Mary and Lee are ecstatic.

As for myself I have just graduated Nursing school as a Registered Nurse and will begin working in the hospital in August. John is still a pilot for Northwest Airlines and was extra busy with the house and kids while I was in school. Alexandra (10) is playing tournament softball and Chandler (8) loves baseball, basketball and will try football this fall. I can't wait to catch up with everyone at the reunion. Don't forget to mark your calendars for May!

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We'd love to include as many of our classmates as possible in our class notes. Please keep it in mind and send me an email at Kelly_iacobelli@yahoo.com whenever you get a chance. I'll hold your notes until the next issue.

Denise Barrett is finishing her Doctorate of Pharmacy (PHARM.D) degree and living in Newport News, VA.

Ro Putz has been busy at Sweet Briar incorporating all of the art books into the Main Library. The Shallenberger

Library will now house Archives and Rare Books. She encourages her classmates to consider a donation to build a new library. She loves being a part of the library staff at SBC.

Julie Collins and her family are enjoying their new home. They moved the week before Christmas 2003 and she has all of the decorating and building under control now. She and Jerry celebrated 15 years of marriage with a relaxing trip to the mountains. She and her sons, Joseph 5 and Christopher 9, had a wonderful summer with sports, vacations, swimming, camp—the works!

Beth Bennett Haga and her family vacationed in Snowmass, CO to escape the Dallas heat. Her oldest child, Caroline, is going to kindergarten. William is 3 and Sarah is 2. She mentioned that we will all be celebrating our 20th reunions from high school—we must be getting old! She keeps in touch with **Katie Keogh** and **Paige Apple Montinaro**, both of whom are doing well. She also sees **Gerry O'Brien Jones** in Dallas from time to time. Beth would love to see any classmates who happen through Dallas.

Mary Halliday Shaw moved from California to Atlanta. Her boys have met some nice kids in the neighborhood and some kids from school. She has met some nice neighbors as well. Brad, her husband, is working like a dog as usual. The corporate life at Home Depot is pretty demanding.

Paige Shiller Okun and her boys have spent a great year living in Southeast Asia. They have enjoyed traveling throughout the region including Western Australia, Bangkok, Indonesia, Malaysia and Beijing (where they got to try out the Mandarin that they have been learning). They hope to be back to the US in late Summer 2004 for a short visit. She says they will be in Asia for the next 4 years—if you're ever in Singapore, look them up!

Virginia Bennett Leeds moved to North Carolina in May. She and her husband, Roy, welcomed Andrea Allis Leeds on June 4, 2004. Everyone is healthy and happy—but a bit tired! They relocated so her husband could accept a new position. She plans to stay home for a year or 2 with the baby before she returns to work. She reports that **Lee Ann Conard** is changing jobs and moving to Philadelphia in August.

Stephanie Sprouse and her son, Jackson, are enjoying putting in their garden this summer as well as many, many other activities. She says she is as busy as she was in college! In 6 weeks,

she saw Elton John, 2 Gospel groups, 1 drag show, 2 stage productions and 3 movies. She traveled to Boston, NY and Cape Cod. She has been to outdoor reggae, 2 arts festivals, boating, 3 weddings and hosted 3 friends from out of town. She also admits to spending too much time to count at the beach. Whew! And she manages to work, too!

Stacey Sickels Heckel and her family decided to leave DC. She is now the Director of Advancement for St. Timothy's School outside Baltimore. She is discovering many St. Timothy's alumnae who went on to attend SBC. They plan to move to the Annapolis, MD area and will most likely purchase her mother's house in Round Bay—a community in Severna Park (many SBC buddies will remember road tripping there from our college days). Her husband, David, will commute back to DC. She is still coaching and skating on a national synchronized skating team, Ice Force One (iceforceone.org). They qualified for nationals in San Diego this year, and while there, she was able to visit with Sonja Gruhl Dupouque and meet her precious new baby boy, Jack. Stacey also reports that **Heather Shettle Witherspoon** is getting married this fall—and we are all so happy for her!

Eden Zuckerman Brown and her husband just got back from Belize and they can't wait to head to their next Caribbean destination. In addition to traveling, they are working and enjoying their summer!

Tracy Tigerman Shannon and her husband, John, just celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary in Brookneal, VA. Kaitlyn turned 2 on Aug. 1 and Ryan turned 8 on Aug. 28. She is still teaching 3rd grade and some local college courses at National Business College one night a week. John is going back to college to get his degree in Education and there will soon be 2 teachers in their home. She is very proud of him. She runs into **Rosaria Putz** occasionally.

Maria Free Jalenak was promoted to Associate Director of the Louisiana State University Museum of Art. She is hard at work in preparation for moving the museum into its new building in November.

Scarlett Roitman lives in London with her husband, Mark, and her two daughters, Clansia, 14, and Eloise, 5. She provides marketing consultancy for various companies as well as helping Mark, a large property developer in Southern Portugal.

Denise Landau Blind and her family really enjoyed their summer. Her husband has spent her time at the barn riding. Denise loves watching her learn

how to ride—she's a natural. Her son, Tyler, is involved in travel baseball, where his pitching and catching are developing quite well. Her husband is the team's coach! They spent time at the New Jersey shore before going back to school where Tyler will be in 4th grade and Chelsea will be in 1st.

Michele Smith moved to Portland, OR in Feb 2004 and she loves it there! She is busy working as a paralegal in a newly established law firm and exploring OR in her free time.

Lisa Tennant is crazy busy. She is the Assistant Chairwoman of a Junior League project this year. Between work, incessant home repairs from flood damage and juggling 30 League volunteers and numerous charitable agencies asking for volunteers, she feels like she is running in circles. She recently found that an SBC alum, Lorna Allen, works in her company. They plan to get together to exchange memories soon.

Alex Ritter is still in school. She was an intern with the EPA this summer.

Kathryn Ingham Reese is now teaching middle school and she is very excited about it. She will be teaching 6th and 8th grade English. Her husband, Bart, left his job of 15 years to open a school in Wilmington. It will be a private school for students with learning needs. Very exciting! Landon turned 4 in April and will join her at Tower Hill for pre-kindergarten. Elliot turned two in April and is hell on wheels! Kathryn went to SBC in May to play in the alum lacrosse game. She had a blast seeing **Lee Carroll Roebuck**, **Brooke Reinhardt Dunn**, **Katie Hearn**, **Anne Martin** and **Shannon Wood**. They will be back in the spring to play again! She is going to spend the weekend with **Polly Sattler** in Cape May, NJ. Polly is still living in Atlanta.

Susan Detweiler much enjoyed working in Antarctica and most likely will return for this season. She worked her second summer in the Tetons in Wyoming for Exum Mountain Guides and says the other guides, the terrain and the clients have been great. Laura Staman, current Director of SWEBOB, came out to the Tetons with her husband for a day working with Susan, refreshing and updating the skills that will be brought back to SWEBOB, where Susan started climbing. All 3 had a blast! She is in sporadic contact with other classmates and would enjoy hearing from others at suzndt@yahoo.com

I'm still living in Atlanta with my husband, John, and 2-year old daughter, Kathleen. We had a wonderful visit

from **Sharon Staley Kelly** '87 and her daughter Kendall. The two girls are hoping to be roommates at SBC—in about 16 years! I am the Marketing Communications & Consumer Affairs Manager for Carter's. My spare time is spent enjoying the theater with my husband, volunteering at church and with a professional woman's group in Atlanta called Georgia 100.

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An even dozen made their way back to the Patch for Reunion 2004, plus a few spouses and children! We were honored to be joined by **Mrs. Margaret Ross Ellice '34**, (grandmother of **Aubrey Adam Barr**). **Sarah Anderson Stanton** held a duo piano recital with Professor Rebecca McNutt on Friday evening, which was a lovely start to the weekend. We had a wonderful time and wished that the rest of you could have joined us. Start making plans for our 20th in 2009!

Here is what is happening across the country and around the world! **Raquel Hickman Thiebes** is currently self-employed doing genealogy research. She is living in Colorado Springs and has 2 boys, Matthias and Alexander. Her husband Maj. George Thiebes was the first Special Forces Officer to win the JINSA's Grateful Nation Award in Fall 2003. **Laura Lawson Trevey** teaches pre-school at River Road Preschool in Richmond, VA, and is also working on her watercolors. Her husband, Samuel, works for SunTrust Bank, and they have 3 children, Carole, Catherine and Preston. **Beth Roland** married Pushpal (Paul) Banerjee on 2/17/02, in a Hindu ceremony. Megan Latimer, (daughter of Irfan Kiratti Latimer '90) was the flower girl. Beth and Paul had their first child on 7/9/03, Roland Moloy Banerjee. Beth is the co-founder of "Caring Canines Therapy Dogs, Inc."

Deborah Ann Schmidt Robinson is an Auction House Executive at Sotheby's. She and husband Rowland Perry Robinson, MD, had their first child on 5/26/03. R. Halsey Robinson. **Sydney Loughran Wolf** is a Brand Manager for the Gillette Company. Husband Andreas is the Vice President of Cavendish Farms. Their daughter Schuyler Louisa is now 2, and they are expecting baby #2 in 9/04. **Edie Rue** is a chemical oceanographer in Pebble Beach, CA. Husband Chris is a biological oceanographer. They have a son,

Oscar. **Sarah West Reeves**, husband Lex (W&L '88), and daughter, Sophie Stuart (6) are living in Richmond, VA. Sarah is in Estate Sales, is a Member of the Junior Board of Sheltering Arms Hospital and is a Council Member of the VA Museum of Fine Arts.

Donna Meyer Hodgert is working part-time as head swim coach at R-MWC, and earned the honor of ODAC Coach of the Year last season. She is also training to compete in triathlons in the Lynchburg area. This year her sons will both be in school, Cal (4th grade) and Harry (Kindergarten), so she will have time to work on her teacher re-certification and looks forward to returning to teaching full-time. **Sharon "Squirrel" Bittner-Webb** married Simon on 5/31/04, aboard the *HMS Warrior* in Portsmouth, England. They currently live in Chichester with Simon's 3 children. Sharon has received a MSC in Heritage and Museum studies from the University of Portsmouth.

Join the new Class of '89 group page at <http://groups.msn.com/sbc89> to post messages or photos. There are already some photos from Reunion. Thank you for all your contributions, both in time and donations! Remember to keep sending me your news for the Class Notes! Take care!

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Ashley File Phoenix became a mother in 2004, giving birth to beautiful twins, M and C. Phoenix was born April 14th 2004.

Life in Denver is exciting, as Ashley's Cherry Creek yoga studio continues to thrive. Check out their website at www.bikram-yoga-denver.com **Susan Messikomer Horenkamp** also had a baby girl in June, Lily Teresa. Big brother Shane is now 3. Work, a growing family and an historic home keep the family busy. **Colleen Losey Daughtry** wrote with news of daughter Catherine Elizabeth, born in March '04. Two year old Matthew has a playmate! Colleen and Chris still reside in VA Beach, and keep in touch with **Sally Estes Vigezzi**. Congratulations to Sally on her own little girl, born February '04.

Ellen Ober Pitera and husband Rob returned in April from an amazing year in Kenya. I was fortunate enough to be included in their email distribution list and received periodic updates on their adventures written in vivid detail with accompanying photos—what a gift! It goes without saying that Ellen had a tremendous impact on her community of learners. From reading Ellen's descriptions of the people, the community and the natural landscape, Kenya returned that gift to her many times over. What a blessing your adventurous spirit is, Ellen! **Kristen Swenson Sloop** had a baby girl, Elizabeth Lee—"Eliza"—in December. Her son John is 3. Husband David now works for Kristen's delightful wall art and linen design business. Visit kootiebugdesigns.com to check it out!

Julianne Chisholm-Lahouze has been residing in New England since 1998. She received her MBA from UMass and works as a benefits accountant for a publishing firm out of Amsterdam. She dabbles in day trading and scuba diving, and plans to take part of 2004 to teach English and American History in Bucharest. After 10 years, **Kristen Hooper** is moving home to Little Rock. The pull of a newborn nephew who is the apple of his auntie's eye is hard to resist! **Polly Crawford** works for Williams Sonoma in Richmond, VA. She recently moved into a new home in nearby Glen Allen. **Wendy Stevenson** left NYC and returned to her hometown of Annapolis, MD. She will be resuming her old job as a physical therapist at Sibley Hospital in Washington, DC and is hard at work on her jewelry and handicraft business "on the side". She looks forward to riding Belle again in beautiful southern Anne Arundel County.

Tori Milner traveled to India for two months to study yoga. While there, she kept a fascinating live travel journal. Check it out at www.livejournal.com/users/torimilner. **Stacey McClain** and Bob

Folwell are enjoying life in Jacksonville, FL. Stacey graduated with a MA of Library and Information Science from FSU. They eagerly anticipate the birth of their first child in December '04. **Ashley Celis Cavalier** and family have moved to Louisville, KY. Ashley's husband, Buck, is an orthopedic surgeon there, and Ashley has joined an established Dermatology practice. Their little guy Casen is 2.

Congratulations to **Pamela Subranni Berman** who married wonderful John Berman in Philadelphia in February 2004. Logan and Colby are beautiful and growing fast (9 years old already!) and the family is happily awaiting the completion of their new home in Merion, PA. As for me, **Michelle Mac Murtrie Constable**, life has been on a definite upswing since last year's "anything for attention" Amherst EMS ride to Lynchburg General Hospital. As many of you may remember, I had a little slip at our 10 year reunion which resulted in a trip to the ER, where I was diagnosed with a torn ligament and an acute case of pregnancy. I am happy to report that one year later I have two healthy knees and three healthy children! On January 6, 2004, Jeff and I welcomed Caroline Lee Constable into the world. She joins 5 year old Gracie and 2 year old Gedd, so like many of you I am kept busy with the details of family. As always, keeping up with my classmates is a pleasure and a privilege. Please note my new information at the top of this column. You can also email me any time!

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Impressive careers, a published author, romances, babies, beloved pets... our class is full of great news! Read on and enjoy all that 1997 has to offer!

Alexa Schriempf reports she is "still in school—if you can call it that. I've got my master's in philosophy from University of Oregon, and working on the Ph.D. in said field at Penn State University. The plan is to be done in the spring of 06...and get a teaching job somewhere in feminist philosophy and disabilities studies, if I can. More likely will be a 'regular' philosophy job with the odd course in feminist theory every now and then."

Tanya Ketchum keeps in touch here and there with **Ronda Lehenbauer**. **Rachelle Colquitt**, **Kerry Coleman-Proksch**, and **Holly Wilmeth** '00. She has also been talking often with **Nessim Al-Yafi** in Bahrain, **Jill Meadows** in NYC, and **Alysia Turner** (Junior Year in Spain student). This past Christmas Jill Meadows traveled to Charleston, SC, for a few days and Tanya flew back with her to NYC and stayed through the New Year.

Thea Galenes received her Master of Fine Arts degree from University of Florida in 1999. She still lives in Gainesville and works as a managing editor at a Canadian publishing company that publishes business publications for trade associations all over the world. She says she enjoys the work but it's hectic and very deadline-oriented. She's the editor for nearly 50 publications a year. She's considering a move within the next few years—perhaps to the West coast. Thea continues to ride her mountain bike and do yoga, which "she recommends to anyone and everyone. Life is good."

Congratulations to **Lucretia Bock** who was recently promoted to General Manager of her family's auto dealership, Seguin Ford Mercury. She has the distinct honor of being one of the youngest female General Managers of an automobile dealership in the country. Serving as the third generation in her family to operate the dealership, they have earned Ford's most prestigious award, *The President's Award*, two years in a row since Lucretia's arrival in 2000. While she works 80 hours a week, she is pleased to find a bit of time to improve her golf game, continues to exercise at the gym every morning and is becoming quite involved with her church

choir. Drawing up house plans is in the near future to build on her new land on the river, and she looks forward to the process.

Megan Usui is living in NYC and had a baby boy 5/03, Yaseen Mikaela Bamba. **Rachel Edmondson Clark** still lives in Charlotte. She and Jon were due to have a second baby 2/04. Andrew is 2 now and has to do everything himself. She is trying again to get her master's degree. Rachel mostly stays home with Andrew and teaches some gymnastics classes at the YMCA.

Virginia Leigh Brundage Turner and husband, David, have been married four years and have two dogs, Ashton and Bella. They call Houston, TX, home but travel a lot, having just returned from Costa Rica and planning a trip to the Orient. **Heather Terry Adams** and husband, Jim, are now living in Easley, SC, which is just outside of Greenville. They moved there for Jim's job at Michelin's North America headquarters. On 6/7/03 they welcomed a little boy, Anderson Scott Adams, arriving six weeks early! Currently, she is staying home with Andy and finding he keeps her very busy. "Andy is such a joy and truly a blessing from God."

Cape Healey Boyd reports that she and husband Brian have been married for three wonderful years and counting! They just bought their first house in Silver Spring, MD and they love it! She is still working as the Scheduler for Senator Chris Dodd of Connecticut, and her husband is now in Pharmaceutical Sales for Forest Pharmaceuticals. Cape just spent the last week in Boston for the Democratic Convention and was able to spend some time with **Ann Barrett** despite her hectic schedule. Working on Capitol Hill she runs into **Katie Gumerson** and **Kara Vlasaty** often.

Bhavi Patel received her Masters in Accounting in 12/02; and was married on 7/6/03, in Somerville, NJ, to Dr. Hannon R. Patel of Lafayette, CA. They met during his residency at a NJ hospital. Bhavi is an auditor for a public accounting firm in Oakland, CA; he is an emergency care physician at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group. They have a beautiful home in San Francisco, CA. **Sara Schmalz** is still living in Maine where she has been for nearly five years! She just started a job at a large social services agency and continues to feel challenged in the field of social work. Last summer, Sue Bader visited her in ME and they had fun camping. Sara said, "I went to Bhavi Patel's wedding in NJ and it was

just amazing, really an experience of a lifetime!"

Cassie Thomas Campbell and husband, Jason, are expecting their first child 2/27/05. Other than that Cassie says it's the same old stuff in Amherst. **Katrina Balding Bills** is keeping busy with son, Kenny, (full name is Kenneth Roscoe) who was born on 11/28/03. Just like his mother he loves his dogs and horses and all the MK ladies that come by the house. Katrina is a Sr. Sales Director with Mary Kay—by the time this is printed, she'll be in her PINK CADILLAC—and loves every minute of enriching women's lives! She still has Fella and foxhunts regularly—he only gets better with age. Dogs Rascal and Blue are Certified Therapy Dogs. Kevin now works for Lockheed Martin and loves it. He and his band, Witness, are cutting their first CD and it will be available in Fall 2004. She reports they saw many friends at Ann Cronin's (wife of Dir. of Riding Paul Cronin) funeral in May and wish it had been under different circumstances. Anxiously awaiting Cassie and **Kate Hall Lombardi's** babies this year!

Kate Hall Lombardi reports that, "Things are great here!" The official word is that she is an Independent Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Ben and Grace are awesome and they are expecting a baby 1/05. **Becky Moats** is still in Northern Virginia, selling real estate and enjoying life. She sees

Tasha Swales who is getting married in November and **Vaiana Terrirehau Williams** who is expecting her first child.

Karn Henderson writes, "All is well with me. I finished an Acting Program at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and will be on location in Wilmington, NC assisting production with a feature film that shoots this October and November. But first, I will be traveling to Bali and Indonesia with my sisters during the month of September. **Tyler Louthan Childs** tells me she married Ethan Childs on Feb 14, 2004. They are living in the house she bought last year in Ivy, VA, and she is training and competing horses. Her best success was a 6th place finish in the spring CCI* on a horse she picked out and trained from Ireland. She has also had many first and seconds at the Preliminary level in Eventing

Connor Louis Guntrip just passed her first year of law exams in England and has one more year of study before beginning work for a firm in order to qualify as a solicitor. It's been a great summer in London, and she and Martin have enjoyed traveling. Latest treks

were to a gorgeous Greek island called Paros and to Prague for a long weekend.

Kathryn Cunningham Schweizer shares with us the following news: "May 2003 I went to London on holiday to visit Connor Louis Guntrip and met my now husband, Erich Robert Schweizer (he's from Zug, Switzerland). He was in business school at the time and as soon as he graduated, moved to the U.S. to be with me...We truly had a 'whirlwind romance' and were married in NYC 11/03. **Sarah Cunningham** '00, my sister, was the Maid of Honor. Erich's family from Switzerland and Australia and my family from Georgia and New York as well as a few close friends such as **Maia Pearson** were in attendance. Maia has since visited NYC several times and is now engaged to Kevin Bannon in Atlanta, GA. Erich is a metals commodity trader and I work at Scully & Scully on Park Avenue. We live on the upper east side."

Jill Butcher has been keeping busy with work and travel. In June, she spent a wonderful week in the San Juan Islands, WA, where she was thrilled to see a whole pod of Orca whales. In August, she and Kathy Johnston are going camping and whitewater rafting in PA. In the fall, she is planning on heading down to SC and also out to OH for a few days. She sees Jill Gavitt a few times a year as she makes her way between VA and RI to visit her family. They also got together for a long weekend a few months ago at Kathy's new condo in Arlington, VA. **Kathy Johnston** is still working at SRI International and traveling a lot internationally (to Lebanon and elsewhere). Still dancing whenever she has time (ballet classes and Irish dance, lately). Last winter she had the opportunity to be an extra with the Royal Danish Ballet at the Kennedy Center, which was really cool. Last summer Kathy bought a condo with her boyfriend, Jeff, in Rosslyn, VA, which is very close to where she works. They've spent a lot of time renovating the entire place. Jill & Sarah & I go camping together every summer. **Jill Gavitt** is continuing to teach Spanish at an elementary school in Danville, VA. She keeps busy on vacations traveling back to New England to see her niece and nephew and other assorted babies! The SBC stage was lucky to have her back 4/04 when she had the opportunity to perform a solo at the Sweet Briar spring dance concert (thanks again to the Magruder's!). Kathy Johnston was able to come down and see the performance. Jill also met up with Kathy and Jill and **Sarah Butcher** in DC this

past January for a holiday weekend, and she and Jill Butcher just spent a weekend sightseeing near her home in NJ.

Kathy and Jenn Wagner must surely be neighbors since Jenn is living in Northern Virginia and just recently bought a condo in Rosslyn, VA. She is a Captain in the Army working as a prosecutor at Fort Belvoir, VA. **Amy Campbell** reports that life is good in DC. Her big news is that her company is publishing "The Little Black Book for Every Busy Woman." She would love for everyone to visit EveryBusyWoman.com and participate if they live in one of the seven cities where the books are featured. In addition she has launched a consulting firm (www.YouCanBloom.com). I also know that Amy received a positive review on a book she wrote and published on Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Sophie Simonard-Norman and husband, Alain, are back in Washington DC for at least the next few years. They are enjoying their new residency a lot. **Alicia Allen** lives and works in Chicago. She attended a Body Building/Body Fitness contest in Michigan to support **Cristy Jordan** (who placed 3rd—HOLLA HOLLA!).

Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson is living in NYC with her husband, John and working in Corporate Relocation/Real Estate for Douglas Elliman. She "LOVES IT HERE!" She is godmother to **Courtney Burt Harper's** baby girl and **Kathryn Black Watson's** 2nd little girl. She sees both Kathryn and Courtney regularly and just got back from a beach trip with the Watson family. She is going on a Bahamas trip with Courtney and her husband in October. **Katy McCartney Gilliam** still lives in Durham, NC, and has a one-year-old son named Scott. After three years she continues to have fun coaching field hockey at a local high school. She is looking forward to **Maia Pearson's** wedding in April.

Ute Sartin is still in Clarksdale, MS, and getting ready to send her son, Hastings, off to boarding school at All Saints Episcopal School in Vicksburg. He is going into the 7th Grade, and at 13, he is already over 6 feet tall, and still as cute as he was when we last saw him! Ute attended the 3/04 wedding of **Abigail Phillips** '96 to Sean Hinga in McAllen, TX. She took her sister-in-law, **Rebecca "Becky" Van Duzer Sartin** '98. They had a great girl's trip, and it was fun to catch up with MANY members of the Class of '96. Ute wrote, "The highlight of the evening was getting up on the dance floor and singing the HOLLA HOLLA song.

Sean's friends, who don't know SBC, just stared at us and you could see how they were wondering 'What in the world!' but it was tons of fun. Even Becky thought it was lots of fun." She said, "I haven't seen any of these young women since we graduated, and it was a very special and meaningful reunion for me."

Ann MacDonald Carter and Michael—visiting family and friends all over creation! They are looking forward to a trip to Puerto Rico in November. The Junior League of Lynchburg continues to keep Ann busy—she is serving on its Community Board of Directors in the fall. Their dachshund/basset hound mix dog, Whisper, keeps them constantly entertained. Ann "hopes to see more classmates on campus this next academic year—I'm still working as Associate Director in SBC's Alumnae Office, and would love to see 1997 back here in style! Love to all!"

Karly Macon is working for the USDA-Center for National Animal Health Surveillance in Fort Collins for the summer. She just returned from the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake Indian Reservations in North Dakota where she volunteered with Rural Area Veterinary Services, which provided, free of charge to tribal members, vaccination and surgery for cats, dogs, and horses. It was such a fabulous experience that she plans to volunteer next year for the Guatemala trip. She'll be starting her second year of veterinary school at Colorado State University in the fall. **Amy Yakubinis** is still living in Phoenix, AZ, and working as a Systems Project Analyst. Her former employer, ConocoPhillips, moved the company from AZ to OK in 1/03, so she was traveling out there each week for the past year and a half to help with the transition. She is now consulting for them from her home in Phoenix while she job searches locally. She keeps in touch mostly with **Sue Bader** and **Mary Ann Green Bennett** '99.

Nicole Kelleher has an exciting year ahead of her. She has 10 months to go until she receives her M.D. (will graduate May 2005), but is not sure what she will pursue quite yet (she's considering Radiology, Emergency Medicine, or OB/GYN), is getting married 8/04. **Holly James McMickle** reports that a bunch of classmates spent the weekend in Richmond, VA, preparing for Nicole Kelleher's upcoming wedding to Rich Linkonis. Holly and Mark are still living in Falls Church with their two dogs and live right down the street from Kristen McCowan DeLargy. She graduated from

George Mason Law in December, passed the VA Bar in February, and is practicing Energy law with a firm in DC. Life is busy, but good. **Kristen McCowan DeLargy** has lots of news—she was remarried in 10/02 and had a little boy 4/28/04. Daniel Robert is his name. She is still living in Arlington, VA. **Gina Miller** bought a duplex a year ago and is enjoying restoring it. She teaches kindergarten and is close to finishing her Master's to be a certified remedial reading teacher. She is excited to be a bridesmaid in Nicole Kelleher's wedding. Other SBC bridesmaids are Holly, Kristen, and **Johana Kelleher Hofnagle**. '93.

Ticia Harbour Berg and Scott welcomed Mary Ashleigh Berg 11/2/03. Scott came home in the middle of his 6-month deployment for the birth (she was born that week) and then returned to find her 4 months old. Upon his return they found out they were moving. They sold their house (Ticia tells me she cried!) and moved from Jacksonville, FL, to San Diego, CA, on 4/3. She absolutely loves their new location and is taking time off from work to raise Mary Ashleigh (and other little ones that she hopes come along in the future). Ticia is "completely happy" and will be in San Diego for 1 year while Scott is an instructor, then it will be off to wherever the Navy needs them next!

Stephanie Pappanikou is still living in Raleigh, NC, and working as a real estate appraiser. She is engaged to NCSU grad, Jon Foley, and they just bought a house! She gets to see **Leigh Wilson** once in a while and was sharing a horse with **Alex Stewart** '94 until she moved to Indiana. **Amy Everett Carter** has had a busy year, including a visit to her in-laws in Ireland. Her husband, Daragh, finished up his second year of law school and is clerking at firms this summer. They've had an interesting health year—Daragh had back surgery, and Amy got into a pretty nasty car accident. She continues to work at the SANS Institute planning events and working from home—a great job!

Amy Cook Rexrode and husband Jason welcomed daughter Anna Elizabeth on 8/3/03. Everyone is doing well! **Kerry Coleman-Proksch** and husband Steven purchased their first home in Woodbridge, VA, at the end of March and are enjoying being homeowners. They celebrated their second anniversary at the beginning of July. She is currently working at NVCC-Annapandale as a counselor, and he is working with the US Government. **Margaret Jenkins** moved

to Savannah, GA, where she loves her job as the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Advising at the Savannah College of Art & Design. She is just a few minutes from the beach, too, if anyone needs a vacation!

Jess Hivley tells me she "finally" got her CPA license. She passed the CPA exam on the first try. In her own words, "...not much else is new with me. I'm still the Corporate Accounting Manager at Genmar. I'm still living in the same house. I still don't have a significant other. I haven't visited or seen anybody from our class recently (which I'm trying to work on)."

Katie Clarkson Robertson and husband, Mark, welcomed baby boy Stuart Chase on 2/13/03. After a 7-month leave of absence she returned to work with the hopes of being a full-time Mom one day! Mark is doing well—he's working on earning his commercial and residential real estate licenses; they've decided to cut back on the farm and going back to riding/showing as a hobby. Katie received a promotion at work—she's now a systems analyst lead—and was awarded the title of "Officer."

Annette Dusenbury has decided to sell her home in Greenville, SC, and move north to Charlottesville. She loves being a physical therapist but needed a change of scenery. She also hopes to become a certified therapeutic riding instructor. She'll be leaving her roommate of five years, **Melanie Chriscoe**, in Greenville. Melanie is keeping busy making sure her little dachshund, Ernie, behaves and follows vet's orders to remain on bed rest until the slipped disc in his back heals. I'm quite certain any recommendations for keeping a little dog still would be greatly appreciated!

Sarah Betz Bucciero has had a wild year. She finished her M.Ed in Secondary English Education 7/03 and officially graduated in December. She's still teaching 7th grade, however, she just took a new position in the school district where she lives. Paul just got a new job within Springs, so it looks like they're going to be here a while after thinking they were going to have to move. They spend a lot of time working on their house—she loves painting and decorating it! They see **Robin Bettger Fishburne** '96 and her husband, Joe, all the time and recently went on a cruise with them to Key West and Nassau. She also sees Melanie Chriscoe and Annette Dusenbury on a pretty regular basis. Sarah's Dad had a heart attack in January and a quadruple by-pass, so she's been "burning up the

highway to make sure everything is going well. So far, so good." She's planning on starting another masters in educational technology and doing National Board Certification for teaching next year.

Alison Hall decided to stay in Auburn after almost moving to Washington, D.C. She finds herself in the position of Community Programs Director for the City of Auburn. She loves her job and recently bought a house so everyone is invited for a visit.

I, **Kerri Rawlings Burner**, find myself busy with my two small children—Abigail Grace ("Abby") born 11/25/02, and Elijah John ("Eli") who arrived 7/2/04. I enjoy staying at home with them and have been using my spare time to decorate and renovate our "new" house. My husband, Chris, is the Scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout troop and I've become a volunteer at the Council level editing their newsletter and recently serving on a banquet planning committee. We live just miles from Seven Springs and Hidden Valley ski resorts in PA and would love to have houseguests! Take care and I look forward to hearing from each of you for the next set of class notes!

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Hello, Friends! Let me first address the sad news. To all former **Fencers, Knights of the Holy Flail:** devoted, beloved, and awesome armorer **Hugh Beazley** passed away last October (2003) from cancer. Please go to www.athletics.sbc.edu/news2003/1117fencingfriend.html for more information.

I've received wonderful responses from you for this edition of the News and Notes, and I encourage you to update us frequently. Gather news from your friends and send it in. We are always happy to hear from you! Contact **Cynthia (Bumgardner) Puckett** at cpuckett@henry.k12.ga.us. Also send in any photos of you and SBC alumni to **Charlotte (Rognmoe) Gilbar**, who is not only our class President but also the keeper of our class scrapbook. Remember to make long-range plans to attend our tenth year

reunion in 3.5 years! **Charlotte** and her husband Dennis took the All-American cross-country road trip with their two sons. Taking an entire month, they blazed a trail to Chicago to Yellowstone to Cocoa Beach and back again, making many stops along the way. **Charlotte** and **Allison Gerber** often visit. They recently attended an Indigo Girls concert in D.C.

Penelope Spain, formerly known as Penelope Proisie (name change only), is currently living in Washington D.C. and finishing her law degree at American University. After graduation she hopes to establish a mentoring and advocacy program to serve children in the D.C. juvenile justice system. She still keeps in touch with **Jessica Shuler**, her first year Grammar roommate! **Isabel Jean-Pierre** recently passed the Maryland bar and was sworn in immediately thereafter. She is extremely excited and looks forward to embarking on her career as an international law attorney. She and **Joelle Jackson** often visit one another.

Joelle is a school psychologist in middle Tennessee where she is in charge of several schools and often uses her Spanish-speaking skills. She is currently looking to purchase her first house! **Erikka Sund** is in the Teach Baton Rouge Program and finished her first year of teaching 3rd grade at an inner city Baton Rouge school. She has been recently certified. She and Steve are still happily together and took a 7-day cruise over the summer. Erikka visits and keeps up with **Page Darney**, **Joanne Hopkins**, and **Erin (Wortley) Valliere**.

Page is still in Harrisburg, PA. She has a new job as a Plan Coordinator with Great West Retirement Services. They provide the deferred compensation plan to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She also bought her first home, a two-unit apartment building. In her free time she works with her new horse, a 3-year-old Quarter Horse named Chipster. She also goes to see many bands with her boyfriend Marshall, who is a music producer. **Joanne** finished her MBA last December and immediately started a M.S. in Math at George Mason U. She swam "The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim" (4.4 miles) over the summer and survived the strongest currents of her swimming career to date. **Erin** is pregnant with her second child (a boy), due in September 2004. Genevieve (Genna) is almost 3 now and keeps Erin's household busy! Erin is a stay-at-home Mom but works at Genna's pre-school and non-profit fundraising.

Melissa Rickman married Peter

Wintermute (H-SC) on September 6, 2003 in VA. Other SBC classmates attending were **Courtney Morgan Ashley Grosvenor**, **Emily Meger**, and **Dame (Fitzgerald) Billingsley**. After honeymooning in Bali and Hong Kong, Melissa and Peter live in Alexandria with their two dogs, Sydney and Lilly. This year **Ashley**, who is currently in medical school at the U of Pittsburgh, spent time with Melissa, Emily, and Courtney at Courtney's bridal shower in March. **Courtney** married Curt Harris on May 29th in PA. Melissa, Emily, and Catherine Clayton (London) '99 were bridesmaids. Courtney and Curt are currently living on Capitol Hill in D.C. where Courtney is a Senior Associate with the lobbying firm Greenlee Partners, LLC. This summer these friends hope to visit **Dame**, who had her first baby, Katherine Rose, on June 17th.

Cynthia (Bumgardner) Puckett

was honored as Teacher of the Month at her school in February and nominated, although not elected this time, as Teacher of the Year at Stockbridge H.S. She also became certified this summer in Advanced Placement English. This summer she visited **Brigette Laib** in NJ to see her performance as Bianca in "Taming of the Shrew," **Kathy Carr** in Houston, **Candice (Broughton) Maillard** in GA, **Kim Izquierdo** in NYC, and **Anna (Meres) Wade** in September while Anna was at a conference in Atlanta. Cynthia is currently teaching Honors World Literature (10th grade). **Anna** is still at the U of NH working on her masters in counseling. **Kathy** is building a business in Houston and keeps herself busy with church and Houston activities. This summer she went to the home-run derby, All-star game **Kim** is pursuing her MBA in Marketing and Management from Fordham U. She will graduate in May. She has also traveled quite a bit on business this year (Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Orlando and a couple of other places) and was awarded a trip for two to New Orleans based upon her job performance. She took her Mom and had a great time in April. Kim went to France with a friend from business school where they visited Paris, Nice, and the French Riviera. She also visited **Diana (Jordan) Avery** in August.

Diana and Brent took a fabulous 2-week vacation to Italy and Austria in May and June to celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary. They are currently house hunting in Richmond. Diana actively keeps in touch with **Alicia (Foster)**

Wilbur Kim Izquierdo Chantel

Bartlett, Kerry (Thacker) Gilbert '97, and others attached to the Circle of Friends newsletter. Diana and Brent are excited to announce that they are expecting their first baby, due mid-February 2005. **Chantel Bartlett** still works for NFB in DC. She has started to take on more responsibilities in working with their Education Foundation and scholarship program. She keeps in close contact with many of our SBC classmates: **Alicia (Foster) Wilbur**, **Diana (Jordan) Avery**, **Anna (Meres) Wade**, **Candice (Broughton) Maillard**, **Fionna Matheson**, **Natia Nemetsheva**, and **Cynthia (Bumgardner) Puckett**. She visited with **Alicia** and her new husband, Bret, in April. Chantel also visited **Candice** and her husband, Richard, in May. It was Chantel's first time meeting Everest (Candice's son), who is a real joy. She took a few days' trip to visit her Mom in Seattle in July, where she was able to meet up with Andrea "Andy" Kubler '00. Chantel will head to NYC at the end of August, where she will work at the Republican National Convention. She really is looking forward to this great opportunity! She is taking a jewelry-making class through the Smithsonian Institution's Resident Associate Program. Chantel is also excited to be starting, in September, as a member of the Junior League of Washington. **Alicia** and Bret are settling into their new life as a married couple. They are enjoying working on their house in Smithfield, VA. They have an addition to the family, Cocoa, a Labrador and Border Collie mix. They are looking forward to their one-year anniversary coming in October.

Kate Rinehart is an excited new aunt. She is very happy in Bend, OR, and her real estate business is thriving. She hopes to get back East and visit her SBC friends soon!

Melissa Coffey went to Playa del Carmen, Mexico with classmates **Rhonda Tyree** and **Jennifer Anderson** for a Girls Getaway in May. They enjoyed every minute of fun in the sun, sand, and water and took full advantage of all Mexico had to offer. Melissa sees Jenn and Rhonda often and enjoys spending time with Rhonda's 2 1/2 year old son, Parker, who is a beautiful baby and brightens her life.

Heather Smith wrote in, "Hello from the YANKEE REDNECK!! I am working at UnumProvident in Chattanooga TN; really love the area. I love MUD and being outdoors. I see **Candice** (Broughton Maillard) and family, Richard and Everest

(who knows me, WOW!!!) about once a month for shopping, culinary and outdoor adventures."

Dawn Everett Grobe and her husband Tony are still working on their house of 2 years and their marriage of 2 years. Dawn is the Technology Integration person at her elementary school and teaches 3rd grade Literacy (reading, writing, spelling). She also coaches Girls on the Run. Dawn had her adult acting debut in a play by a local playwright, about local history, called "The Equivalent Lands." She was the naked bride, and Tony was her groom. She and Tony also worked with the local production of "The Taming of the Shrew" for its 15th annual Shakespeare in the Park. Tony was Petruchio and Dawn was the stage manager/assistant director. This summer they vacationed in London, York, and Edinburgh to see lots of theater and historical sites, and do some shopping.

Cyndi Hague's big news is that she and her love, Shawn, were married in November. Cyndi also performed as Cinderella in the musical "Into the Woods." Shawn and Cyndi bought a house this summer and Kelli Rogowski '99 was able to visit. Kelli also sees

Pam Fine often. **Pam** is a Sr. LAN Administrator for a telecommunications clearinghouse and has recently moved in with her boyfriend. She has run marathons in New Orleans and Nashville and participates annually in the Marine Corps run. Pam has started her own Mary Kay business under **Emily (Virkus) Calle** and Katrina Bills '96.

Sara Wilcoxson was married to Jeff Bond at SBC on April 24th. They honeymooned in the Caribbean and now are building a house in Madison Heights.

Suzy (O'Loughlin) Noyes and family recently moved back to Ft. Worth and Suzy is looking for a job where she can use her degrees. Previously she had been working at Farmers Insurance as a small claims adjuster and Spanish interpreter. After receiving a bicycle for Mother's Day, Suzy and little daughter Dominique have found the joys of trail biking, which has become a favorite pastime.

Fionna Matheson has fulfilled a long-term dream of having an oceanography job! Fee is serving in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is assigned to the ship KA'IMIMOANA, based out of Honolulu, HI. She is at sea for several months at a time and loves it.

Thank you to everyone who sent in news. Chantel and I, **Cynthia**, are always

excited to report it! Keep sending it in! Holla, holla, holla!

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Reunion was a blast, but we did miss the Vixens that weren't able to come. It is always fun to catch up and find out what everyone has been doing. **Carol Zakiya** is currently stationed at Andrews AFB in MD and will be moving next June. She is getting married on September 4th. **Shannon Smith** has begun her third year of Vet School in Raleigh, NC and is working as a Vet Tech. She attended **Marian Spivey's '01** and **Elizabeth Puckett's '01** weddings. **Kim Bolz-Andolshek** and her husband Justin will be opening a "market" in the Spring. Their daughter Kate is 16 months and Kim will be having her second child in September. **Donna Hogland** finished her 5th year of teaching children with autism and will be moving to Richmond this summer. She is getting married in October and **Sara Catherine** and **Aracelie Castro** will be bridesmaids.

Jen Schmidt Major has been living in Germany since 2000 with her husband Mike and daughters Anna and Emily. She has been working at the Army Education Center. She recently met up with **Aracelie Castro** in Italy. **Aracelie** is working on her MBA. She got out of the Army last fall. **Sara Elkins** completed her Master's in Rhetoric at Texas Women's University in '03. She has moved back to SBC to be the Assist. Director of Admissions. Sara's boyfriend Keith Ince has joined her and they will be living on campus.

Rachel Barnard will be getting married to Bill Fendly 2/4/05. She is teaching 4th grade and Billy is a tax attorney. They live in Richmond and she is still riding. **Paige Wunder Fadden** got married in December 2003 and she will be in **Rachel's** wedding. **Meredith Davis Mulhern** recently celebrated her fourth wedding anniversary. She worked for nonprofit organizations for 3 years and now stays home with her one-year-old daughter Evelyn. She regularly sees **Erin Sobotta**, **Megan Thomas '01** and **Kate**

Talaber Williams '01, **Gina Mondel** is currently working as a private tutor for children that travel to horse shows. She recently bought a home in Palm Beach where she will spend her winters and she lives on the East Coast during the summer. Gina still continues to compete in horse shows. She keeps in touch with **Tina Brady**, **Katie Whitlock** (who is now engaged) and **Lillie Tillar** who has a baby girl.

Amy Brown is living in DC with her husband Kenton and their black lab Grant. She has just finished interior design grad. school and has started her own business.

Ami Hernandez has been living in Boston and has been working in a hospital as a Social Worker. **Brandi Whitley** is getting married on 12/18/04 and graduating the next day with a Ph.D. in Pathology from UNC. She was recently in **Lara Lamb's** wedding along with **Megan Pollard Leybold** and **Krista Wigginton Gravitt**.

Lindsey Neef is currently working for herself in Durham, NC. She is hoping to move to the Tidewater area this winter. Lindsey is planning to look for a legal job and take the Virginia Bar. **Meredith Bonnell Houff** and her husband James recently purchased a new home. She is working as a Case Manager for the National Center for Missing Children.

Jill Triana has started a new job at Meredith in NC. She is a therapist working with students that have exceptional needs. **Leslie Hardy Dunville** and her husband Jochen are living in Stafford, VA. Their baby girl Reese just turned one.

As for myself, **Marlena Dearman McGuire**, I am living in VA with my husband Chris. He is stationed at Quantico and I will be working as an investigator for USIS. I hope all is well with everyone and I would be pleased to hear about what everyone is up to so please continue to email me at the class email listed.

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Hey Girls! I hope everyone enjoyed the rest of the summer & fall! It sounds

like everyone has been keeping busy, and I have even more marriages, engagements & births to announce!

Joy Powell moved from Boston to Phoenix in late summer, where she is working for the Arizona Animal Welfare League as their Cattery Manager. She takes cats off euthanasia lists & finds them new homes. This past summer she was engaged to Tamir Talmon, who attended Brandeis U. They bought a home this past summer, & plan to marry in October of 2005.

Dawn Martin took a new job as a commercial lender with Community First Bank last October. She loves her new job! This past January, she visited **Sarah Quortrup '02** who was living in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. Since then, Sarah & her fiancé have moved to Dallas, where they married in September. Dawn & **Serena Basten Elean '02** were bridesmaids. Dawn was also a bridesmaid in **Sarah Houston's** wedding this past June at Sweet Briar. **Liz Parker**, who also attended Sarah's wedding, was married in August. Dawn also sees **Julia Kientz Ambersley**, who is still living in Scottsville, VA with her husband, Robbie. Julia continues to work at Monticello, in addition to working on a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) at SBC. Julia also did some research with an RMWC student this past summer through a fellowship granted by the Dean. Julia attended **Angela Browning's** marriage to Joey Montgomery in AL this past June, as well as **Ashley Moring's** June marriage to Scott Weaver in NC.

Sarah Farber still works for DC Comics in LaJolla, CA, and was promoted earlier this year. **Ebeth McGovern** was engaged to Michael Brann in July. Ebeth & Michael both teach at the Miller School in Crozet, VA, and plan to marry in June of 2005. **Sarah Farber**, **Lauren Kaplan**, and **Julia Ambersley** will be bridesmaids. **Megan Beley** loved working at a law firm this summer, and went back to law school in August.

Allison Johnson Haley and her husband, Don, welcomed their first baby, Danielle Carolyn, on June 30th. Allison is currently teaching courses in Child Psychology and Criminal Psychology at Tidewater Community College in VA Beach, VA. **Biranne Harvey Kennedy** & her husband Richard also had their first baby on June 30th. They moved to Manassas, VA just in time for the arrival of their little boy, "Tripp".

Allison Clark finished her master's this summer, and will go on to finish her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in a couple

of years. She married Jeffery Joe on August 13th. Her sister, **Emily Clark Kang '99** was her matron of honor. Emily is also pregnant with her first baby, and Allison is excited to be an aunt! Allison and her fiancé attended **Meredith Taylor's** wedding in Maine. Meredith married Micah Eads (HSC '96). **Tia Trout '02**, was the maid of honor, and **Emily Poore '99** also attended. **Anya Moon '02** and her husband, Kendric Zellner, officiated. Meredith & Micah are still living in Richmond, VA, where she teaches at a private school for children with autism.

Lori Kovatch still works for ImClone Systems, Inc., which received approval from the FDA for their drug, Erbitux. Lori continues to work on her master's in microbiology at Seton Hall U. She was also able to attend **Amy Mosher's** wedding this past summer. Amy married Jered Albert on June 12th, and her bridesmaids included **Erin Alberda**, **Lori Kovatch** and **Megan Tarnowski '02**.

This past summer, **Brianne Vogler Midura** was awarded a one-year fellowship at the National Institutes of Health as a clinical researcher investigating pediatric AIDS. She and her husband, Ben, moved to Bethesda, MD to be closer to her job, and also celebrated their first anniversary this summer. Brianne also hosted a bridal shower for **Vanessa Corry** in Laguna Niguel, CA in August. **Amy Tabb** received her master's degree in the Performance Practice of Music, Piano Concentration, in May 2003 from Duke. She then moved back to West Virginia where she worked for the Agricultural Research Service/USDA as a computer programmer. This past fall, she began grad school at Purdue U where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural engineering. She works for the government while she's attending grad school, and has been guaranteed a job as an engineer in WV after she graduates. Amy is also closer to her boyfriend, who is in grad school at Notre Dame.

Sarah Herndon Sydnor and her husband, Raph, moved to Providence, RI this past summer. Raph is attending grad school at Brown U, and Sarah continues to pursue her career in dance and dance teaching. She also enjoyed seeing a bunch of SBC gals at **Liz Haeblerle Davis'** wedding this past summer. **Leah Solivan Busque** and her husband, Kevin, moved to Charlestown Navy Yard, near Boston. They took up sailing this past summer & enjoyed sailing around the harbor and islands. Leah also started dancing again at a professional studio in the city. She still works at IBM, developing

for the Lotus/Domino product line. She was excited to go back to SBC for her sister, **Amber Solivan's '04** graduation in May, where she was able to visit with **Erin Wright '00**. Leah was also excited to have **Kindle Samuel '98** live down the street from her this past summer.

Heather Tinnell Ramsey and her husband, Wayne, were thrilled about the birth of their first baby, Kaelyn Tinnell Ramsey, on March 12, and thoroughly enjoy being parents.

As for yours truly, **Jennifer Stringfellow**, I was asked to take on the position of president of my high school's alumni association. I enjoy my new role within the association, as well as being more involved in the planning of alumni events, such as Homecoming. I still work for the same marketing company, Jeremy Squire & Associates. My promotion in June has kept me busy with heading up the production department. I was also able to meet up with **Natasha Nickodem** and **Sarah Belanger** in Georgetown before they left for **Sarah Houston's** wedding. In July I flew down to New Orleans, LA to visit **Sonya Truman '02**, who started her final year of law school at Loyola U in the fall. Sonya and I had a blast driving up from LA with her golden retriever puppy, Langley. Along the way, we made a stop at SBC to check out the new dining hall and bookshop, which are both beautiful! It was so great to be back on campus! As always, I love hearing from everyone. I hope these notes find you all doing well, and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

2002

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It seems that there have been several mini-reunions among our class since the last set of class notes. We've also had many of our classmates get married and start settling into their lives. **Christi Rose** got married on July 31st to Jason Hart. Fellow classmates **Sonya Truman**, **Sarah Ryder**, and **Kim Martin** were bridesmaids along with **Alicia Cline Berry '03**, **Audrey Dickson '01** and **Stephanie Roach**. **Donyele Gibson** will marry Earl Wilkerson, Jr. on August 7th. She is starting her second year teaching Spanish and German at Glen Burnie High School in MD and is pursuing her master's degree at UMBC. She is in contact with **Alicia Boldt** who is finished her Masters in Social Work from

University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She will be working for Community Link as a social worker starting at the end of July. Donyele also is in touch with **Casey Perlow** who is currently living in Arlington, VA and working at Field Entertainment as a Human Resources Coordinator. Field Entertainment produces the Ringling Bros. Circus as well as Disney on Ice.

Heather Minor Gelormine was back in the US from Germany in May and then in July and was able to see **Jen Brown, Corrine Wieland, Leigh Riddell, and Monique Moshier Belcher**. She brought her six-month-old daughter, Brenna Marie (future member of the Class of 2024), with her to meet her SBC friends. Heather is a stay-at-home mom, but occasionally substitutes for her old position at the Army Education Center. Heather reports that Corrine is starting to teach third grade at a private Catholic school and taking masters courses in education. Leigh just finished her second year in law school at George Washington University and will intern at a pro bono firm in DC this summer. Monique is working in a chemistry lab at UVA and she and her husband Steve Belcher (HSC '02) bought a house in Charlottesville. Jen Brown is in nursing school at University of Massachusetts at Amherst and absolutely loves it!

Denise McDonald is living in the DC Area and got a new job with HPBA as a communications coordinator. She recently had a party at her lake house and saw **Brook Tucker, Lori Smith, and Katherine Kender Kelly Monical** came to visit Denise on her break from law school. Denise also talks frequently with **Sara Miller** who is having a blast in New York City.

Kathleen Fowler is still teaching Latin at Fauquier High School and is only one class away from her full teaching licensure. She also still participates in cosplay. **Amanda Davis** is currently at Indiana University-Bloomington for law school and would love to hear from anyone in the area.

Becky Lewis got married to Joe Dowdy in Auburn, AL on May 21st. She will graduate with her Masters in Environmental Management at Samford University in August. She and Joe just got a Doberman puppy named Maggie and will be moving to Fort Rucker in November for Joe to start Army Flight School. **Megan Ogilvie** and **Misa Sarmiento** were bridesmaids in the wedding. Megan finished her masters at MIT and is currently working for ABC

News in Boston. Misa is starting school at SUNY-Stonybrook to be a physician's assistant. **Lindsay Keller** has a new job with the Vail International Dance Festival as their Administrative/Coordinating Assistant in Vail, CO.

Ashley Trantham graduated with an M.S. in Organizational Communications from NC State in December and is now working with videoconferencing at the North Carolina Board of Nursing in Raleigh. She spent her summer traveling to weddings and was a bridesmaid for **Melissa Cates** on June 12th. Ashley also went to **Sarah Houston's** '01 wedding at Sweet Briar. Melissa was married to Ryan Politte in St. Charles, MO. She said it was especially wonderful to have Ashley and **Michelle Dunn** make the journey to be two of her beautiful bridesmaids! She is currently working for the headquarters at Edward Jones Investments. In her free time she's still riding and showing her former Sweet Briar school horse "Ben," who is doing wonderfully!

Tia Trout was engaged to Sergio Perez (VT '02) on April 15, 2004. The wedding will be sometime in the summer of 2005. She was maid of honor in **Meredith Taylor Eads'** '01 wedding on June 26. As for work, she has accepted an extension on her job at the Department of Justice, and is now the Senior Paralegal Specialist in the Appellate Section of the Antitrust Division. She will be applying to law school this fall. **Aja Grosvenor, Jee Park, and Tia** are still living in their house in Arlington.

Amy Mullen and Jill Tremblay have recently moved from their house to an apartment in Clarendon. Jee reports that she completed her Teach for America commitment this past June. She will most likely return to the classroom but needs a few years to recuperate. She learned that her job with TFA was not for the fainthearted. She says that her students taught her how to value her life and have left an indelible mark in her heart and life. She is now happily employed at the Urban Alliance Foundation in DC, which is a non-profit organization that puts disadvantaged/low-income youth on a financially self-sufficient track. Jee is specifically working as the case manager for the Health Alliance program.

Emily Yerby sent the following news: A big hello from New England! I am currently working on a second bachelor's degree. I am a senior in the Culinary Nutrition program at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI and will be finished in March 2005. Then I am going to grad school to get a Masters

in Public Health and my Registered Dietician certification. My career life will be beginning sometime in 2007. I am currently working at Rodger Williams Medical Center as a Dietary Intern and am looking forward to the school year starting in September. I have met a wonderful young lady, Erin, while in school. A commitment ceremony is in the future for us. But, school is our main priority. All in all, this southern-born girl is loving New England and cannot wait to hear what the rest of the class of 2002 has been doing.

As for me, **Arney Walker**, I'm still working as a Regional Representative for The Culinary Institute of America. I absolutely love it and it provides me with lots of variety and opportunity for travel recruiting future chefs, as well as a constant stream of gourmet meals. I'll be moving to a townhouse in Old Town Alexandria with my sister at the end of July and can't wait to be a part of the Washington, DC alumnae group. I recently went to London to visit **Emily Johnston and Sophie Wackenhut**. Emily is still working for Spink Auction House and absolutely loving life in London. Sophie was in London for the summer to complete her masters from Boston University. She has an internship with Gucci in their PR office. I went to New York City at the end of May and to visit **Megan Tarnowski**. Megan finished her Masters in Education from Fordham in May and is still teaching 6th Grade in the Bronx. She too went to London twice over the past year to visit Emily.

I hope everyone else is doing well. Remember to email me with your class notes for next time so we can find out how you are doing!

2003

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Natalie King and Katie Curling traveled to Uganda in July to train teachers, teach students, and work with HIV/AIDS awareness.

After finishing up her rotations, **Courtney Amott Silverthorn** started on her thesis lab at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Institute of Johns Hopkins. She will be working on genes that regulate skin cancer metastasis. Courtney and her husband Matt recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They have taken up skiing and tennis and have recently gotten two additions to their

family, adopted cats Max (age 2) and Roxie (age 7).

Tiffany Williamson is teaching special education 9th and 10th grade English at Varina High School in Richmond. She is the head coach for the high school cheerleading team. Tiffany is also coaching for the pee wee all-star cheerleading team at More Xtreme Cheer Gym in Mechanicsville, Virginia. She spent the weekend of July 4th with **Kylene Smith, Sarah Reynolds, Gili Long, Christy Maxwell and Lana Davis** at Kylene's house in Virginia Beach. They celebrated Kylene's return from London and heard stories about her time in England as well as Sarah's visit to Ireland.

Kristin Aneralla moved to Charlotte, North Carolina this past summer to pursue a Masters in Art Administration at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Courtney Yerdon is working at BB&T in Richmond and has recently been promoted to Banking Officer where she serves as a credit analyst. This past June she closed on a new house in Westover Hills in Richmond. Courtney married her fiancé David, September 18th and they spent their honeymoon on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

This past summer a group of young alumnae got together in Richmond for dinner, a Braves baseball game and fun evening with Professor Jeff Key. In attendance were Diana Jordan Avery '98 and her husband, Kate Talabor Williams '01 and her husband. **Courtney Yerdon, Lindsay Kinyon, Julie Capodanno, Genivieve Troxell, Kim Martin** '03, Grace Turner '01 and Ginger Tripp '05.

2004

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The class of 2004 may be Sweet Briar's newest group of alumnae, but we have been incredibly productive and busy since graduation! **Anne Benham** decided to stay at the Briar for another year, and will be one of the pioneering members of the MAT program. She will be getting her MAT secondary education in history. Joining Anne will be **Adrienne Arnold**, who has been running Sweet Briar's Campus School program as the director and teacher. She recently accepted a job as a 5th grade teacher in Appomattox, as well **Cynthia Belter**.

also be continuing with her education, and enters Harvard University in the fall; as will **Sara Gredler**, who will be attending the University of Vermont. **Erin Coleman** just finished a camp counselor stint in Florida and is moving to LA to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Art. **Mary Gordon Seay** will be entering the master of science program in rehabilitation counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University. **Sascha Rogers** went back to the town where she had studied abroad the previous year, Urbino, Italy, and this time she took her best friend Angela with her. After touring Europe, she returned to the states where she worked as a summer intern at the law offices of Willie Farr and Gallagher LLP in Washington, D.C. And after much going back and forth she has settled on the master's of occupational therapy program at the University of Washington Seattle. So Sascha will be moving to "sunny" Seattle this September, and hopes to be working as either a governess or special needs aide while pursuing her master's. **Brienna McLaughlin** is planning on traveling the countryside of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, with her boyfriend—they'll also see Austria, Croatia, and Italy! She'll return to Charlottesville, Virginia late August and then begin working here in town. She is still painting and practicing yoga, as well as researching potential graduate schools for the following year. She wanted to pass along that, "I miss you all, and I send my love!!" **Caitlin Webber** will be studying at the London School of Economics for her masters in comparative politics. Joining her abroad will be **Jessica Porter**, who is heading to London for graduate school in September at the University of Westminster studying MA: art and media practice; and **Maria Kitchen**, who will be returning to Bedford, England, at Bedford high school assisting in the Physical Education Department and coaching lacrosse. Joining Maria in the education field are **Tiffany McCabe** and **Tonya Smith**. Tiffany will be living in Franklin, VA working as an elementary music teacher at two schools in the Southampton County Public Schools system. She has also adopted a dog named Boo from a rescue society, and Boo is absolutely wonderful! Tonya is excited to begin teaching 5th grade for Madison Heights Elementary School. **Sarah Collins** recently accepted an 8th grade Language Arts position at Amherst Middle School, and was recently engaged. Her wedding will be in June 2005. **Stephanie Shrader** has been

working in the SBC Co-Curricular life office this summer, and will be returning to SBC in the fall to finish her student teaching. **Diana Marshall** will be moving to Worcester, MA and will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to pursue her masters in applied statistics. Diana has also been keeping in touch with classmate **Nicole Bashanes**. Nicole has been accepted to Long Island University's Palmer School of Library Information Science in Manhattan. The program is based in Manhattan and uses New York University's Bobst Library as its headquarters, so she can take joint courses at NYU "if ever and whenever I please." She'll also be living in a co-opt off East 42nd Street, just like the title of the splashy '30s musical! **Ashlee Bartleson** just got back from an archaeological dig in Arizona. She went with Earthwatch for two weeks at the Homo'ovi Ruins. **Ebony Scurry** is currently employed at Georgetown University Hospital, in Washington D.C. as an Employment Team Associate. She'll be working full time this summer and during the year while pursuing her masters in organization development & strategic human resources at Johns Hopkins University. **Lauren Byrne** is living in Northern VA and working for CNAC, the Center For Naval Analyses Corp., which is based outside of DC, and she's working on Homeland Security projects. **Stacy Patteson** has moved to Lawton, OK where she is the manager of a group home that is a part of "Community Access Inc.," for individuals with developmental and mental disorders. She also was accepted to a masters program in behavioral science at Cameron University and will be starting this August. And she wanted to pass along that "Oklahoma really isn't that bad!" **Mary Davis** moved to DC and is currently working at Freedom House. She recently joined an Irish Gaelic football team (The Washington DC Gaels) with whom she travels all over the east coast. She is looking forward to all of the weddings in this upcoming year, and had a great visit at **Sue Knouse's** '05 home in DC with tons of Vixens including **Sarah Ruff '04**, **Grace Farnsworth '04**, **Beth Farnsworth '05**, **Denna Jackson '05**, **Sheena Belcher '05**, and **Michelle Badger '06**. Mary is accompanied in DC by many 2004 Sweet Briar Girls including **Bre Leiberling**, **Laura Pearson**, and **Shannon Smith**, and also **Allison Funkhouser '03**. Bre Leiberling is currently working as a paralegal at Carmel and Carmel, a law firm in

DC, and is loving it! **Tasha Purcell** is currently hiking the Appalachian Trail, and as of July she had made it through Massachusetts. I was lucky enough to be able to see her and have her over while she was in New Hampshire, and she is loving life outdoors and all of the people she's meeting. **Leslie Austin** is currently living in Columbia, SC with her family and is running her family's restaurant. She will be getting married on November 20, 2004 to her fiancé, David Steddenbenz, in their hometown (Columbia, SC). After the wedding, they will go to Hilton Head for the honeymoon and when they return, they will move to Albuquerque, NM. They will be in Albuquerque for a couple of months and in February, David will get transferred to Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. They will be living in Guam for the next two years and will hopefully be able to take up scuba diving and snorkeling so they can take full advantage of the beautiful reefs there. If things go as planned, they will be able to travel to Japan, the Philippines, and South Korea. While in Guam, Leslie is hoping to get a job as a civilian in the Air Force or working with the Guam chapter of Habitat for Humanity. **Meredith Shaw** is STILL reeling (as are those of us who attended her memorable ring game) from her April 23, 2004 engagement to Eric, and is currently working at Monticello. **Misty Vandergriff**, who is also a part of the 2004 Engagement Club, has completed the majority of the planning for her upcoming May 2005 wedding to longtime HSC beau Adam Forsberg '04, which gives her more time to do what she loves—watching over children in Greensboro, NC, and keeping us bridesmaids in line. She was recently visited by former roommate and future bridesmaid **Kelli Bergmann**, who is working as a paralegal in Virginia Beach, and is now currently engaged to her longtime boyfriend and HSC '03 graduate, Will Thomasson. They plan to get married in June of 2005.

As hard as it is to believe, there are several of our classmates who have tied the knot and are enjoying married life immensely! Mrs. **Merri Morris Park** was married to her dutiful fiancé, Rob Park, on May 22, 2004 at a beautiful ceremony at the Sweet Briar Chapel. Her bridesmaids included fellow 2004 classmates **Anne Benham**, **Megan Owens**, **Sarah Lindsay**, and maid of honor **Autum Matyssek-Snyder**. Autum, coincidentally, finally convinced Jeremiah Fish of Roseland, VA to pop the question! He proposed on May 1st at a graduation party

his family held in Autum's honor—after many excited tears, she said yes! Autum is happily engaged, and also working in the Sweet Briar Admissions office. **Jenn Warde Darrell** exchanged vows with her hometown sweetheart Ciahnah on June 6, 2004, and has moved out to Chicago where Ciahnah will begin divinity school in the fall. **Sara Barrett '04** was one of the bridesmaids in her wedding party. **Virginia "Ginny" Patterson Duncan** married Jack Duncan, United States Army, on June 19, 2004 in Yorktown, VA, and is thoroughly enjoying married life. **Jozanne Summerville** accepted an intern position working for the Department of the Navy in DC; she applied there almost a year ago. She wants to add that to those who are still looking, DON'T LOSE HOPE!!!

As for myself, I am happily single, and I recently accepted a job in the Sweet Briar Admissions Office, and will be joining Autum and the other counselors in mid-August after having a lovely summer "off" visiting family and friends, quilting, spending time with my sister, **Beth Farnsworth '05**, and taking in stray hikers. The Class of 2004 has hit the road to the "Real World" running, and we're so excited to see what we will continue to accomplish!

The Rare and Special Role of the Boxwood Circle Giving Program

Sweet Briar College is distinguished in her history, her traditions, the quality of her liberal arts education for women, the unparalleled beauty of her campus, and for her remarkable alumnae. Maintaining and enhancing this special combination of attributes has required unparalleled generosity from our most devoted friends. Leadership giving is vital to the College, and for generations the Boxwood Circle Giving Program, which concentrates on raising unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund, has answered this call.

In the 1959-1960 academic year, Gladys *Wester* Horton '30, Elizabeth *Bond* Wood '34, and Nancy *Dowd* Burton '46 together decided they wanted to raise alumnae giving to a new level. Elizabeth looked out at the splendid circle of boxwoods in front of Sweet Briar House and counted 31 magnificent giants. Elizabeth, Gladys, and Nancy made it their goal that year to find 31 alumnae who would each contribute \$1,000 or more to Sweet Briar College. As expected, they met their goal.

Over the next 42 years, the Boxwood Circle giving society grew to include levels of \$5,000 and \$10,000, now the Fountain Society and Column Society, respectively. Thanks to the leadership of those such as Gladys, Elizabeth, and Nancy, the Boxwood Circle flourished. Many other dedicated alumnae leaders have supported leadership giving at Sweet Briar, including Betty *Doucett* Neill '41, who guided the Boxwood Circle for 16 years.

To keep up with inflation and the increasing costs of education, the Boxwood Circle was restructured in 2003 and now honors donors who give \$2,500 or more to the College in a fiscal year. These gifts may be cumulative and include gifts to Friends funds and corporate matching gifts.

In the 2004-2005 academic year, the Boxwood Circle leadership is in the capable hands of Robin *Rodger* Heller '76, who is the Boxwood Circle Giving Chair. Just as Elizabeth, Gladys, and Nancy aspired to secure the commitment of 31 supporters, Robin is excited by the challenge of expanding the Boxwood Circle to 350 members. With your help, we will meet this goal.

In addition, the Boxwood Circle will be enhanced this year by new initiatives and programs designed to forge an even stronger connection between Boxwood Circle members and the College and to demonstrate Sweet Briar's deep appreciation for alumnae supporting the College through leadership giving. Through these new initiatives, Boxwood Circle members will receive periodic updates on news and events at Sweet Briar and will also receive invitations to events on campus scheduled exclusively for Boxwood Circle members.

Giving to Sweet Briar at a leadership level is very rewarding. Nothing is greater than the joy that comes from giving and knowing that your gift will benefit a place that you love and programs that you know will leave a positive and lasting legacy throughout generations.

Remember also that Annual Fund gifts count toward the \$102 million goal of *Our Campaign For Her World*. This ambitious campaign has been highly successful and has already raised more than \$83 million in support of the College; however, your help is needed to reach our goal within the next twelve months.

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This is an exciting time in the life of the College and leadership giving provides a wonderful opportunity to be a part of maintaining Sweet Briar well into its second century and beyond. By joining the Boxwood Circle you will be ensuring an ever-evolving, vibrant, and excellent seat of higher learning for women today.

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Boxwood Circle Giving Chair



Leadership from Boxwood Circle Committee members is equally vital to the success of the Boxwood Circle Giving program in supporting Sweet Briar College.

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Canadian Rockies

Flo Barclay Winston '57 and family members on Sweet Briar's tour, "The Canadian Rockies: A Family Learning Adventure," July 18-25, 2004: Left to right: Flo Barclay Winston '57, Tracy Winston, Miller Winston, Watts Winston, Tracy Winston, Bob Winston, Spencer Winston, Charles Winston, Marion Winston.



Paris

On the Sweet Briar tour, "Paris: In the Footsteps of the Founding Fathers," May 19-27, 2004: At the Chateau de Rochambeau, left to right: Guest lecturer SB Professor Stephen Bragaw, Elsie Landram Layton '50, Margaret Towers Talman '49, Patricia Lodewick '57, Anthony and Joan Churchill (parents of Elizabeth '05), Comte de Rochambeau, James Shoemaker, Comtesse de Rochambeau, Elisabeth Sartor Harden '68, Polly Plummer Mackie '49, Carla de Creny Freed '51, Polly Sloan Shoemaker '53.



Tuscany

On the Sweet Briar tour to Tuscany, August 4-12, 2004, the group is pictured at the winery in Montalcino. Left to right: Jean Lindsay de Streele '58, Judith Jones, Scott Fegan, Mary Jo Winokur, Karen Cassard JVF '48-'49, Tanya Nichols, Suzanne Stryker Ullrich '78 (back row), Catherine Kozody, Rick Ullrich, Barbara Fegan, Melinda Koester Pendino '69, Susan Williams '68, Jack Cantile, Ginny deBuys '64, Anne Cantile, Jane Warner Williams '47, John Aiken, Margaret Redfern '47, Mary Frances Oakey Aiken '71, Melissa Coffey '98.

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Sweet Briar recruitment materials have won two silver awards from Admissions Marketing Report in the categories of poster and total recruitment package, and the *Insider's Guide* won a merit award in the general brochure category.

The entire "Think Is for Girls" campaign won a Gold Addy (first place!) in the first/ local round of the American Advertising Federation competition; our campaign will move on to the next round of competition as a result of our Gold award. Addys are highly-coveted awards; to win one is very prestigious.

When you are back on campus, stop by the Admissions Office to see these awards, displayed with pride, and to see the newest addition to our recruitment package—the *College Search Journal*.

Your help is still needed!

During the 2003-2004 recruitment cycle, the Admissions Office asked for and received with overwhelming enthusiasm, support in the recruitment of new students to the College. Faculty members opened their classrooms and offices to prospective students, current students went back to their high schools and talked with their friends about their wonderful experience at Sweet Briar, and alumnae volunteered to represent Sweet Briar at college fairs, contacted prospective students, and asked us to send information to many students who might not otherwise have learned about the College. It has been a wonderfully successful team effort, and the 30% increase in applications this year on top of our 22% increase last year is a direct result of our collective effort.

This year, while the campus community has remained engaged in the recruitment process and alumnae have been very active in recommending prospective students to us, we have experienced a significant decline in the number of college fairs that have been covered by alumnae volunteers. During the fall of 2003, alumnae volunteers represented Sweet Briar at 56 college fairs in 21 states. However, during the fall of 2004, only 41 college fairs in 14 states were covered by alumnae volunteers – we had the same number of college fairs to cover and made the same number of requests for coverage, but experienced a 25% decrease in the number covered.

If the College is to grow to an on-campus enrollment of 750, we're going to need more help. Human and financial resources prevent us from being able to travel to every college fair at all times of the year, and we rely on your help in representing Sweet Briar in areas we think are important, but to which we aren't able to travel. We especially need your help in areas to which we don't normally travel (such as **Chicago, IL; Alabama; Mississippi; Louisiana; Oklahoma; and parts of Ohio**), and even in areas where we do travel but aren't able to make multiple trips during the year (such as **Florida, New England, and the western states**).

If you are willing to give up several hours of your time to represent Sweet Briar at a college fair in your area so that students who might not otherwise know about Sweet Briar, can have an opportunity to learn about this special place, please contact Melissa Coffey in the Alumnae Office (mcoffey@sbc.edu), Sarah Elkins in the Admissions Office (selkins@sbc.edu), or me (khuus@sbc.edu). And when Sarah or Melissa do call or e-mail you to request assistance, please be generous with your time—it really does make a difference. You never know when your on-the-spot conversation might be the important contact that sparks interest in a young woman.

Thank you for your help and for your partnership!

Ken Huus

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Cover: In celebration of its 20th Anniversary, the Pannell Center Gallery was reproduced in a magnificent anniversary cake by Willie Payne, talented Amherst County native and former baker for SBC Food Services. Helping cut the cake, l-r: Jessica Bemis Ward '63, Elizabeth Forsyth Harris '60; Nancy White '79; Mina Walker Wood '62; Peter V. Daniel. (See "Twenty Artful Years," p.3.)

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Daisies for Daisy, Monument Hill

A Weekend To Remember!

Founders' Day Procession nears top of Monument Hill



With its theme, "A Passion for the Subject: Celebrating the Arts at Sweet Briar College,"

Alumnae Council provided a whirlwind three-day round of events, celebrations, dedications, meetings, informal "after-hours" get-togethers and the kickoff of a yearlong celebration of the arts at the College—nonstop activity—an apt forerunner of next September's first annual Homecoming Weekend (see back cover).

Many highlights included the dedications of the Reading Room of the Mary Helen Cochran Library, named for Kitty King Corbett Powell '38, recognizing her \$3,000,000 gift in support of the expansion of the main library, a critical Campaign priority; The Whitley Gallery of the Sweet Briar Museum, in honor of Ann Marshall Whitley '47, founder and former curator; and The Student Commons, with recent additions, was formally dedicated (see p.10)

A dessert reception celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Pannell Center Gallery. The Founders' Day Convocation speaker was Anne Little Poulet '64, Director of The Frick Collection and 2004's Distinguished Alumna honoree (p.12). After Convocation, a bagpiper led the assemblage to Monument Hill for the lovely service of remembrance.

A luncheon honored Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates and members of the Silver Rose Society. The weekend concluded with an Alumnae College Seminar, "Da Vinci's Code," by Professor of Art History Christopher Witcombe. Just a sampling of a weekend to remember!



Ann Marshall Whitley '47 with daughters, l-r: Cynthia ("Cindy") '78; Elizabeth ("Libby") '75.



Founders' Day Presidential Party, l-r: Gallery Director Rebecca Massie Lane; Chaplain Guy Brewer; President Muhlenfeld; Founders' Day speaker Ann Little Poulet; Alumnae Association President Linda DeVogt; Dean Jonathan Green.



Kitty Corbett Powell '38 with daughters, l-r: Marian Powell Harrison '63; Nancy Powell Moore; Katherine Powell Hill.

Twenty Artful Years

By Rebecca Massie Lane
Director, Sweet Briar College Art
Gallery, Museum, and Arts Management
Program

Twenty years ago, in the fall of 1984, Sweet Briar College dedicated the Pannell Art Gallery to establish a home for its notable collection of works of art. The facility was dedicated to the care, study, and exhibition of original works of art. The new gallery was the result of a long effort by the Sweet Briar community: funds had been enthusiastically raised, architects and designers commissioned, and endless committee hours devoted by the Board of Directors, Friends of Art, faculty and staff.

The one hundred-year-old Refectory was renovated to house the art collection and art library, to provide a distinguished exhibition hall, and to house the Department of Art History. Around Pannell's exterior, gardens and ornamental patios were established.

Dreams expressed at the time of the founding are now fulfilled on a daily basis. Students come face-to-face with original works of art as a normal part of their collegiate experience. The works in our collection provide primary sources for inductive study of the history of art, and of social history. They provide studio art students with sources for aesthetic, critical, and technical analysis. The Pannell Art Gallery



Rebecca Massie Lane
at Founders' Day Convocation

"The gallery will contribute materially to the teaching function of the College, encouraging student productivity in the arts, offering special circumstances for learning for students involved in the Arts Management Program, and providing research resources for art and art history students. The gallery will come to occupy a fundamental position in the mission of Sweet Briar, encouraging cultural development and ultimately facilitating the integration of the fine arts into the learning experience of all the students of the College...it will be thought of by all as underlining, or perhaps as reflecting, the intellectual and humanistic ideals of Sweet Briar College."

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Cake cutting: Jessica Ward, past FOA president; Elizabeth Harris, current FOA president; Nancy White & Mina Wood, past FOA presidents; Peter V. Daniel, Vice President & Treasurer Emeritus



Gallery Reception drew a crowd!

provides a sanctuary for contemplation and reflection as well as a distinguished site for lectures, docent tours and workshops, and other educational programs and events. Twenty years of communal effort have yielded over 90,000 visitors to the gallery, the growth of the art collection, regular use of the collection for research, teaching, and exhibition, annual student curatorial projects, over 20,000 schoolchildren led on tours by 300 student art gallery docents, some 400 work-study students learning museum procedures behind the scenes, some 250 exhibitions loaned or presented for exhibition from our collection, a lively and engaged Friends of Art group of 250, and a legacy of cultural service.

More than 300 people crowded into the Pannell Gallery on Friday, 24 September 2004, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the dedication. Former presidents of the Friends of Art, faculty present and retired, students, and alumnae joined together to witness the cutting of the look-alike Pannell Art Gallery cake. Coming from Founders' Day Convocation, where Anne Litle Poulet '64 had just received the 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award, celebrants were aloft with pride and enthusiasm for the arts. The day culminated in Murchison Lane Auditorium, Babcock for a performance by the Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra and the premiere of Professor of Music, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Jonathan Green's

composition, *Ars Vitae*, created to honor the Pannell Gallery's 20 years.

Visionary people helped to establish and nurture the gallery and the art collection. Members of the 1983-84 committee who planned the Pannell Gallery were present for the festivities: Peter V. Daniel, Vice President and Treasurer Emeritus; Aileen H. Laing, Professor of Art History Emerita; Jocelyn Palmer Connors '62, who served as president of the Friends of Art when this important group was reorganized in the late 1970s; Professor of Art History Christopher Witcombe; Professor of Studio Art Joe Monk; and former Professor of Art History Diane D. Moran. Although not present, prior gallery directors Carma Fautleroy and Constance Bowen contributed significantly to the establishment of professional standards in the Pannell Art Gallery.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the talented Amherst County native and confectioner Willie Payne reproduced the Pannell Gallery, brick by sugary brick, in a magnificent anniversary cake. Helping cut the cake were Peter Daniel; Elizabeth Forsyth Harris '60, current president of the Friends of Art; and past Friends of Art presidents Jessica Bemis Ward '63, Mina Walker Wood '62, and Nancy White '79. Unable to attend the ceremony, past Friends of Art presidents Lynn Kahler Rogerson '76, Betty Rau Santandrea '70, Lynn Pearson Russell '69, and Kathryn



Griselda Pollock



Sara Coffey '06 (l) introduced Jane Alexander.

Haw '92, sent their best wishes for this momentous day. In cutting the cake, we celebrated past triumphs while looking forward to many "artful years" ahead. We toasted the Pannell Gallery, the old Refectory, the people who helped us reach this point in our history, and the people who will lead us into the future.

To distinguish this special year and to focus on the intellectual life of the arts, we presented a yearlong art lecture series, entitled, "Landscape of Brilliance," funded by the Lectures and Events Committee and the Ewald Fund. Fall 2004 lecturers included Founders' Day Convocation speaker Anne Little Poulet '64 whose insightful scholarship, "'The first statutory in the world': Houdon and Thomas Jefferson" launched the 20th anniversary art lecture series. Anne's distinguished lecture was followed on October 21 by actress and former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Jane Alexander, who reflected on the arts in America ("Arts And Minds") drawing upon the experiences of her years at the rudder of the NEA to give Sweet Briar audiences a charge for the future. Members of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors joined area arts advocates, students, faculty, and Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA) Fellows in a lively question and answer session following Ms. Alexander's lecture. While on campus, she also met with two classes.

Internationally-renowned feminist art historian Griselda Pollock undertook the journey from England to Virginia to unveil her current research, "Charlotte Salomon's Theatre of Memory: Femininity, Modernity and Difference in the 1930s" November 10. Charlotte Salomon was a young German artist who fled the Nazis, but was ultimately killed at Auschwitz, leaving behind an evocative collection of images and writings called "Life Or Theatre?" documenting her artistic life, her period of hiding from the Nazis, her family and her beliefs. She has been termed the "German Anne Frank." While at Sweet Briar, Griselda Pollock lectured to an art history seminar and met informally with students and faculty. The Sweet Briar community was joined by art historians from Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Lexington, and Roanoke for her lecture.

Continuing the year's celebration were lectures by artist, civil rights activist, women's rights activist Faith Ringgold ("Faith Ringgold: More than 30 Years" March 31, 2005); and art historian, medievalist, feminist medievalist Joan Holladay ("Medieval Queens and Modern Women: Feminism and Art History Twenty Years Later" April 11).

Artist and feminist Miriam Shapiro was scheduled to speak to a large audience including members of the Friends of Art and Friends of the Library following their Spring meetings on campus; her topic:

DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS in the Pannell Art Gallery include:

Meyer Schapiro, 1938
Ferdinand Leger, 1941
Helene Rubenstein, 1953
Barbara Morgan, 1990
Grace Hartigan, 1991
John Waters, 1991
Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, 1993
Jessica Lange, 1994
Sally Mann, 1994
Flora Miller Biddle, 1995
Eleanor Munro, 1997
Patricia Leighton, 1999
Lillian M. C. Randall, 2001
Ann Oppenheimer, 2002
Lesley Dill, 2003
Mary Ellen Mark, 2003
Salman Rushdie, 2003



Wendy Weiler '71 enjoys "Women Artists of the Twentieth Century" exhibit.



Salman Rushdie at SBC

The Arts at Sweet Briar College

A Panel Discussion Featuring the Current Projects and Studies of Sweet Briar Arts Faculty

Tracy Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Art History

"Building a College: The Architectural and Intellectual Patronage of Capetian Queens" (Powerpoint)

Bill Kershner, Professor of Theatre Arts
"Research and Preparation for Aristophanes' *Frogs*"

Rebecca Massie Lane, Director, Museum, Art Galleries & Arts Management Program

"Women Artists of the Twentieth Century: a Collection, a Seminar and a Patron" (Powerpoint)

Mark Magruder, Professor of Dance
"Hussar"

Judith Nelson, VCCA/Sweet Briar BFA Guest Artist
Discussion of her choreography

Paige Critcher, Visiting Assistant Professor of Studio Art
"Making Digital Negatives For Alternative Photographic Processes"

Nicholas Ross, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music
"The Early Piano Music of John Powell"

Moderator: Elizabeth Forsyth Harris '60, Ph.D (Art History), University of Virginia, President of Friends of Art, and longtime supporter of the arts at SBC and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA)

Elizabeth Forsyth Harris

"An Artist Talks About Quilts." Illness prevented Ms. Shapiro from being with us, but Sweet Briar's Assistant Professor of Classical Studies Eric Casey stepped in to deliver his Honors address, "Collecting the Cosmos: Libraries in the Ancient World."

Celebrating the recent collections of the Friends of Art, the special exhibition, "Women Artists of the Twentieth Century" was presented in the Pannell Gallery from September 4 – December 17, 2004. It has now been over 30 years since eminent art historian Linda Nochlin wrote her ground-breaking article, "Why have there been no great women artists?", in which she examined how forces such as family, education, economic and social position, class, and freedom (or lack thereof) affected the development and success rate of women artists. The repercussions of this article influenced the active reconsideration of the circumstances faced by women artists. The National Museum of Women in the Arts, founded in 1981, opened in 1987; the Guerilla Girls and other women artists mounted awareness campaigns to illustrate the lack of support for women artists; and Judy Chicago created her major work of art, *The Dinner Party* (1974-79), a tribute to women throughout history, which only recently found a permanent home at the Brooklyn Museum of Art through a gift from the Elizabeth A. Sackler Foundation.

Following national trends which promoted awareness of women's contributions, and to address a major void in the collection, the Sweet Briar Gallery began in the 1980s to collect works of art by 20th-century women as a logical focus for a women's college. This area of the collection now provides a rich source of study for students, faculty, and the community, as it addresses issues of importance to women and to society as a whole. In the works are dominant themes of women's lives in the 20th century: women's identity, health, community, and support systems. The female figure is re-examined and women's traditional arts are made manifest. Issues facing African-American and Native American women and women immigrants are presented for our reflection. Important artists are represented in our collection, including

Miriam Schapiro and Faith Ringgold, Helen Frankenthaler, Joan Mitchell, Audrey Flack, Grace Hartigan, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Dorothy Dehner, Isabel Bishop, Anni Albers, Alison Saar, Lorna Simpson, and Judy Pfaff. VCCA Fellow and independent curator Vicky A Clark said of the collection, "How wonderful to hear Griselda Pollock lecture! I have read her books and articles for a long time, finding her to be intellectually rigorous, challenging, and stimulating at the same time....Even better... was the exhibition of work by women at the main gallery. So many of the important artists of the 20th century were represented, and the work was both representative and eclectic. The Louise Bourgeois book, for instance, is stunning. The Carrie Mae Weems is wonderful. ...Susan Rothenberg, Miriam Schapiro, Faith Ringgold, Kara Walker, Sally Mann...As a whole, the show gave a sense of trends of the whole century as well as the accomplishments of women artists who have been overlooked time and time again."

Although the Pannell Art Gallery was dedicated in 1984, the effort to make the study and practice of art central to Sweet Briar's curriculum dates to the 1930s, when President Meta Glass and Professor Florence Robinson created a Department of Art and an art acquisitions fund, sought external support from the Carnegie Foundation, and began an exhibitions and visiting artists program. Kate Haw's history of the Friends of Art, which accompanies this article, provides a thoughtful overview of the years since. Only through the collective efforts of alumnae, faculty and staff, students, friends, foundations and the larger community of arts patrons has the Pannell Art Gallery progressed. I look forward in the future to meeting alumnae who collect art, who serve on art museum boards and committees in their cities and regions, and as arts educators and arts advocates. I am able to serve as a bridge to current students and recent graduates who seek to follow in your pathways, and to share with you my knowledge of Sweet Briar's art collection and other art collectors. Through our interconnectedness, we will help Sweet Briar to grow and prosper in this new century.



A Brief History of *The Friends of Art*

By Kathryn Haw '92

The Friends of Art group was established in the 1930s by President Meta Glass and Professor of Art Florence Robinson. These two believed it essential that Sweet Briar students be exposed to figures shaping world opinion. In addition to providing students the opportunity to study the works of eminent contemporaries in the classroom, Glass and Robinson believed they should also benefit by meeting the great minds of the age by bringing leaders in various fields to campus.

This idea extended further: if a prominent person's work were a work of art, then students should be given the opportunity to meet great artists and examine their works firsthand. Among the artists who visited campus under the direction of Glass and Robinson was the

renowned painter Fernand Leger, who visited in 1941, and later made a gift of his *Les Plongeurs* to the collection. When artists were unable to come to campus, they were represented by their paintings through special exhibitions. Students learned about such major figures in European and American art as Paul Gauguin, Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Auguste Renoir, Eugene Delacroix, Gustave Courbet, Andre Derain, Paul Signac, Pablo Picasso, Odilon Redon, Edward Hopper, Maurice Vlaminck, Berthe Morisot, William Glackens, and John Sloan when their works were exhibited on campus under the auspices of Glass and Robinson. These paintings came as loans from prestigious collections, including the Knoedler



Florence Robinson

1938 BRIAR PATCH



Meta Glass

Gallery in New York, the fledgling Museum of Modern Art (also in New York), and the world-famous Durand-Ruel collection of Impressionist paintings in Paris.

President Glass' commitment to the study of the arts was such that she secured a grant from the Carnegie Foundation to establish a solid arts curriculum at the College. Professor Robinson further solidified the place of the arts at Sweet Briar by creating the Friends of Art in 1935, whose purpose was "to foster art at Sweet Briar with the special intent of building up a fund for the purchase of original works of art to form a permanent collection at Sweet Briar College." By 1937, an art department major was established, and in the same year, President Glass created the "Original Paintings Fund," which existed until 1942, when the financial circumstances created by World War II prohibited the expenditure of funds on paintings, but not before the College had acquired works by William Glackens, Paul Cadmus, Charles Burchfield, and other prominent American artists. That the College was so committed to the firsthand study of art and to building an art collection, even during the lean years of the thirties (1937 was the first year the College operated in the black), is a testament to Meta Glass and her contemporaries' understanding

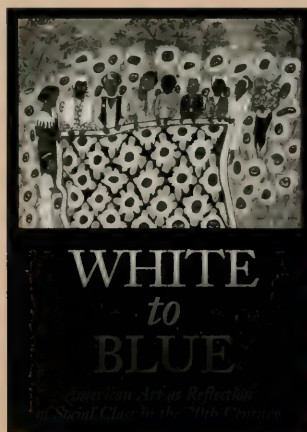
that a collection of fine art would not only benefit the students, but would also add prestige to the broader reputation of the College.

Despite the War, the Friends of Art remained active until 1957 when, in the absence of strong leadership, the group fell dormant. During the leadership of the late President Harold Whiteman (1971-1983), a strong supporter of the arts, a group gathered with the intention of reviving the Friends of Art. This group included the late Loren Oliver, then head of the Studio Art Department; Aileen H. Laing '57, former professor of Art History; Cordelia Penn Cannon '34; and President Whiteman's wife, Deedie. These four appointed Jocelyn Palmer Connors '62 as the first president of the newly revived Friends of Art. Connors set the Friends solidly on their feet; began the serious search for a location for a gallery on campus; and revived the practice of purchasing works of art.

In 1977, Jessica Bemis Ward '63 became president of the group, and joined in the campaign for exposure of the arts, an effort that ultimately was rewarded with the \$1.5 million renovation of the old Refectory into the Pannell Gallery in 1984. Under Ward's stewardship as president of the Friends of Art, the group began to organize symposia and other learning opportunities for students

and alumnae, began printing a biannual newsletter, and established the current schedule of two meetings per year. One of these meetings is typically held on campus and, using Friends of Art funds, a major figure in the arts is brought to the College to speak. These speakers have included prominent artists Grace Hartigan and Barbara Morgan, as well as art historian Eleanor Munro, to name only a few. Since 1992, Fall meetings have taken place off-campus in cities with thriving art markets, where carefully chosen potential acquisitions are studied by the Friends of Art Board, before a select few are purchased for the College's permanent collection. As a result of these meetings, the Friends of Art have added an impressive body of works to the collection, including those by Rembrandt van Rijn, Albrecht Durer, Eugene Delacroix, Robert Motherwell, Louise Bourgeois, Helen Frankenthaler, Joan Mitchell, and others.

In addition to funding purchases, the Friends of Art have raised awareness of the College collection, prompting notable gifts of works of art from alumnae, their families, and friends of the College. These include Mr. and Mrs. Victor Henningsen, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Henningsen, Jr. (Mayde Ludington '48); Judge Dunne, father of Alison Dunne Harrison '35; Dr. Sadie Patek; Miss Ruth M. Smith; the



Jon Schueler About the Sky

Pittsburgh Alumnae Club; the Class of 1958; Cordelia Penn Cannon '34; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prendergast; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Singer; Fernand Leger; Jane Roseberry Tolleson '52; Magda Salvesen '65; Claire Cannon Christopher '58; Elizabeth Forsyth Harris '60; Jacqueline Mabie Humphrey '60; Fay Martin Chandler '43, and many others.

With the growing art collection came the need for someone to look after it, and Constance Bowen was hired as the first gallery curator in 1984 with the opening of the Pannell Gallery. Bowen was responsible for bringing the practices of the gallery in line with the guidelines of the American Association of Museums, and for centralizing the organization of the annual exhibition program. Bowen's successor, Carma Fauntleroy, continued these efforts and enhanced the continuing quality and reach of the collection by winning a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help support art conservation efforts, and by creating the annual Arts Day, a collaboration between the College Gallery and the Amherst County Public Schools.

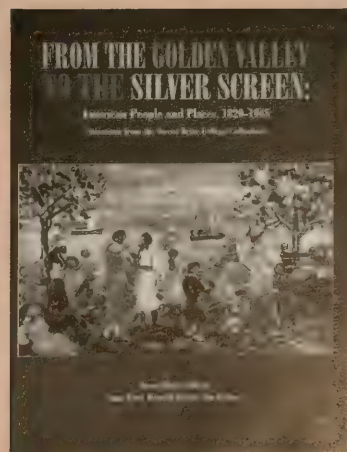
Current Director Rebecca Massie Lane has encouraged extensive use of the art collection by students and faculty, and has developed new programs that bring the surrounding communities of Amherst and Nelson Counties to learn at the museum. She has instituted a series of highly

successful student curatorial projects, has secured a number of outside grants to support the art museum programs, and established a museum studies course as part of the Arts Management Program. The art history and studio art faculties use the collection to give students a firsthand understanding of historical movements and artistic techniques. Faculty from the departments of archaeology, classical studies, English, international affairs, and history also have used the collection for teaching. Additionally, several interdisciplinary projects created by students in the Honors Program have broadened our understanding of objects in the collection and the cultures in which they were created. Examples include an exhibition organized by Julia Paris '99, which interpreted images of women in the College's fine collection of Japanese woodblock prints, and two by Emily Poore '99 entitled, respectively, "Trash or Treasure: The Archaeology of Sweet Briar's Early Days" and "White to Blue: American Art as Reflection of Social Class in the 20th Century." Such professional-level experiences, made permanent through a published catalog, give graduating students a tangible, marketable product that they can use proudly to introduce their work to prospective employers or graduate schools.

As we strive to enrich the life of the

Sweet Briar community, the Friends of Art are still guided by many of the themes established by Glass and Robinson in the 1930s: the importance of bringing notable artists to campus and providing works of art for study as part of the curriculum (through a permanent collection and rotating exhibitions); the focus on collecting contemporary American artists; and the provision of a proper space for the care and exhibition of the collection. The arts are as vital as ever to understanding the increasingly global culture in which Sweet Briar students are maturing, and the Friends of Art continue to work to make sure that all members of the community, for now and in years to come, are exposed to the people and artworks that help shape world cultures.

Ed. Note: Kathryn Haw acknowledges and gives special thanks to Professor of Art History Christopher L. C. Ewart Witcombe for his early research for an article written to celebrate the dedication of the Pannell Gallery. His comprehensive 13-page history of the Sweet Briar collection from its beginning until 1984, titled "The Sweet Briar Art Collection," appeared in the Fall 1984 Alumnae Magazine.



Dedication Ceremony For

The Student Commons

Friday, September 24, 2004

More obviously and more boldly than any other project, the Student Commons is the embodiment of Sweet Briar's unique and vibrant educational community. It already is the College's "village square," a place in which we cross paths, exchange ideas, solve problems, and come together for work and fun. Imaginatively designed to connect Prothro Hall and Meta Glass, Reid, and Dew residence halls, and providing views of the dells from various places on each of its three levels, the Student Commons blends seamlessly this community's intellectual, social, spiritual, and residential life.

We gratefully acknowledge the extraordinary support of the following donors for naming spaces in the Student Commons.

The Addington Turning Point Student Lounge

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Passano, Jr.
(Helen Addington '55)

In memory of her mother Helen M. Addington

The Burnett Room

A memorial to Eugenia *Griffin* Burnett '10
By the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Richmond

The Crichton Student Government Association Suite

Flora Cameron Crichton '46

The Grones Terrace

Dedicated in memory of Evelyn *Dillard* Grones '45

The Johnson Dining Room

Inman and Elizabeth *Cox* Johnson '27

The Josey Auxiliary Dining Room

Donna Jo *Pearson* Josey '64

Prothro Hall

Perkins Prothro Foundation

Prothro Hall was dedicated October 25th, 2002

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L-r: Alison Carr '08; Helen Addington Passano; Helen's granddaughter Virginia Johns Hill; Helen's daughter Helen Kemp Passano Hill



Judith Burnett Halsey '47



Flora Cameron Crichton with husband John



Mr. H. R. Pollard IV, representing the estate of the Johnsons



Donna Jo Pearson Josey

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L-r: daughter Katherine "Chic" Grones '79; daughter Keedie Grones Leonard '76 and her children Isabelle and Dow

2004 Distinguished Alumna Award To Anne Litle Poulet '64

Introduction of Honoree at Founders' Day Convocation, September 24, 2004

By Alumnae Association President Linda DeVogt '86

It is my great privilege, as president of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Anne Litle Poulet of the Class of 1964, recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award, one of the highest honors Sweet Briar College can bestow. Anne is a highly-esteemed museum professional, scholar, and writer, and a most worthy recipient of this award. Her appointment as director of the renowned Frick Collection was hailed in August 2003 by *The New York Times* which stated, "For the first time in its 68-year history, the Frick Collection has named a woman to be its director." The *Times* went on to quote the president of the Frick's Board, Helen Clay Chace, who in welcoming Anne, stated, "We were looking for someone with a very strong scholarly background and with good leadership qualities."

We are delighted that Anne's husband, François Poulet, has joined us to honor his wife. François, we welcome you to Sweet Briar and thank you for being with us today. It is also exciting that eight of Anne's 1964 classmates are here to celebrate Anne's award: Rosamond Sample Brown, Barbara Bolling Downs, V.M. Del Greco Galgano, Donna Pearson Josey, Claire Hughes Knapp, Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer, Mollie Johnson Nelson, and Grace Mary Garry Oates.

At its spring meeting, the Board of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association passed a resolution in honor of Anne. I shall present to her a framed copy of the resolution, along with her award pendant, but first, let me read the resolution:



Linda DeVogt presents Anne Poulet with Distinguished Alumna Award



Anne and François Poulet, Founders' Day Convocation

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Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 18, 2004, acknowledges with gratitude the honor and prestige that our 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, Anne Litle Poulet of the Class of 1964, has brought to Sweet Briar College. Anne has received recognition throughout the museum world for her work as a museum curator. The first woman to direct The Frick Collection and Frick Art Reference Library in New York City, she was previously Curator Emerita of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, having for 20 years been curator of that museum's department of European decorative arts and sculpture. Her work was distinguished by the publication of eight collection catalogues and the acquisition of several major art collections for the museum.

As a student, Anne participated in Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France and earned her B.A. from Sweet Briar cum laude, with distinction in Art History. She holds a master's degree with a Certificate in Museum Training from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, and a certificate of graduation from the Museum Management Institute at Berkeley. She has received a number of professional grants and fellowships, including a Ford Foundation Grant in Museum Training and a Kress Fellowship at the National Gallery of Art. The writer of numerous publications, she received great acclaim as author of the exhibition catalogue *Jean-Antoine Houdon (1741-1828): Sculptor of the Enlightenment*. In 1992, she co-wrote the catalogue *Clodion (1738-1814)* which was published in conjunction with the exhibition at the Louvre. Anne is co-founder of The French Heritage Society and was on its board for many years. A longtime member of Sweet Briar's Friends of Art, she served on that group's board from 1995 to 2001 and co-hosted its fall 1998 meeting in Boston.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Anne who, even with the demands of her high position, has remained a strong and loyal supporter of her alma mater. The Board does so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Linda DeVogt '86
President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.

1988

Dorothy Rouse-Bottom '49
Diana Muldaur Dozier '60
Karin Lawson '74

1989

Hallam Hurt '67

1990

Virginia Upchurch Collier '72
Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

1991

Ann Henderson Bannard '49
Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45

1992

Marshall Yeargin-Allsopp '68

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Anna Chao Pai '57

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Joan Vail Thorne '51

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Katharine Crommelin Milton '62

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Connie Burwell White '34

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2002

Nella Gray Barkley '55

2003

Elizabeth Marton Forsyth '36*

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Anne Litle Poulet '64

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Spotlight



Catherine "Tappy" Lynn '64 One of Four Authors of book, *Yale in New Haven: Architecture & Urbanism*

After 6 years in the making, the book that Catherine "Tappy" Lynn '64 wrote with her husband Vincent Scully and two other authors, *Yale in New Haven: Architecture & Urbanism*, is complete. Yale calls it "the first major book devoted to the history of Yale's architecture and planning." The Dean of the Yale School of Architecture, Robert A. M. Stern, wrote, "The work of four scholars, it is a thoroughly researched, engaging, provocative, sometimes iconoclastic record of the physical history of the University and its host city. Meticulous in its scholarship, especially in the accounts of the University's first two hundred years, *Yale in New Haven* should appeal not only to architects and planners but also to anyone interested in the University's evolution." The historian David McCullough added, "The essays by Vincent Scully, Catherine Lynn, Erik Vogt, and Paul Goldberger are clear-eyed, knowing, and at times brilliant. What a marvelous book!"

Catherine's (Tappy's) contribution to the book is a 3-part essay, which,

Yale reports, "takes up the story in the post-Civil War era, as Yale began to withdraw from New Haven behind walls of fortress-like Gothic buildings. Stone masonry replaced the brick of the old Row, now scorned as too similar to the local factories...Lynn, a historian, traces Yale's erratic architectural moves over seventy years of expansion beyond its original campus: from Victorian building experiments that soon suffered wholesale demolition, to a brief institutional enthusiasm for grand classical monuments, to a period of relatively routine construction in the Collegiate Gothic mode. Much of this was instructive prelude to the architectural achievements of James Gamble Rogers and a generation of Yale alumni architects who, during the depths of the Great Depression, used Yale's newly endowed wealth to transform their alma mater yet again"

Married to renowned critic and author Vincent Scully, Catherine is clearly a formidable scholar herself who teaches preservation courses in the School of Architecture at the University of Miami and has taught in Columbia's preservation program, Yale's architecture school, and the Fashion Institute of Technology's graduate program in the decorative arts. In addition to earning her degree from Sweet Briar in medieval history,

she is a graduate of the Winterthur Program of the University of Delaware and holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale. She has held curatorial posts at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum and the Atlanta Historical Society. She was also director of education and development for the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, editing its *Connecticut Preservation News* from 1987 to 1991. Her publications include *Wallpaper in America* (1980), and two chapters in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's catalogue for an exhibition of 1986, *In Pursuit of Beauty: Americans and the Aesthetic Movement*.

Catherine and her husband with their Siberian Husky, Aldo, migrate annually between New Haven and Coral Gables, spending their summers in her hometown, Lynchburg.

Sweet Briar alumnae will be very proud of Catherine's latest accomplishment; the many alumnae with "Yalie" connections will be especially interested. *Yale in New Haven: Architecture and Urbanism* (406 pages, 335 illustrations, \$45.00 plus shipping and handling, plus 6% Connecticut sales tax on books shipped to CT), may be ordered by mail addressed to: Yale in New Haven, Pathway Book Service, 4 White Brook Road, Gilsum, NH 03448; by telephone, toll free: 800-345-6665; online at www.yale.edu/prINTER/yaleinnnewhaven/purchase.html; or by fax: 603-357-2073

Gay Hart Gaines '59

Appointed by President Bush to Board of Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Gay Hart Gaines was appointed a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), a private, non-profit corporation which provides federal money to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). There are now over 1000 PBS and NPR local stations across the country; they depend mostly on local private funds but get about 15% of their budgets from the CPB. Gay's six-year

term begins at a critical time, when public broadcasting, particularly public television, is facing increasing competition from cable companies.

In testimony before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee prior to her CPB appointment, Gay emphasized both her own commitment to education, and the important role that education plays in public broadcasting: "I come to the board of CPB as someone who has lived all over the world growing up, and who has lived all over the United States since marrying my husband Stanley in 1959. Wherever I have lived, I have been involved in civic and cultural endeavors that reflect my deep interest in education, American history, civic life, and the arts. Through these efforts, I have gained a broad perspective on the interests and needs of people across our great country. I know firsthand that the residents of big cities in which I've lived, like Chicago, Los Angeles and Minneapolis, live differently than people in towns like Hebron, Ohio or Leadville, Colorado. Certainly, the remotest areas of Senator McCain's Arizona or Senator Stevens' Alaska present challenges many of us can hardly imagine, where public broadcasting is the only link to news, information and excellent children's and cultural programming. Public broadcasting offers tremendous service at the community level, responding to local differences and meeting local needs..."

"Throughout the United States, public broadcasting is free of charge and devoid of commercial interruptions. This has been personally important to me, particularly with regard to children's programming. My four children watched *Mr. Rogers* and *Sesame Street*; now my eight (and soon to be nine!) grandchildren are safely watching many of the same shows as well. But I, as well as so many of us, have been entertained and inspired over the years by programs like *Masterpiece Theater*, *NOVA* and *NewsHour*. If I am confirmed to the board of CPB, my goal would be to strengthen and support public broadcasting at every level."

Referring to George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, where she was elected Regent in October 2004, Gay described several of her successful fund-raising efforts to educate people about America's first president, and continued: "I believe that knowing and understanding our own history is one of the most important ways we have to transmit American values. I am passionately interested in education and have been for a long time. Education is the tool that opens minds and opportunities to all Americans. If I am confirmed, I will be totally committed to public broadcasting's role of providing excellence in learning not only for children but for Americans of every age."

To this challenging appointment to the CPB board, Gay brings distinguished qualifications in public service and fund-raising at the national and local levels. Foremost in her efforts is the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. "This is the first, and oldest historic preservation board in America," she pointed out. "Mount Vernon is unique: it is open 365 days and handles over one million visitors a year. We are trying to bring George Washington back into the lives of everyday Americans in a very positive way." Gay is very active in Mount

Vernon's ongoing \$95 million capital campaign to fund a new facility that will be an educational and orientation centre as well as a museum. Before becoming Regent, she was the association's Vice Regent for Florida. Gay is also a mover and shaker in Republican politics. A charter member of GOPAC (a training and teaching organization for Republican political candidates) she was its national chairman for four years including 1994 when the U.S. House of Representatives became predominantly Republican for the first time in 40 years. As president of the Palm Beach Republican Club from 2002 to 2004, she raised the most money the club has ever had. Gay is also a member of the American Enterprise Institute, the Heritage Foundation and the Madison Council of the Library of Congress. She has been involved with the New York City Ballet and has served on the boards of the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, the Auxiliary Board of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the McCarter Theater in Princeton. She has also been a board member of the Hudson Institute, the Best Friends Foundation, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation where she was president of the Palm Beach chapter for three years.

Energetic and involved even in her days as a Sweet Briar student, Gay was the May Queen and the Harvest Festival Princess, as well as a member of the Art and Music Club and the Varsity Hockey team. She earned her degree from Sweet Briar in psychology, graduating with honors. In addition to raising her family and volunteering, she studied interior design at the University of Minnesota and ran her own business for 10 years. Over the years, she has remained loyal and generous to her alma mater, and served on her class's Reunion Gifts Committee in 1989.

Sweet Briar is very proud of Gay, and wishes her all the best in this position of national prominence and importance.



Gay Hart Gaines '59



Joan Berend Morse Gordon '46

Authors Book, *The Road Taken: A Journey in Time Down Pennsylvania Route 45*

As a relief from the long Interstate drive from Pittsburgh to the Berkshires that she made for many summers, Joan Gordon would take a detour onto Route 45 in central Pennsylvania. Charmed by the lovely countryside, she wrote, "I would ask myself, while driving through the tiny towns and open farmland, who were the people who first came here? What brought them to this valley in the middle of nowhere in the first place? What were they hoping to find? And did they find it? Who stayed on, who left, and why? And what connection, if any, had I as an outsider to this place? Would I ever choose to stay and take root?" In finding the answers to these questions, Joan developed the book, *The Road Taken: A Journey in Time Down Pennsylvania Route 45* (The Local History Company, Pittsburgh PA, 2002).

Over the course of several summers, Joan spent as much time as she could in the area, recording her impressions of a way of life that has both changed dramatically over the years yet retained many

characteristics from the earliest settlers. Recognizing the strength of the region's history and people, she interviewed the locals and visited museums and libraries, adding a wealth of personal, historic, and geographic detail. She learned that the area benefited greatly from William Penn's legacy of religious tolerance. Jewish immigrant Aaron Levy was able to own land, something impossible in his native 18th century Holland. Chemist and Unitarian minister Joseph Priestly settled nearby, escaping in advance of a Birmingham, England mob. Others poured in from the German Palatine, and French royalists even saw the area as a refuge for Marie Antoinette and her son (unfortunately, she lost her head before she could become a Pennsylvanian). More recently other "immigrants" have found the area, fleeing cities in search of a gentler way of life.

Following are some comments on and reactions to the book:

The Midwest Book Review gave the book a 5 star rating and called it "a genuine treat for the armchair traveler and/or the Pennsylvania history buff."

The local tourism group, "Friends of the Purple Heart Highway," features the book on its brochure and Web site; bed & breakfasts put the book in their rooms; and Joan goes to the Fall Festival every year for a book-signing.

Reviewer Mary Ann Smyth wrote, "This grand wealth of history is fascinating reading. It made me want to climb in the car, retrace the route the author took, meet the people she met, see the places she saw, and taste the foods she tasted."

Sounding a more cosmic note—in a foreword to the book, Edward K. Muller, professor of history and director of urban studies at the University of Pittsburgh, wrote: "We bemoan the sprawl of urban development eating up rural land dozens of miles from the center of our metropolitan areas. We lament sprawl's sameness from region to region, its lack of form and a center, and its unfriendly environment for pedestrians.... There is another America awaiting the traveler, if he or she takes the time to experience it. The

traveler must abandon the Interstates and journey along the older U.S. and state routes that traverse what was once called 'the countryside'...Gordon asks us to rediscover this other America. Perhaps this discovery will heighten our sensitivity and concern about the destruction of the countryside. Perhaps, we may be moved to rethink the path we are taking."

Joan is a retired fundraising event planner who, when not writing, carves in wood and stone. She travels extensively (including a job on Semester-at-Sea, which took her around the world) and is an avid gardener, mushroom hunter, cook, and art museum docent. Joan studied at Sweet Briar for three years and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh, from which she also obtained an MFA in creative non-fiction that required a full-length manuscript for its degree. This book is the happy result. She lives alone in Oakland, the heart of Pittsburgh, close to the Carnegie Museum and the University. Her daughter, Ann Morse and husband David Dickinson, live in Medford, MA where David specializes in juvenile literacy at Boston College and Ann works as a Head Start consultant. Her son, who long ago changed his name from Jonathan to Fuzzbee Morse, is a composer and performer in Hollywood. Their late father, Arthur D. Morse, who worked as a producer with Edward R. Murrow at CBS, was the author of "While Six Million Died," published in 1968 and remarkably still in print. Joan's second husband, the late Donald E. Gordon, was a professor of art history who specialized in German Expressionism. His sons, Rich and Tom and grandson Conrad Gordon have immeasurably enriched Joan's life.

A discount on purchases of the book is available to the Sweet Briar community through December 31, 2005. Be sure to mention Sweet Briar. For details, contact The Local History Company, 112 North Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232-2849; Tel. toll free: 866-362-0789; fax: 412-362-8192; E-mail: info@thelocalhistorycompany.com



Tisa Delaney Pearce '90

Runs Online Retail Business that Benefits Families in Kenya

Knitting is a hobby that is growing in popularity among young women in the U.S. today. But for a group of rural women in Kenya known as the Kenana Knitters, knitting is an important part of their livelihood, and allows them to buy some of the necessities of life in this very poor part of the world. To help these women, Tisa Delaney Pearce has started an online catalog www.kenanausa.com selling their lovely handmade products. Each item is personally signed by the woman who knits it and the money earned by that woman goes directly into her personal bank account thereby enabling her to improve the quality of life for herself and her family. The charming knit items, known as the "Kenana Knitter Critters," make perfect gifts for almost any occasion.

Some of the items were pictured in the December 2004 issues of the magazines *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Organic Style*, and *ABC Carpets* in New York City gave out finger puppets as their "Santa Gifts" after children had their pictures taken with Santa. The products include beautiful animals, people, children's hat, scarf and mitten

sets, and many other items. All are knitted with hand-spun wool and dyed with natural plant dye. Since August, thanks to awareness of the Kenana Knitters raised through www.kenanausa.com and Tisa's mother, who is the wholesaler of the Critters, the group has grown from 13 knitters to over 200. Profits have enabled the group to start construction on a school and provide medical testing and vaccinations for each woman and her family. An indoor kitchen facility is also in the works so that the women can dye and dry the wool under cover during the rainy season.

Tisa feels great satisfaction in being able to keep so many people employed—including herself! "We place the orders in advance for what we anticipate will be purchased and the women are paid up front for their work. My profit comes from what I actually sell. Obviously, the more I sell the more people we can employ in Kenya," she explains. "Kenana Knitters provides a much-needed source of income for women in rural Kenya. Their lot is a hard one—there is no running water or readily available fuel for cooking, no transport to the marketplace, and very little access to basic medical attention. Wages from such agricultural work that is available for men are insufficient to support large

and extended families; besides, Kenya is still very much a male-orientated society where a wife and family may have little claim on a man's earnings."

She describes the philosophy of her company, www.kenanausa.com as follows: "Our commitment is to the welfare of our knitters, to respecting and sustaining the environment and to promoting and practicing fair and open trade ethics and principles. By purchasing our handcrafted products you are helping to create income and ultimately a better life for our artisans and their families. Our philosophy is that crafts people should be paid directly and fairly for their talent and products. In our working partnerships around the world, we work closely with crafts people in product development and quality control without hampering their natural creativity. Our company slogan is, 'Every Toy Made is Another Woman Paid.'"

Tisa was introduced to the Kenana Knitters Group in January, 2004 when she and her mother (who owns an import company specializing in handmade goods from Kenya and Haiti) were approached at the Atlanta Gift Show by a friend of the group looking for someone to represent the Kenana Knitters full product line in the United States.

"The education and skills I attained at Sweet Briar have enabled me to give this Web site a chance," said Tisa. "The education gave me the confidence to be a player in the international arena, and the awareness and practice of community service was a strong influence." She acknowledges that she also owes History Professor Gerald Berg, who specializes in African Studies, a big thanks for introducing her to the many cultures of Africa.

After graduating from Sweet Briar, Tisa was the public relations representative in the southeastern U.S. for Oscar Mayer, driving the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. (The Wienermobile job, incidentally, was a direct result of her J-term internship at CNN.) After completing her one-year tour with Oscar, she joined a trade association called the American Plastics Council and was a

state-level lobbyist for member corporations.

In 1995, she married Ed Pearce (HSC '90) and in 1997, she became a stay-at-home mother when her daughter Madeline was born. The following year, she had a son, Jackson.

"Meeting up with Kenana Knitters and starting the Web site was a very fortunate collision of events and timing. My kids are both in school all day now so I was looking for something to do. This is perfect: I get to spend more time with my mother, have "a job with a conscience," and I am fulfilled by the continual learning process of the business. I can be flexible with my time because it's a web-based business."

For the future, Tisa hopes the Kenana Knitter Critters will continue to be the success they have been in 2004. If the most recent gift show in New York is any indication, the Kenana Knitter Critters will be even bigger in 2005! Look in the May issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* for the Kenana Knitted Teddy Bear with a sweater vest. Visit www.kenanausa.com and spread the word!

Linda McKoy Stewart '47 Publishes Book about Caring for her Husband who had Alzheimer's

Linda McKoy Stewart has written an inspiring book, *25 Months: A Memoir* (The Other Press, New York, 2004) about coping after her husband suffered a sudden onset of Alzheimer's disease. Describing the book, *Kirkus Reviews* writes:

"When Stewart, a travel writer, woke her 78-year-old husband Jack from an afternoon nap and found him disoriented, unfocused, and incoherent, her first thought was that he had had a stroke. She rushed him to a hospital, expecting that with speedy treatment all would be well and the former head of the *New York Times* book publishing division would soon resume his active, happy retirement. The next day she received the news that Jack had Alzheimer's, a fatal, degenerative condition that usually



Linda McKoy Stewart

develops slowly but can come on in a single episode. How her strong, enthusiastic, bright, and articulate husband changes, and how she dealt with this transformation over the remaining 25 months of his life, are her subjects here. At first, Stewart searched the recent past for overlooked clues, episodes signaling that all was not good in Jack's brain. She recalled a bicycle accident he once had riding to work, which could have put him at greater risk for the disease, but she eventually realized that there were no answers and it was more important to deal with the present situation. Her recollections of what Jack once was are vivid, but her life revolves around caring for her husband as he is now. With grim humour and frankness, Stewart describes their encounters with physicians, her struggle to care for Jack herself, the measures she took to keep him active and engaged, and her disturbing inspection tour of an Alzheimer's care facility when home care no longer seemed possible. Fortunately, the arrival of... a [remarkable and skilled] home health aide, made all the difference, and she was able to keep her husband at home until the end. Most of her memories of their life together are joyous, however, and while this work documents Jack's terrible men-

tal and physical disintegration, it also celebrates his life, their marriage, and their love."

The book carries the following endorsement by Dr. Howard Dean, former Governor of Vermont:

Linda Stewart has written a warm and strong life story that conveys to every reader the terrible trials and extraordinary joy that attend the caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's.

Picked as a reviewer's favorite in the January 2, 2005 *The Providence Journal*, which called it "a warm, loving and thought-provoking memoir," the book has elicited many other favorable comments, including the following by Betsey Detwiler, a bookstore owner in Cohasset, MA:

"Would you please convey to Linda Stewart my admiration for her book, *25 Months*...I started in on Friday evening and read through the day on Saturday. When I finished reading, I felt as though I had known these two people. Ms. Stewart does such a wonderful job of illuminating the quick mind and character of her husband that his loss is all the more poignant, and she is so skillful in the way she has alternated chapters which concern the progression of his disease with chapters telling of earlier days with the people, places and events which have shaped their lives. Her writing is very graceful, devoid of self-pity but honest in the anguish which she felt as the Jack she had known slipped away. She's really a beautiful writer, and this is a very moving book."

Comments from a reader in England show how the book's appeal is not limited to those dealing with Alzheimer's disease: "I have just finished reading the above book and enjoyed (which seems a strange word to use, considering the subject!) it a great deal and found it very moving and inspiring and could not put it down."

I wondered if it would be possible to pass on my condolences to Linda, the author, and my comments regarding the book and how it has given me purpose and inspiration. I am going through a difficult time in my personal life at

the moment (nothing connected with Alzheimer's) and reading the book at this time may have seemed strange to some people, but it has made me look at things in a very different way and made me think about changing my life. The book was wonderfully written and really made me think."

Linda has been a travel writer since the 1980s. Her work has appeared in major metropolitan newspapers and magazines in the U.S., Canada and abroad. Sweet Briar alumnae are accustomed to reading her cogent class notes in the *Alumnae Magazine*, as she is the Class Secretary for her Class of 1947. She lives in Rumson, NJ and keeps in close touch with five adult "children," a dozen grandchildren, and one great.

Linda's book is available from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (Tel: 800-381-6106; e-mail: bookshop@sbc.edu) and other good booksellers.

Sherrie Snead McLeRoy '74

Co-Authors International Award-Winning Book

Sherrie McLeRoy's latest book, *Grape Man of Texas: the Life of T. V. Munson*, was named "Best Wine History Book in the World" by the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards at a gala ceremony and dinner in Orebro, Sweden on February 11. Sherrie and her co-author, Dr. Roy E. Renfro, director of the T.V. Munson Memorial Vineyard and the T.V. Munson Viticulture and Enology Center in Texas, were both present to receive the award from Gourmand president Edouard Cointreau. Gourmand is based in Madrid, Spain and recognizes the finest in international food and wine books. This year's 10th anniversary awards attracted more than 5,000 entries competing in nearly 50 categories. Gourmand had earlier honored the book with its top ranking of three stars and pronounced it a "very important book for wine history."

Released in June of 2004, *Grape Man of Texas* was one of only four American books and nineteen worldwide to be recognized on that inaugural three-star list. It also won its language division in

November and was named "Best Wine History Book in English/United States." In Orebro, it competed against books from six other countries for the top award in that category.

Grape Man is the first biography written about this eminent Texas horticulturist. Thomas Volney Munson (1843-1913) developed over 300 new grapes but is perhaps best known for his efforts in fighting the phylloxera epidemic of the late 19th century which nearly destroyed vineyards around the world. For his work, he received the Chevalier du Merite Agricole in the French Legion of Honor. He was a leader in the "new science" movement of the period for his cutting-edge work in breeding new grape and plant varieties.

Sherrie notes that she received great help with the Missouri research on the book from her friend Jane Piper Gleason '74 and her husband Joe; Jane's family owns the site of one of the most famous nurseries and vineyards of the time, and Jane passed along all the research they had compiled on it.

Sherrie, a 1974 honors graduate of Sweet Briar, is a former museum administrator who has written more than a dozen books and monographs on the history of Amherst County, Virginia—her home—and of Texas. She was a founder of the Amherst County Historical

Museum and first staff curator of the Galveston (Texas) Historical Foundation. She lives in Aledo, TX, with her husband Bill, a fundraising consultant, and their 12-year-old daughter Ann. Sherrie is the daughter of Shirley P. Snead of Amherst and the late Zane G. Snead; her sister, Debbie Snead Shrader, is SBC Class of 1978.

Photographer Elizabeth Matheson '64

Matheson wins N.C. Award for art

By Keri Clay

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HILLSBOROUGH—An Irish seascap, a rhinoceros with the word "England" scrawled on its flank, an Italian clothesline.

Through her camera lens, Elizabeth Matheson can simplify and humanize any subject. Her photographs are deceptively simple and occasionally humorous, yet provoke strong emotional reaction.

That ability has won the Hillsborough resident the respect of her photographic colleagues and, as of Wednesday night, the state's highest civilian honor, the North Carolina Award.

Gov. Mike Easley presented the award to seven people, including Matheson, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. The award winners were honored for their work in a variety of fields, including public service, science, literature and fine arts.

The award, Matheson said, is the culmination of her 30 years in the field of fine arts.

"If there is any award that I could get in life, this one means the most to me," she said before the ceremony from her pre-Civil War home in the downtown Hillsborough historic area.

Originally from Hillsborough, Matheson lived in London, then in New York City before returning to North Carolina in 1972. Feeling lost amid the energy of her husband's N.C. State University students, she opted for photography as an outlet.

Friend and mentor John Menapace taught her the intricacies of the camera

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Sherrie Snead McLeRoy



Elizabeth Matheson

while she was enrolled at the Penland School of Crafts in the North Carolina mountains.

Matheson has traveled extensively to the Mediterranean and England, as well as around the U.S., in search of subject matter. Much of her work has been centered in North Carolina, with landscapes and architecture—mostly in black and white and only occasionally in color—her preferred focus. Only rarely do people show up in her photos.

"I prefer photographing a subject that doesn't look back at me," Matheson said.

Although she works in a public field, she acknowledges she is very shy. Several years ago, she was asked to speak at the opening of a solo exhibit of her works at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Instead of showing up, she asked her friend and occasional collaborator, poet Michael McFee, to write and read a poem about her work.

She has worked on many different group and solo projects. In addition to the N.C. Museum of Arts show, her photos have been included in exhibits at the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Birmingham Museum of Art in Alabama and the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. But it's her work in North Carolina that has brought her the most satisfaction.

"The thing that touches me the most is that everything good that has happened to me has happened in [North Carolina],"

Matheson said. "Within this state, I have been supported by the most wonderful people."

Most recently, she has had an exhibition in the Gallery of Art & Design at N.C. State titled "A Vibrant Transparency." She has received a grant from the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art/NEA, a North Carolina Arts Council Artists Fellowship and has collaborated with other artists on three books, with a fourth as a current project.

Nevertheless, Matheson remains humbled by her success.

"When [the state Department of Cultural Resources] called with news of the award, I think I said something like, 'Oh, I could die right here,' and the woman on the phone said, 'Well, no, you can't because you have to accept this award,'" Matheson recalled. "I was totally shocked."

Brenda Follmer, director of public affairs for the Department of Cultural Resources, said requests for nominations are sent in the spring to university deans, presidents and chancellors. Letters of nomination are accepted throughout the spring, then each one is reviewed and decisions are made by autumn.

"The nominations are open to the general public," Follmer said. "There's no shortage of [recommendations]."

More than 200 people have received the North Carolina Award since its inception in 1964. An individual is only allowed one award in his or her lifetime, Follmer said.

"[Matheson] is very deserving of this award," Follmer said.

McFee, a professor of English at UNC, concurred.

Matheson's photographs, he said, display "subtle wit and a terrific drama."

As her friend and former partner in creating a book, "To See," that featured his poems and her photographs, McFee said Matheson is ambitious—but not for fame or fortune. Rather, he said, she will do whatever is necessary to capture the essence of the subject, whether land or people.

"I am totally giddy that Elizabeth is receiving this award," McFee said. "She's completely dedicated to Hillsborough, and

to North Carolina."

Her photographs have inspired people and always show her commitment to both the art of photography and to her birthplace, he said.

"She's just a great North Carolinian," McFee said.



Ronald E. Horwege:
First Recipient of Cameron Fellowship

Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures Ron Horwege is the College's first recipient of the Cameron Fellowship, established by an endowed fund given by Flora Cameron Crichton '46. One Cameron Fellow will be named every two years from among the full professors, in recognition of ongoing work of value to the College including research, innovative teaching or service, or other valuable endeavors. Cameron Fellows will carry their title and stipend until retirement. Congratulations, Ron!

Retirees

"Happy Trails" to them as they begin their retirement



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HATTIE MAE SAMFORD
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Michael D. Richards
June, 2004

After 38 years on the Sweet Briar College faculty, Mike Richards (B.A. University of Tulsa; A.M., Ph.D. Duke University) announced his retirement.

Mike enlightened many of us on the history of our own time. Recent publications include *Twentieth-Century Europe: A Brief History* (Harlan Davidson, 1998); *Term Paper Resource Guide to Twentieth-Century World History* (Greenwood, 2000); and *Revolutions in World History* (Routledge, 2004). He dedicated a lifetime of service to the College, most recently chairing the Honors Committee, and in 2003-2004 as chair of the Faculty Senate. Mike left the area to continue his writing. We wish him well in this next stage in his career.

WHITNEY-GUION
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

George H. Lenz
December 2004

George Lenz (A.B., M.S., Ph.D., Rutgers University) came to Sweet Briar in 1971.

He served as dean for nearly a dozen years, from 1989 through 2001 and in that time led the faculty through enormous transition. From January 1996 during the Presidential Search process and until the arrival of President Muhlenfeld, he served the College in dual capacities: Dean of the College and Chief Administrative Officer.

George and wife Ellen divide their time happily between Sweet Briar and California.

PROFESSOR OF
ART HISTORY

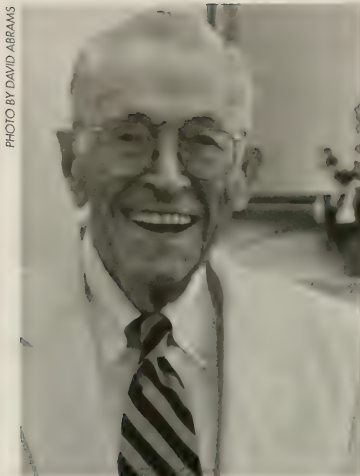
Diane D. Moran
December 2004

Diane Moran (B.S., Magna Cum Laude, University of North Dakota; Ph.D., University of Virginia) joined the Sweet Briar faculty as instructor in Art History in 1977.

Many alumnae have wonderful memories of the Winter Term student trips to Vienna led by Diane. Among her many contributions to the Sweet Briar community was her devoted service as a member of the 1983-84 committee of visionaries who planned the Pannell Art Gallery, celebrated in September 2004 on the 20th anniversary of its dedication.

Diane is currently writing a book for which she has a contract; the book is on a Los Angeles modernist artist. She continues to enjoy her campus home on Woodland Road, which she shares with two Shih Tzu pups.

In Memoriam



Gordon Beemer at Reunion 2002

Gordon G. Beemer H '21 1909-2005

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Gordon Beemer, husband of Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer, Sweet Briar Class of 1921, and a long-standing, strongly committed friend of the College. He died in Lake Forest, IL on January 3rd, 2005 of natural causes, at the age of 95.

Born in Lafayette, IN, he attended Jefferson High School in Lafayette and graduated from Purdue University in 1930 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. In 1933 he moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana where he worked for the State Highway Department as a civil engineer. There, in 1935, he married Julia Gregg; they had two sons, Michael Gregg Beemer, born in 1937 and Charles Gordon Beemer, born in 1940.

In 1943 Gordon entered the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion ("SeaBees"). He served in the Pacific Theater and on Okinawa, being honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant (J.G.). He and his family then moved temporarily to Bloomington, IN where he earned his law degree from Indiana University Law School. Returning to Crawfordsville, he practiced law until his retirement in 1985. Julia Gregg Beemer died in 1982.

In 1986 he married Florence Woelfel Elston '21, the widow of Isaac C. Elston, Jr. The ceremony took place on Thursday, May 22, in the West Parlor of Sweet Briar House, blessed by Sweet Briar College Chaplain Susan C. Lehman. Two of Florence's classmates, Edith Durrell Marshall and Betty Morris Coleman were among the well-wishers, as their 65th Reunion festivities began on Friday, May 23! After that, Gordon and Florence returned to Sweet Briar every year, and in 1988 took part in the festive dedication of the Florence Elston Inn that included a second wedding anniversary celebration.

The Beemers divided their time between Crawfordsville, Chicago, and Ocean Ridge, FL. Gordon encouraged and supported Florence's lifelong interest in benefiting Sweet Briar College. As a result of this support, the Florence Elston Inn (including the Beemer Family Conference Room) was constructed and dedicated in 1988.

After Florence's death in 1989, Gordon continued his support of Sweet Briar; through his support and provisions made by Florence, the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center was constructed and dedicated in 1999, consisting of a 38-room inn and conference facilities, which enable Sweet Briar to hold major symposia and conferences on campus. Because of his investment acumen he was affectionately known as the "Warren Buffett of Sweet Briar."

President Muhlenfeld noted in her memorial tribute that "Gordon took great pride in the fact that Florence and her classmates had made him an Honorary Member of the Class of 1921. Until the last couple of years, he came to every Reunion and had a ball. The last time he was on campus for Reunion, during Convocation I recognized all the members of the 50th reuniting class, the 55th, the 60th, and then recognized Gordon, representing the 81st. Gordon stood up, turned around, addressed the Convocation audience, and received a standing ovation."

Gordon Beemer was known and will be remembered for his outgoing personality and charm; his acting and writing abilities; his award-winning photographs; his love of his red BMW convertible

("Little Red"); crossword puzzles; golf; bridge; singing; parties and travel; his investment acumen; and for his generosity to many charities, to his family, and to the hundreds of Sweet Briar students and alumnae who already have benefited from his generosity and will continue to do so for decades to come.

In 1995 he traversed the globe on the Concorde after taking many trips abroad with the Chicago Symphony and Art Institute. Everyone on his substantial mailing list looked forward to his annual Christmas card with a picture and description of his trip or trips that year.

Gordon Beemer enjoyed and celebrated life to the maximum. He shared his delight and interest in "the passing parade" with all those around him. We shall miss his lively spirit but give thanks for having known this charismatic, quixotic, caring individual.

Gordon is survived by his two sons, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Florence Elston Endowment Fund, Sweet Briar College.



Arnold Del Greco

Arnold Armando Del Greco 1908-2005

Former Professor of Modern Languages, Sweet Briar College

Arnold Del Greco, 96, Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia, died peacefully at home on January 13, 2005, surrounded by his loving family.

The Del Greco's are very much a Sweet Briar family. Professor Del Greco taught at SBC from 1942-1946, when he resigned to complete his doctoral degree. He returned in 1956, rejoining the Department of Modern Languages until 1965. Two daughters, Lee Del Greco Wood '60 and Virginia Marietta (V.M.) Del Greco Galgano '64 spent happy childhood/growing-up years on campus; both are graduates. V.M. served on the Alumnae

Association Board as First Vice President. The Del Grecos celebrated at SBC with V.M. and her classmates for their 35th Reunion in 1999.

Born in Anversa, Italy, Arnold Del Greco received his B.S. from New York University and the M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He was also a Columbia Hispanic Scholar at the University of Mexico and at the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain.

He devoted 45 years of his life to teaching Spanish and Italian literature at Brooklyn College, Sweet Briar College, the University of Virginia, and the Universidad de Salamanca. His specialty was Spanish literature of the 19th and 20th centuries. He is best remembered for establishing a joint M.A. program in Spanish between the University of Virginia and the Universidad de Salamanca. He directed the program until his retirement in 1979.

The author of two books and numerous articles, he was the director of the Spanish Graduate Program at UVA; editor of the Modern Foreign Language Association Bulletin; founding director of the Ibero-American Novel Project of the William Faulkner Foundation; and was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to be the Assistant Coordinator of the Bolivian Seminar held at the UVA Law School.

He was honored with a Meritorious Service Medal and the Distinguished Professor Award by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and the Foreign Language Association of Virginia. He was also the recipient of the Gold Medal of Honor Award from the Universidad de Salamanca for his contributions to the teaching of Spanish language, literature and culture. To his students, Professor Del Greco was "the consummate teacher, bursting with fun." His knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm made studying with him a genuine pleasure. Many students remained in close contact with him throughout his life. His love of Mediterranean culture is celebrated by them, as well as by family and friends.

After retirement, he and his wife Laura devoted 26 years to their hobby, traveling all over the world. He directed Casa Del Greco Tours for hundreds of friends and colleagues.

Arnold Del Greco was preceded in

death by Laura, his wife of 68 years, on December 23, 2004. He is survived by one brother, his daughters, 11 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Thomas Vance Gilpatrick 1923-2005

Sadly, we received news of Professor of Government Emeritus Tom Gilpatrick's death in Rockville, MD on January 18, 2005.

Tom served in the Army during WWII and was with the 12th Artillery Corps in France when peace was declared. After the War, he received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois and the Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He came to Sweet Briar in 1959 after teaching for three years at Pennsylvania State University.

Tom brought with him many talents. He served as chair of the Division of Social Science and the Department of Government; adviser to government majors; pre-law adviser; director of internships in law, politics, and public service; coordinator for the Washington Semester program; and as chair and member of countless College committees. His wide-ranging interests led him to a year in India as a Visiting Professor at the University of Osmania and to other assignments and posts in England and Denmark. He also served as Sweet Briar's representative to the Faculty Senate of Virginia, as president of SBC's American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter, and for many

years as parliamentarian for meetings of the faculty.

It was probably courses on U.S. Constitutional Law for which he will be best remembered by his former students. But what he enjoyed most for much of his career was supervising students with Winter Term Congressional internships in Washington, D.C., going to Washington every January to visit those "on location" on and near Capitol Hill.

Tom hung up his academic robe after Commencement, 1989, having taught at Sweet Briar for 30 years. He was an active member of Lynchburg's First Unitarian Church for more than 40 years, sang with the Jefferson Choral Society, was a card-carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and a member of the Lynchburg Council on Human Relations. He was a founder of Lynchburg's emergency fuel project, which provided emergency fuel relief to low income families.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years (Jean Gilpatrick of Potomac, MD), two daughters, three grandchildren, a sister, two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

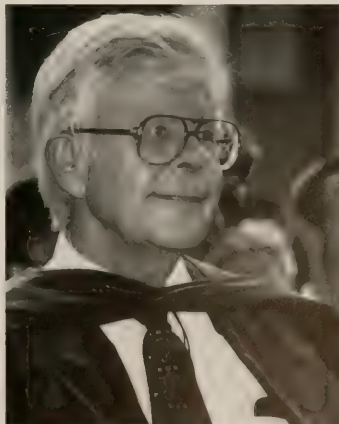
Excerpted from obituary notice by daughter Diane Gilpatrick and from remarks by SBC Professor of Government Emeritus Kenneth Grimm, published in the Fall 1989 Alumnae Magazine

Miriam F. Bennett Former Professor of Biology, Sweet Briar College

We were distressed to learn of the death of Dr. Miriam F. Bennett, who served as a professor in the Department of Biology from 1954-1973. She died unexpectedly on Feb. 2, 2005 at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. She was 77.

According to family members, when Miriam entered Carleton College in 1946, she planned to major in either history or English and then attend law school. After taking her first introductory zoology course, however, she changed her career plans and never looked back. She graduated from Carleton College in 1950 with a bachelor's degree, cum laude, in zoology. She then received her master's degree from Mount Holyoke in 1952, followed by the Ph.D. in biology from Northwestern University in 1954.

PHOTO BY ROBERT A. MARTIN



Tom Gilpatrick at Commencement 1989

recent deaths

1921

(Honorary Class Member)
Mr. Gordon G. Beemer
January 3, 2005

1925

Almena Perkins
Mrs. Fabian Gudas
March 6, 2004

Virginia Whitlock
Mrs. Edwin Moll
June 20, 2004

1926

Nell Atkins
Mrs. W. C. Hagemeyer
July 6, 2001

1928

Margaret McWilliams
Mrs. Margaret M. Rentschler
July 26, 2001

1929

Mary Armstrong
Mrs. Mark L. Allen
August 29, 2004

Ruth Ferguson
Mrs. Frederick Smythe
January 30, 2005

1930

Elizabeth Gorsline
Miss Elizabeth Gorsline
December 2, 2004

1931

Dorothy Ayres
Mrs. John E. Holt
September 17, 2004

Virginia Derby
Mrs. Robert K. Howse
April 29, 2004

Josephine Gibbs
Mrs. Josephine G. Du Bois
February 22, 2005

1932

Elizabeth Clary
Mrs. Benjamin B. Treadwell
February 8, 2003

1933

Frances Powell
Mrs. Charles Zoppa
February 22, 2005

Mildred Rahm
Mrs. Frederick MacDonald
September 17, 2002

Jane Taylor
Mrs. George Lacy
May 15, 2003

1934

Barbara Butts
Miss Barbara E. Butts
August 31, 2000

Estelle Fariss
Mrs. Stanley Marsh, Jr.
September 15, 2003

Therese Lamfrom
Mrs. William A. Beck
August 19, 2004

Bonney McDonald
Mrs. Bonney M. Hatch
February 7, 2005

Nell Reed
Mrs. Austin C. Embrey
December 21, 2003

Mary Lee Ryan
Mrs. M. L. R. Strother
January 5, 2005

1935

Sarah Moorman
Mrs. Charles E. Shaver
May 28, 2004

1936

Grace Carney
Mrs. John H. McCarthy

December 26, 2004

Phoebe Jensch
Miss Phoebe L. Jensch
February 28, 2003

Constance Warner
Mrs. B. H. McElhinney, J.
April 1, 2001

1937

E. Virginia Hardin
Miss Virginia Hardin
January 27, 2005

Isabel Olmstead
Mrs. Storrs Haynes
June 2, 2003

1938

Elizabeth Cumnock
Mrs. Arthur T. Gunn, Jr.
May 20, 2003

Harriet Daniel
Mrs. Harvey Herd
October 6, 2005

Lucille Greene
Mrs. Lucille G. Michel
September 11, 2004

Jessie Silvers
Jessie Bennett-Thompson
January 25, 2005

Elizabeth Willcox
Mrs. Morton Riddle
February 18, 2005

Mary Andrus
Mrs. Edward F. McGee
January 1, 2005

Miriam Bennett

Her first academic appointment was in 1954 to the Department of Biology at Sweet Briar. She then rose steadily through the ranks from instructor to full professor and department chair within a decade. She remained on the SBC faculty until accepting a position at Colby College in 1973, joining the Colby faculty as the first woman chair of the Biology Department, after being selected from a pool of 230 applicants. She led the department as chair from 1973 until 1986. During her career at Colby, she held two endowed chairs: a Charles A. Dana Chair from 1974 to 1980, and the college's first William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair from 1980 until her retirement in 1993.

In 1995, the Carleton College Alumni Association honored Miriam with its annual Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. In making the award, the Carleton College Alumni Association aptly described her as a "living advertisement for the best traditions of small liberal arts colleges—devotion to teaching while keeping up with research interests, close association and collaboration with students, and friendships that last a lifetime."

1939

Margaret Ballard
Mrs. William L. Whitehurst, Jr.
January 13, 2005

Anne Lee Harrison
Mrs. Robert M. Brown
June 18, 2003

Anne Hutchinson
Mrs. Norman W. Fort, Jr.
May 11, 2003

Ruth MacFarlane
Mrs. Thomas Debevoise
January 10, 2005

Helen Michel
Miss Helen R. Michel
November 13, 2004

Eleanor Wallace
Mrs. Samuel T. Price
October 27, 2003

Virginia Wellford
Mrs. H. Sumner Farwell
April 8, 2004

1940

Ann Cauthorn
Miss Ann M. Cauthorn
June 30, 2000

Helen Cornwell
Mrs. Homer D. Jones
September 25, 2004

1941

Anne Borough
Mrs. John D. O'Connor
March 25, 2002

Shirley Devine
Mrs. S. D. Clemens
January 21, 2005

Jean Engh
Mrs. Richard G. Lyan
November 13, 2001

Decca Gilmer
Mrs. Robert L. Frackelton
December 18, 2004

Barbara Holman
Mrs. Barbara H. Whitcomb
June 6, 2003

1942

Jean Hedley
Mrs. James H. Currie
July 20, 2004

Nancy Kegley
Mrs. Robert E. Jenkins
January 10, 2004

Nancy McIver
Mrs. William D. Kemp
October 20, 2003

Edna Syska
Mrs. Paul J. Peltier
November 23, 2004

1943

Clare Eager
Mrs. Albert D. Matthai, Jr.
December 9, 2004

Elizabeth McCormick
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson
September 7, 2004

1944

Margaret Eggers
Mrs. Ray P. Perry
February 27, 2005

Josie Gambrell
Mrs. F. D. Barnett, Jr.
October 13, 2001

Joan Gipe
Mrs. Melvin Lewis
February 1, 2004

1946

Adelaide Butler
Mrs. Jack D. O'Neal
December 7, 2002

Jeanne Parham
Mrs. George A. Coors
Date unknown

1947

Irving Brenizer
Mrs. L. M. Johnston, Jr.
November 24, 2002

Saravette Royster
Mrs. James R. Trotter
October 25, 2004

Trudy Vars
Mrs. Edward V. Harris
February 24, 2003

1948

Elizabeth Graves
Mrs. Carl J. Perkinson
August 16, 2004

Juanita Minchew
Mrs. Arthur R. Robinson
February 2, 2005

Josephine Neal
Mrs. Moore W. Peregrine
February 2, 2004

Elizabeth Wallace
Mrs. Dwight Tenney
November 21, 2004

1949

Elizabeth Wellford
Mrs. E. Wellford Bennett
December 3, 2004

1952

Gail Hall
Mrs. Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr.
December 23, 2004

Jean Lewis
Miss Jean E. Lewis
September 9, 2002

1958

Ruth Frame
Mrs. Ruth Frame Salzberg
January 18, 2005

1959

Marcia Brown
Ms. Marcia Lyle
March 7, 2005

1960

Gay Mann
Mrs. Gay Norton Riebenfeld
January 28, 2005

1969

Jane Davis
Mrs. M. W. St. Jean
January 1, 2002

1975

Rebecca Jane Rowe
Miss Rebecca Jane Rowe
May 7, 2000

1981

Ada Cornelia Boaz
Miss Cornelia Boaz
April 23, 2003

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

Letters and E-mails

Remembering Dean Sims

The news of the death of Dean Emerita Catherine Sims Boman brought such fond memories of this extraordinary woman that I feel compelled to share some of them with the Sweet Briar community.

My family moved to Sweet Briar in August of 1967, when I was eight years old. My parents, Kenneth T. Wright and Patricia Smith Wright, were about to begin their Sweet Briar careers as professor of Classical Studies and librarian, respectively. I still recall the first time my father drove us through the gates and up the long, winding entrance road, my brother Ken and I gazing wide-eyed from the backseat of our green Ford Falcon. We were thrilled to be there—what kid wouldn't be—it looked to us as though we were moving to our own private green woods from the steel and concrete of Philadelphia. The woods were lush, enchanted forests; there were two lakes to swim in, tennis courts, a dairy farm, and best of all (for me anyway), horses to ride!

But as my father pulled in behind our new home at No. 5 Faculty Row on that humid afternoon, I grew anxious. Would I make new friends here? Would I fit in at my new school? Where was everybody? Remember, it was August—no students—the place looked eerily deserted. And boy, was it hot! Then, before we had even opened the car doors, an impeccably dressed, perfectly coiffed woman came striding up to the car bearing cold Coca Colas, Pepperidge Farm cookies, and that other essential of life: toilet paper! This was my first introduction to Catherine Sims, and I have never forgotten this wonderful image of her. It

epitomizes who and what she was: a warm, kind, practical, energetic person, prepared for anything, even the invasion of her quiet neighborhood by two very active children (one of whom conducted imaginary horse shows on her front lawn).

For the next seven years, until her retirement in 1974, my family was fortunate and blessed to have Catherine and Roff Sims as neighbors. From the very beginning, they welcomed us into the Sweet Briar community, and into their lives. The Deanery was always open to us. My brother and I spent many Sunday afternoons watching football with Roff Sims in the study, his beloved Welsh Corgi Toby tucked by his feet, Catherine working away at her desk on some College business. We consumed pounds and pounds of what seemed like an endless supply of little cheese cookies, drank up all their Cokes, and usually had to be summoned home by a phone call from my mother, who always worried that we would wear out our welcome.

I made countless visits to Catherine's office; she always had time to chat and ask me about school, or how my riding was going. I can still see her bursting through the front door of the Deanery in the early morning, on her way up Faculty Row to her office in Fletcher. Roff, who preferred to move at a slower pace than Catherine, would emerge a bit later, with Toby always waddling behind. Now that I reflect on it, I think I must have been a bit infatuated with Catherine Sims. I just hope that some of her grace and poise rubbed off on me.

My father recently told me that, in many ways, Catherine Sims was our family's best friend at Sweet Briar. For me, and I

think I speak for my parents and brother as well, Catherine Sims was Sweet Briar: wise, independent, unique, and beautiful.

—Katherine Wright
Baumgartner
Redding, CT

If It Hadn't Been For Dean Sims...

This morning I was looking at the alumnae magazine and read about the death of Dean Catherine Sims. I am overwhelmed with emotion right now and...feel compelled to write this letter...I just have to honor this woman for who she really was and what she really did for me...

If it hadn't been for Dean Sims, I wouldn't be where I am today. She believed in me and saw something in me that no one else had ever seen. When she called me into her office I was scared to death!!! She was a powerful woman but she also "knew" people in a different way than most. She understood me and saw beyond the scared girl that was sitting there. She saw potential. More importantly she...reached out to me like no one else had before. She made me feel important and for the first time in my life—cared for and understood. It didn't matter to her how much money I had or where I came from. She saw only who I was and was willing to take a risk. Sweet Briar was willing to give me a scholarship and thus was born a new person.

Sweet Briar nurtured me and cared for me for four years and took a young, vulnerable, shy...soul—gave it warmth, caring, love, inspiration, creativity and made me who I am. I am eternally grateful to not only Dean Sims but for all the teachers and administrators at Sweet

Briar who provided not just an education, but a love of learning, creativity and individuality.

Now—I am far from the "role model" alumnae for Sweet Briar. I don't have much money because I am on a teacher's salary but I have given much more to society and to the world than anyone can buy. I have been teaching for 25 years in Montgomery County, MD and have not regretted one moment. I know Allen Huszti, my voice teacher at Sweet Briar, would have loved for me to have continued with vocal performance in some way, but I did not have the resources financially at the time to make that happen. I had to pay back all those student loans! Yes, I was a "star" of sorts at Sweet Briar. I was the lead role in "Dido and Aeneas" and performed in other productions. My Junior and Senior recitals were a huge success. But let's face it—it's what you do with your life after you graduate that matters. I open up a world of musical inspiration to my students, knowing that music has been the most important thing in my life.

My thoughts, love, and honor to the one woman who made ALL the difference in the world—Dean Catherine Sims.

—Dianne Powell Hope '76

A Great Lady And Scholar

It was with tremendous sadness that I read of the death of Dean Catherine Sims Boman. A great lady and scholar has passed from the stage. Over the years, Dean Catherine Sims was my mentor and my friend. We visited with each other in St. Andrews, Paris, Washington, and Atlanta. She was witty, brilliant, charming, and infinitely kind. In short, she was an inspiration to all who truly knew

her. Is Sweet Briar College doing something to honor her memory? Perhaps a scholarship fund?

Dean Catherine Sims was a remarkable person. We history majors believed that she walked on water...at the very least! Her standards and scholarship were of the highest order; and she was a role model whose accomplishments were legendary! Dr. Sims enriched our lives, challenged us to be our best, and was one of Sweet Briar College's finest assets from 1965-1974.

—Dr. Pamela Tipton Newton '69

There is a Catherine Strateman Sims Scholarship at the College.

—Ed.

Happy To Hear About Exciting Changes Going On At Sweet Briar

It was wonderful to visit with Elisabeth S. Mühlenfeld, President of Sweet Briar College; Ken Huus, Dean of Admissions; and Louise *Swiecki* Zingaro '80, Director of the Alumnae Association Saturday at the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego [March 05]. I can't tell you how excited I was to receive an invitation to the luncheon.

I'm happy to hear about all the exciting changes going on at Sweet Briar and I cannot wait to come back to visit. I think my fiancé has a better feel of what an incredible place Sweet Briar was and continues to become, thanks to Ms. Mühlenfeld and Ken Huus' informative and engaging talks. In addition to having the privilege to share lunch and speak with so many wonderful people, the luncheon itself was tremendous...

Thanks again for the invita-

tion...and the opportunity to see you all again.

—Catherine C. Wilson '02

I Am So Impressed!

I just read an article on AOL on a new discovery of mysterious, strong radio waves emanating from the center of our galaxy that is causing quite a stir in the field. The article was published in *Nature*, a very prestigious scientific journal (Watson and Crick published their paper on the structure of DNA in *Nature* in 1953). The AOL article quoted scientists from Cal Tech that the discovery would lead to a "stampede" of observations to understand what the source is. The person cited as central to the discovery was "Astronomer Scott Hyman of Sweet Briar College in Virginia." I am so impressed!

—Anna ("Chips") Chao Pai '57

She Taught Me A Lot

So sorry to hear about Miriam Bennett. I remember her fondly. She taught me a lot, not only about biology, but about life.

—Virginia ("Ginger") Upchurch Collier '72

Please Reconsider!

I enjoyed the most recent Alumnae Magazine. I thought it was well done, as they all are! I was especially interested in the article by Robin Heller re: the Boxwood Circle. However, I was very disappointed to read, toward the end of the article, that those people who give \$1000 will no longer be in Boxwood Circle.

The very nature of Ms. Heller's article indicates the long history of the Boxwood Circle. With humble beginnings, pushed by three farsighted and dedicated

alums, the Boxwood Circle has brought in many thousands of dollars to the college. I don't know how many years I have participated, but I doubt if Jackie missed me for long! I know that I have been a proud member for many of the fifty years since I graduated. Being a member means something to alums.

I am sure that the idea behind the change is to get alums to up their contribution from \$1000 to \$2500, or to at least get us to think bigger. I can understand that reasoning, but I think that it would be greatly preferable to start a new category at \$2500 and get someone(s) to push it like Jackie, Gladys and Nancy started and pushed the Boxwood Circle. I am afraid that it is short-sighted to change the category after all these years, dropping many alums who have been members of the Boxwood Circle for many years.

Please reconsider!

—Dilly Johnson Jones '54

Dear Dilly,

Thank you for your letter to the editor of the *Alumnae Magazine*. I appreciate your commitment to Sweet Briar and hope that my response will address your concerns regarding the Boxwood Circle.

The Boxwood Circle does indeed have a long and distinguished history that it owes not only to its visionary founders, but also to the thousands of alumnae who have generously supported Sweet Briar with leadership giving throughout the years. Leadership gifts make up the bulk of the Annual Fund each year and are essential to the continued excellence of the College.

The original intent of the

Boxwood Circle founders was to raise alumnae giving to a new level and to seek 31 alumnae who would donate \$1,000 or more to the College. Their vision was to encourage alumnae to make gifts at a leadership level and in 1959, \$1,000 was indeed a leadership gift.

Unfortunately, a gift of \$1,000 does not hold the same value to the College now as it did in 1959. A \$1,000 gift in 1959 had a value (adjusted for inflation) of \$169.79 in 2001 when the gift societies were reviewed. In addition, the College's operating expenses in 1959 were \$1.3 million and had increased to \$32.7 million by 2002. Taking this into consideration, it was determined that in order to respect the vision of the founders of the Boxwood Circle and to continue to challenge alumnae to make leadership gifts to the College, the minimum gift for recognition in the Boxwood Circle would be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

And just as can always be expected, Sweet Briar's alumnae have risen to the challenge. The number of donors giving at leadership levels, including the new Boxwood Circle level, has increased and continues to grow. In addition, gifts at the \$1,000 level remain strong and vital to the College and are now recognized in the Oak Society.

Your observation that recognition within the Boxwood Circle has always meant something special to alumnae is very valid, as well as your concern that long-standing dedication and commitment to giving to the College is worthy of recognition. The College shares your concern and the Silver Rose Society was, therefore, founded in order to recognize alumnae

who have achieved a record of 25 years or more of sustained giving to Sweet Briar, regardless of the gift level.

The Silver Rose Society is a means of recognizing those most loyal donors to the College who demonstrate their commitment and dedication on a continuing basis. It is also a way to acknowledge that *every gift is important*, no matter the amount of the gift, and those alumnae such as yourself who make giving to Sweet Briar a priority are to be treasured and celebrated.

Although change can be difficult to embrace and it is always tempting to preserve the status quo, at times the only way to truly respect tradition is to allow growth and change. The change in the gift level recognized by the Boxwood Circle is just such a change. By increasing the gift level for Boxwood Circle to \$2,500 and adding the Oak Society and Silver Rose Society, the College continues the vision of the founders of the Boxwood Circle to challenge alumnae to give at a leadership level and also recognizes the importance of generous financial commitment to the College at all levels.

Sweet Briar is a truly remarkable place and I hope that you will remain connected, as it is the quality and dedication of alumnae that help to make the College so special. Thank you again for your long-standing commitment to Sweet Briar and for your generosity throughout the years.

—Robin Rodger Heller '76
Boxwood Circle Giving
Chair

Congratulations

Congratulations on a splendid issue [Winter 2005], particularly the focus on faculty accomplishments and grants. Nice you also highlighted student research.

—Anne Bush Train '49

Need To Get Something Off My Chest

Happy New Year to all of you at Sweet Briar. I think you all are doing great things there. Congratulations! I'm so proud of my school.

But I need to get something off my chest.

I've been meaning to write...ever since I realized about a year and a half ago, that the Sweet Briar teams are called the Vixens.

Surely I'm not the only one who feels that this is a ridiculous thing for us to call ourselves. Surely I'm not the only one who feels bad associations with this word, which is an insult to any female, even a smart one, who is not a fox. Surely I'm not the only alumna or current student or staff member or professor who cringes at the thought that this is how we see ourselves and/or what we call ourselves. At the last Reunion I attended (2003), many others were similarly incredulous at the name.

So I feel as though I am probably speaking for MOST people who love Sweet Briar, when I ask how in the world this name made it through? And when I implore whoever can drop it, to drop it right away.

How about nothing at all, or something uplifting like Spirit,

Patriots...Just plain old Sweet Briar would be much better, and I can hardly think of anything that would be worse, than Vixens.

I really am hoping something will be done about this. It seems to me that all the forward steps we are making in women's education and in publicizing all Sweet Briar has to offer, are being undone by such a simple, avoidable mistake as calling ourselves the Vixens. I think it's a HUGE mistake and I'm amazed at the sheer stupidity of it every time it crosses my mind.

Whoever is reading this, I apologize for the rant, I know it's not any one person's fault, but PLEASE CHANGE OR DROP THE NAME and burn all the evidence it was ever ours.

Thank you

—Francie deSaussure
Meade '68.

The Vixen has been SBC's mascot since 1979 when it was voted on by the student body. The Athletic Association, under President Robin Behm '79, conducted the vote from student suggestions, because the athletes were tired of being "The Briar." The Briar did not lend itself to typical cartooning and mascot usage and Sweet Briar was undergoing a resurgence of emphasis on varsity athletics. We've picked up national publicity twice just recently because of the name. Both references were to the name as unusual or whimsical, and neither story was derogatory. "Vixen" can mean a female fox, or a surly, contentious woman. It is explained on

our Web site and in fact 2004 was our 25th year of using the name.

—Jennifer Crispen
Associate Professor
of Physical Education and
Athletics
SBC

Applaud Decision To Remain Non-Coed

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have appreciated having Sweet Briar stay in touch through all these years, even though I only attended SBC my freshman year (1958-59). That is good, thoughtful, perceptive marketing. I read the Alumnae Notes with interest and generally scan the other articles. Your recent study and decision encompassed in the **Her World** campaign were impressive steps in showing SBC's commitment to education that speaks to women in today's world. I applaud your decision to remain non-coed, and I look forward to watching the plans unfold as SBC moves ahead in this 21st century.

—Rosemary Whiteside
Henderson '62

Bulletin Board

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Look for update on Friends of the Library news and activities in the Fall 2005 *Alumnae Magazine*!

Remember the Honor Roll of Donors is now online...

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On the Sweet Briar tour, "Gardens of the Caribbean: Barbados to Antigua aboard Sea Cloud II," January 18-29, 2005

L-r: Seated: Grace Wallace Brown '52; Nancy Dixon Brown '63; Jane "Kitchie" Roseberry Tolleson '52; Sweet Briar President Elisabeth "Betsy" Muhlenfeld; Emily Thompson Gable '55. Standing: Laurin A. Wollan, Jr.; S. Brady Brown; Betty Stanly Cates '63; Robert Gable.

Sweet Briar Alumnae Travel 2005-2006

Upcoming tours:

November 29-December 7, 2005

"Germany's Legendary Holiday Markets" (brochures have been mailed)

December 26, 2005-January 6, 2006

"New Year's on the Nile" with optional extension to Petra, Jordan

May 1-10, 2006

"Alumni College in Andalucia (Ronda, Spain)"

June 25-July 3, 2006

"Alumni College in Scotland: Highlands, Lowland, and Isles"

October 7-24, 2006

"China and the Silk Road" with optional extension to Huang (Yellow) Mountains or Yangtze River

For further information on any of the above tours, please contact the Alumnae Office Tour Coordinator, Melissa Coffey '98 (Tel: 434-381-6243; fax: 434-381-6132; e-mail: mcoffey@sbcc.edu)

A NATURAL PAIR

By: Cameron Adams

Assistant Sports Director, SBC Department of Physical Education

Some things seem to go together naturally: peanut butter and jelly, Abbott and Costello, popcorn and movies, **Poplar Grove Golf Club and Sweet Briar College.** Poplar Grove opened Memorial Day weekend 2004, but plans were in the works long before the first rounds of golf were played, to bring the club and the College together.

Tim Bell, CEO of Poplar Grove, came to Sweet Briar five years ago to introduce himself. From there, a working partnership was formed that is now blossoming. "I like to think of us as good neighbors," says Bell.

The golf club and the College are a natural pair. The two are separated by less than 10 miles and each offers services the other can utilize.

Poplar Grove needed a place for out-of-town golfers to stay. Last fall the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center joined with the club to offer "Stay and Play" packages. These include one night's stay at the Inn and one round of golf (cart included) at the club.

This spring, the partnership came to the forefront as Poplar Grove offered a golf class in conjunction with the SBC Department of Physical Education, and will host a golf tournament on behalf of Sweet Briar College Friends of Athletics (FOA).

Shortly after Winter Break, students, faculty, and staff quickly filled the 12 spots available in Physical Education (PHED) 139, a fourth-quarter class taught twice a week at Poplar Grove. For \$100,

class participants received class credit and lessons taught by golf pro Faber Jamerson and other Poplar Grove pros.

Convincing Poplar Grove to host the class was not difficult. "We looked forward to being the host site for the academic class," says Bell. "Teaching the class gives Poplar Grove the chance to reach out to the community and expose more individuals to golf. We don't do it for monetary reasons."

While Poplar Grove benefits from hosting the class, Sweet Briar is also a true beneficiary. The class enables the College to expand its physical education course offerings while giving students the chance to learn golf from a trained professional. "Golf is very popular and the fact that we have a pro is huge," says Paul Shaw, chair of the Department of Physical Education. "We were deluged with responses from students and staff wanting to jump at the opportunity."

May 6, the two partnered again as Poplar Grove hosted the First-Annual Friends of Athletics (FOA) Golf Tournament. The captain's choice tournament featured a hole-in-one car giveaway sponsored by Amherst Motors, the chance to "beat the pro" on a hole, and golf carts equipped with Global Positioning Systems. Golfers entered the tournament as individuals or as members of a four-person team.

"The staff at Poplar Grove is first-class and I was excited to work with them on the FOA event," says Shaw, who helped organize the tournament for FOA.

Poplar Grove challenges golfers of all levels. The course, designed by Sam Snead, is surrounded by mountain views. Its 18 holes of bent grass greens, tees and fairways pass over rolling hills and along natural water sources.

The club has hosted some 50 tournaments since its opening. According to Samantha Ayers,

Poplar Grove Assistant General Manager/Membership and Sales Director, the club's goal is for 20,000 rounds of golf to be played annually, whether in the tournament setting or by individuals.

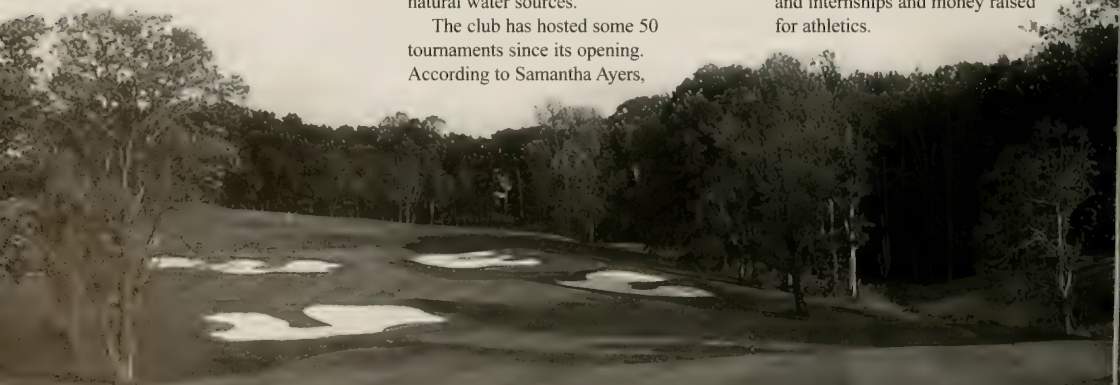
Friends of Athletics hopes golfers are excited about the new class and the tournament. "The tournament is publicity for Sweet Briar College athletics," explains Shaw. "Money raised will help continue and improve upon the athletic experience for Sweet Briar student-athletes."

FOA includes alumnae, parents, businesses, and other supporters of Sweet Briar athletics who donate and raise funds to help offset operational costs and to assist in further developing the seven varsity sports at the College.

As well as publicity and funds for its athletic teams, Sweet Briar gained another plus from partnering with Poplar Grove for the tournament. Current Sweet Briar students receive credit as sport management interns, assisting the Department of Athletics in planning and implementing the tournament.

"The internship is an educational opportunity for Sweet Briar students," says Shaw. "Through the internship, students obtain real-world experience in corporate sales, marketing and promotions. In helping run the tournament, they also gain experience in operations management of a large-scale sports event."

The partnership between Poplar Grove and Sweet Briar College continues to grow, helping the club reach out to the community and expose more people to the sport and the College to expand student opportunities through expert instruction in golf, and internships and money raised for athletics.



Class Notes

1929

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1934

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1935

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Sue Wilson Rutherford is forever impressed at the fact that she is 90! Unless she is with her daughter, she doesn't travel much any more. She has been lots of places and usually remembers them. She sends everyone her best wishes. **Ann Temple Samson** and her husband Bud enjoy their summers (June through September) at their Lake Tahoe, California home. The beautiful scenery and wonderful weather are part of their pleasure. The rest of the year is spent at their Houston, Texas home. Ann now has four great grandchildren with two of them in Houston. **Betty Moon** writes that she is still living in Tucson. Playing bridge a couple of times a week. Each hand takes a while longer to play these days. She now has eight great grandchildren: one boy and seven girls, including twins born in April 2004. She went to Seattle in September 2004 to visit seven of them.

1936

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My mother, **Katharine Niles Parker**, and I sent letters to 36 classmates—quite a large number of 90 year-old

women from a class that graduated 69 years ago!

We heard from **Polly Rich Ewing** in Denver, CO. She celebrated her 90th in August with 15 family members and friends from all over the country. She is now on the Council of the New England Genealogical Society in Boston.

Lillian Cabell Gay sent a greeting from Lakewood, PA, urging her classmates, "Onward and upward forever!"

Abigail Lesnick Liebowitz celebrated in August. She and her husband live in Pembroke Pines, FL. She sends her regards to all.

We received a very impressive booklet of "Poetry and Other Reflections" from **Sophia Campbell Brown**. It was full of the most enjoyable writings—some of which brought back memories of people and places in Amherst and Sweet Briar for both my mother and me.

My parents celebrated their 90th birthdays in a joint family gathering in New Hampshire in August. At their cabin a tent city sprang up and a chair car brought them from Needham, MA to join their children, grandchildren, and most of their 26 great-grandchildren for a noisy but heartfelt celebration during a torrential rain storm! My mother goes to an art class and joins in many of the activities of the Nursing Facility at North Hill. She and I thank the classmates who responded and encourage others to let us hear from them this year.

1938

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To: Class Notes Secretaries

Re: Deadlines for Notes Due at Alumnae Office

(sbcmagazine@sbc.edu or Alumnae Office, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595)

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Thank You!

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As you know, our faithful Class Notes Editor, Noreen Parker, retired in June after 21 years on the job. We miss her, as we are sure that you will!

Many of you wrote very special notes to her, wishing her a happy retirement. Your good wishes meant a lot to her, giving her a very happy send-off.

Please help us to spread your classmates' news by following the scheduled deadlines, and remember that you may submit notes for any issue by the deadlines noted.

Au Revoir, Noreen! Reunion Convocation, May 2005

1940

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Notes by **Adelaide Glascock**: Greetings, Classmates! I am happy to report that a few classmates from whom we have had no communication in some time sent us some news about themselves and their families.

Mary Miller Naquin Sharp and husband Bob live an incredibly busy

satisfying life, even after Mary had a new mitral heart valve in 2001. They continue to divide their time between Gibson Island and Baltimore, MD and Chappaquidd, Cape Cod, as well as time spent at board meetings of Museum Friends in the U.S. and Europe. One very special occasion was in Oslo, Norway when Mary received an award as President of Honor of the World Federation of Friends of Museums. Mary's four Naquin children are spread across the U.S. Sue is Chairman of the Dept. of Chinese History and Northeast Asian Affairs at Princeton and author of numerous books on the Ching Dynasty. Mary saw **Phoopy Burroughs Livingston** at a Baltimore service for **Ann Adamson Taylor**, and also **Jean Blount** in Washington before she passed

away.

Kathleen Ward Allen lives in Green Valley, Arizona and wrote from her summer camp in the Adirondacks. Her granddaughter, Caitlin graduated with honors in geography from SUNY at Oneonta, NY and had an internship for the second summer with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation Dept. Kathleen got in touch with the Curator of Cut Glass at Corning who told her Estelle had passed away several years ago.

Libby Mercer Hammond and her husband, Chris, just celebrated their 67th Anniversary! Can anyone beat that? They have 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She and Chris live in Savannah and have a condo on the river where they go for weekends and holidays.

Blair Bunting Both reports nothing new—works at Delaware Hospice as a volunteer while Rich is still busy in the Longwood Gardens Greenhouse. Daughter Blair is moving from Memphis back to Wilmington, NC, Rick continues to fly for United and Steve lives in Wilmington and comes to dinner weekly.

Dorothy Campbell O'Connor and Bill keep busy with flowers, cooking and artwork. Bill gave up his Stock Exchange membership—says being a customer is a new experience.

Ginny Allison Haywood reports that her four offspring are doing fine as are the nine "grands." Her doctor and lawyer sons live less than a mile from Ginny and another son in Charlotte has a daughter who will receive her law degree from the University of Richmond in June. Ginny's daughter lives in London with her banker husband and three children. Ginny keeps busy with church work, gardening and painting.

Georgia Herbert Hart lives in an Episcopal retirement home in West Columbia, SC, where she participates in all manner of educational and fun activities, plays her piano—not forgetting golf, coming in second in Forest Lake Club President's Cup Golf Tournament in November. She wrote that she won some impossible matches but lost on the 17th hole in finals. She was recently named to the University of SC Ex Libris Society Executive Society. Hope to publish her second book of poetry early in 2005. For Christmas her children gave her an electronic keyboard so she can practice before playing on her piano in the Atrium. During Christmas she plays the piano at

the Richland Memorial Hospital Cancer Center. WOW—typing her activities exhausted me! She says she hopes to visit Virginia and Sweet Briar soon.

A nice note from **Jane Westphalen Gray**. She and Everett are still in St. Louis and plan to move to a retirement condo. Everett still plays golf, but Jane had to give up tennis.

Cynthia Noland Young wrote it was "most humbling to read of so many great grands" while she is still puttering along with only grands. The oldest, Jeremy Poland, was ordained a Baptist minister in his hometown, Houston, Texas. Next to oldest Matthew LaFiandra graduated from UC San Diego as a structural engineer in June and his sister Alessandra is at Williams. The youngest, Jill Poland, finished high school in Houston in May, but Cynthia didn't write where she is now.

This will be my last Class Letter. I hope Ruth will be all settled in Florida and ready to take over.

1941

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Notes by **Julia Jacobsen**:

From **Martha Holton Glessner** in the hospital: "This is my son's email account on which I am answering your email. Thanks for your encouraging words. I've taken a bad fall but things are getting better almost daily. I will send more when my email account is back up.

So it's my (**Julia Jacobsen's**) turn to do class notes. My news comes from you via e-mail. First, let me remind you to make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address. PLEASE send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu. I had a hip replacement and a fall off my scooter and damaged my sacrum. I spent a month in hospital with the hip then the fall set me back and I am in outpatient rehab again, with a therapist who graduated from Sweet Briar.

While recovering I have worked with a therapist who helps people live safely at home where I plan to stay. Saw **Harriet "Lovah"** and David **Gearhart** at Bethany Beach. They are in a retirement home in Baltimore. Their daughter Mary is in New York and tried to encourage my job-hunting granddaughter, Joanna who graduated from Kenyon com laude. My stupid accident really curtailed activity this summer. In the fall my daughter in law took me to Italy—Venice, Firenze and Rome via the Orient Express. What a fabulous trip! Agatha Christie was with us all the way. Ran into **Alice (Steve) Nicolson Mc Ilvaine** taking down Christmas decorations at Ingleside where she is now living.

Mary Perkins Traugott Brown: Hope Martha has recovered, and whatever had her in the hospital wasn't too serious. Are you getting news saying our class will be well represented at our 60th Reunion? I'm planning to be there. Dickie will be there to introduce you to her new husband, Luke Waldrop. She is so happy. Lives in Salem, VA. We miss her at VA Beach. I brought Ellen Gilliam Perry to our last reunion, but now her

Alzheimer's has progressed too far. She is still in Charlottesville at WC. As for me, my health is holding up and I am enjoying my grandchildren and their activities. Sad to report I couldn't get any of them interested in SBC. They wanted a larger college and coed. Hope to see you in May! Cheers...Perk

Antoinette Le Bris Maynard: So nice to hear from you, Julie...I think the last time we communicated I must still have been at the Library of Congress. Since then I have been traumatized by having to retire because I couldn't take care of Paul and work anymore (2000 and he had Alzheimer's). Daughter Carol and family came down from PA and packed us up. (Nearly 50 years in our house on Western Ave.) We moved into a one floor house near theirs, on the shore of Lake Erie, in PA. I am still there by myself, Paul died after many months of that awful ailment in 2003. He is buried in Arlington. Philip our son and I are sharing an apt. in the Ashby in McLean, when I come to Va. He has a darling 3 year old daughter, Alyssa, but is now separated from Cindi. Unfortunately, after I fell down stairs, I cannot walk without a walker. Thank heavens for Invacare, which helps me live alone in my house. In September I had a spinal operation from which I am recovering slowly. So my plans for travel are limited. All three of our children were together here for the holidays and it was great. The grandchildren, Claire and Nick, ages 21 and 18 are wonderful. Claire, a Junior at American U. in DC, just returned from Italy (which she loved) and is now getting ready to finish her Junior Year in Paris (Sorbonne). I hope to be well enough in April to take Philip and Libby (she is still directing the Ink People in Eureka, CA, where I spent a beautiful month last January). At that time, April, will be a wonderful time to visit Paris and we will also visit my sister who is not well. Joe, Carol's husband, who had a quadruple bypass last year, intends to run the Paris Marathon. This is too long, but makes me realize how fortunate we are, especially after seeing the terrible scenes of nature on the rampage in Asia and CA. Please give my best wishes to your family and keep lots for yourself.

Jean Ridler Fahrenbach: Just returned last night from a 3 week trip to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia and received your e-mail. The trip is my main news at the moment. I went

with 15 Vermont friends and we had a great time—elephant rides, climbing to the top floor of Angkor Wat, seeing fantastic temples, getting a whole different perspective on the Vietnam war. Southeast Asia is developing rapidly and tourism is booming. We went right after the tsunami disaster but did not go near that area. You have experienced nothing until you have taken a pedicab ride thru the back streets of Hanoi at rush hour—no traffic lights and everyone plays “chicken” at the intersections. Amazingly there are few accidents and it all works. I leave for Florida next week until April. Time to escape the snow and cold weather up here.

Wylene Chapman Saylor: Dear Julie, Not much news here. **Dale Saylor Morgan**, Henry's sister, stays busy with so much in Savannah, having lost her precious Philip a year ago. **Hilda Hude Chapin** calls and we're hoping to see her and Ed sometime soon. We stay busy in St. Petersburg with family and First Methodist Church. Hope you are well, thanks for your efforts on our behalf. Love, Wylene.

Ann Gladney Gibson communicates via her daughter Ann's e-mail. Ann is having another bout with cancer but she still has lots of interests and always sounds cheerful. Son Pete is living at home and is a competitive chess player.

Jane Lesh Gould is class secretary for our Holton Arms school notes and has to pull teeth to get attention. Jane has been a Candy Striper Volunteer at Sibley Hospital for 32 years. That's one way to keep up with our age group.

1946

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The amazing '49ers continue to report busy interesting lives, proving once again the long-term benefits of a liberal arts education. We learned early that we can shift gears: from teenaged students to young career-women to loving wives and mothers, and later to become valuable members of society as volunteers, business participants and community leaders. Now, as we enter what some call “retirement years,” many of us are not exactly sitting in rocking chairs tending to our knitting! Let's see, now, what we are doing instead.

Mimi Powell Leonard goes from one theater role to another. She says she has become the comic relief of many productions, and sends a funny picture to prove it. Off stage, Mimi is an avid gardener and community volunteer.

Judy Baldwin Waxter and husband Bill take an active role on a different stage, being inspiration and founding members of the Julia W. Waxter Environmental Forum at Sweet Briar which they have sponsored annually since 1999. **Pat Brown Boyer** attended this event last October. This year's speaker, Pat reports, was Edward O. Wilson, Harvard Professor and noted author of “The Future of Life” which highlights world population growth, current environmental “hot spots” and how the World Wildlife Fund and others are attempting to save certain areas from destruction. Pat says Dr. Wilson is “a Brain” and a first class citizen. The program drew enthusiastic audiences for two morning sessions as well as a capacity crowd at an evening presentation in Babcock Auditorium. Pat survived the past winter's hurricane season with no structural damage, just power, light and telephone outages during the three storms. Winter Park, where Pat lives, lost 30% of the beautiful live oak trees that canopy most every street. This is a lovely college town (Rollins) and is also home to the Morse Museum (an amazing collection of the varied works of Louis Comfort Tiffany), and The Orlando Museum of Art (where I last winter saw a fantastic show of Dale Chihuly's huge, spectacular glass works... if you don't know him, look him up!)

Walter Brown and I were similarly

lucky, having little damage from those brutal storms. The beach and golf club structures, and indeed the whole beach area and the city of Vero Beach, were badly hit, being just north of the eye of the last Hurricane, Jeanne. As of this writing, we have not seen for ourselves, but get reports from our daughter (who lives nearby, and DID have considerable damage) and others that we lost only a few shingles and a fence. The house will need attention, since the wind-driven sand blasted away most of the outside paint and we hear it is nearly impossible to book painters and carpenters, as they are fully booked for the next year! Governor Jeb Bush, we hear, has done a fantastic job of expediting the state's recovery; his constituents have high praise for him.

Kitty Hart Belew sent in a postcard saying that **Betty Wellford Bennett** moved to an assisted living health center, but later we had word that Betty died on December 3, 2004. We are so sad to learn of the loss of one of our most loyal and supportive classmates.

Caroline Casey Linderman and **Margaret Talman** went to SBC Alumnae Council last fall, and then Caroline took off for a trip to Europe with her brother. Mary Fran and Don were also on campus for Council meetings, and she says they all enjoyed sitting on the Wings Courtyard terrace, admiring the named bricks that represent everyone who was ever a member of our class. There is one addition: Mary Fran's mother, Marie Brede (who recently observed her 104th birthday), was kind enough to make a generous donation toward this undertaking, so her name is on one of our bricks. It's nice to think of current students and visitors, looking down and thinking about each of us by name... We WERE THERE, and always will be!

Mary Fran writes that she and Don met **Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro**, Judy and Bill Waxter, and **June Eager Finney** at the Baltimore Museum of Art for a tour, arranged by Peggy, of the Cone Collection (Matisse, Picasso, etc.) They were joined by Dottie Hopkins, sister-in-law of **Marilyn Hopkins Bamborough** who lives in nearby Phoenix, MD. The Ballards stayed overnight at the Broadmore guesthouse after dinner with Peggy and the Waxters. Peggy, by the way, is recovering from knee surgery; the Waxters just home from their West Virginia cabin. Marilyn

Hopkins Bamborough and Jim were then touring Hawaii, where he was stationed during the war, and celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary.

I wonder how many of us are well into our fiftieth or more year with the same husband. I can think of quite a few, including myself!

Notes from Xmas cards: It was a joy to receive Christmas cards from so many classmates, with picture, news or just cheerful messages for the holiday season. Yorkie and **Ann Henderson Bannard** planned to spend Christmas in Phoenix with a son and family, before returning to Tucson... where I hope to see them in March when Walter and I take our Florida group (daughter Becky, her husband Ron Holmes and our youngest grandson Bradley... now 16 and nearly six feet tall!) to show them some of our favorite Arizona sights, which include the Bannards.

A nice Christmas photo from **Preston Hodges Hill** in Denver, shows Pres and Gene in tennis gear. They both look well and enjoy family occasions with children and their growing families. **Carolyn Cannady Evans** sent a great picture of herself amidst an attractive group that appears to be young Hervey and his family at the Empire State building in New York where they “did the town” in a traditional visit.

It was wonderful to hear from **Beth Jansma Gorter**, who says that children and grandchildren now come to them, instead of the other way around. Beth was unable to make our last reunion, but we surely thought of her and Kaspar as well as others who were missing.

Ann Eustis Weimer sent me a lovely card, as did **Patsy Davin Robinson** and **Alice Trout Hagan**, with both of whom I chat frequently.

Mary Louis Stevens Webb (still Stevie, of course) is getting ready for a traumatic move from the lovely historic house on Tradd St. in Charleston in which she was raised and lived for most of her life. She and Rutledge hope to be settled by early February.

Katie Cox Reynolds and Phil sent a great photo of their attractive family of children and grands, sitting on a rocky lakefront point somewhere in New England. She and Phil both still play a lot of golf and travel world-wide; Katie sings with an a capella group and enjoys her monthly book club meetings. (How about sharing tips on good reads, Katie. There

are so many not-so-good books around, I could use some suggestions!)

1950

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I am sure that it must be our turn to appear in print and to become reconnected. Everyone shake hands with the person on your left! There are some generalizations to be made about us: 1. We all have intelligent and attractive grandchildren. 2. We travel a lot. 3. We are ditching our manor houses in favor of cozy condos. 4. We are requiring just a tad of rearrangement of knees, spines, etc. Here's the news, in no particular order. (I don't do order.)

Jean Caldwell Marchant seems to be on a perpetual hike, most lately to New Zealand, England and the Sub Antarctic Islands. Splendid knees! **Dee Dee Bell Lyon** lives on a beautiful farm at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains with 2 dogs, a donkey and, to no one's surprise, 2 horses. She recently drove to Delray with Kitchie and her extraordinary dog, Beau.

Jane Ramsay Olmsted's latest Italian venture was to the Piemonte, in search of rare Barolos and white truffles. Her daughter, Sallie, is to marry a "kilt wearing Scot from Skye." Hoot mon!

Cynthia Balch Barns reports that after successful spinal surgery she now goes snow shoeing every day with her beloved dog, Chloe. Can you Magnolia blossoms even imagine such a thing?

Mary Bailey Izard and Jack spent a week in the hill towns of Umbria. They then went to Wales, traveling with Jack's brother and his wife. "The boys" were hunting pheasants and ducks. Mary does not plan to take up Welsh because of the challenge of six consonant words without vowels. **Nell Orand Beck** says retired life with Henry revolves around kids and grands, making life lively in Dallas.

Mary Grate Warren and Joe have moved from "the old house," celebrated their 50th on a cruise and have three GREAT grandsons! Their new address is 7247 Joyce Way, Dallas, Texas 75225-1732. **Mary Gesler Hanson** and her husband are both still working. They went to Snowmass, CO to care for skiing grandchildren. They have bought a hybrid car and plan a trip to Oregon, following the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Jane Mattas Christian is ready to garage her snow shovel. She is not too far from her kids in Philadelphia, where Phil is a VP with Morgan Chase and daughter, G.G. travels around the world for Wyeth. **Betsy Wilder Cady** loves grannyng her daughter Suzanne's new baby, adopted at two days old. She is also renovating her house in Westport, MA, a beautiful seaside town—lucky Betsy.

Joan Crouse Blythe writes that she is very disabled with spinal and cardiac problems. She stopped smoking 27 years ago but believes that the damage was already done. She begs us to warn all never to start. Amen. **Ann Whittingham Smith** is planning a trip to France, where she spent her Junior Year—a cruise down memory lane. She has seen Grace Brown and Joannie Patton this year.

Nancy Hinton Russell and Walt have moved to a retirement community at the foot of Stone Mountain, "right on the golf course and the food is great!" Walt gets about well in an electric wheelchair and at this writing Nancy was scheduled for shoulder surgery. We all hope it went well. **Virginia Sheaff Liddell** has moved from her big house to a great condo just down the street at 500 River Road, Unit one, Cos Cob, CT 06878-1105. She loves it and invites visitors. Does that mean all of us?

Mary Lois Carroll winters at Port Richey, FL and summers at Lake Keuka in upstate New York. She says that they sometimes stop at SBC while going or coming and that it is as beautiful as ever. **Leila Booth Morris** and Jim, after

waiting four years for the completion of a Continuous Care Retirement Community in Columbus, finally moved in July. Leila says it is beautiful. They are still downsizing by loading up visiting children with a lifetime of "mementoes". That's why I'm never going to move! Bill sends hello to Jim, whom he enjoyed talking to at reunion.

Benita Phinizy Johnson sends a schedule that leaves me breathless. She is caring for Tommy, who is being treated for cancer, doing exhibits for a church anniversary, doing marketing for a retirement home, is very active in Colonial Dames, etc. etc. You go girl! **Alice Stansbury White**—how good to hear from her! She thinks fondly of her time at SBC and sent a daughter there, Peyton White Lumpkin '76. Alice has 4 kids, 8 grands, 2 dogs, 2 cats and 1 horse. She stopped riding last year because the horse (not Alice) was ready for retirement.

Barbara Baker Bird does winters in Bonita Springs, FL and summers in Vermont. She has happily downsized to a garden apartment. Her first grandchild, Siena Rose, arrived in June. She spent time in the South Pacific this year, including Easter Island and Pitcairn Island. **Carroll Morgan Legge** visits London, where she has a daughter and family living. Two other daughters live near her in Baltimore. She vacationed on Block Island (RI) with all her family last summer. Now she's off to Florida and Costa Rica. She has had visits with Marianne Vorys Minister and sees Louise Warfield Stump.

Mary John Ford Gilchrist and Stu are off to Florida (March). Their usual perch was hit by two hurricanes and is uninhabitable! She gets to Roanoke to visit a son and sees **Sally Fishburn Crockett** and **Mary Lou Kimball Temple**. **Frances Street Smith** writes, "We saw Mary John and Stuart while they were staying 2 weeks at The Village near Ocala. Guests have to be over 55 so I don't know how they got in! We still fly fish in MT and try to see TX children. Our other 2 are here in Chattanooga." **Judy Snowden Neumeier** had a reunion in C'ville with **Marion (Shug) Gregory**. She sees Polly Plumb deButts often and hopes to get to a future reunion.

Grace Wallace Brown and Brady went with an SBC group that sailed the Caribbean on a gardens and historic homes tour, and rave about the trip. Kitchie was aboard. **Edie Fonda Marsh**

has lived on the Bass River on Cape Cod for 27 years and still loves it. She has 7 grandkids and is on her 8th golden retriever.

Harriet Thayer Elder, renamed "Binji" by a grandchild, is excited about a new grandson, her work as a therapist and hikes in the North Carolina Mountains. She sends blessings to all. **Brigitte Gutsadt** is still in Alexandria and went to Germany and Switzerland last year. She reports that the senator who represents her in Richmond is an SBC grad, Patsy Ticer, who was a page in our May Court. Did we really have such a thing? How politically incorrect!

Anne Forster Dooley has moved again to 250 Passposts Rd., Charlottesville 22911 and is very happy in her new digs...lots to do. **Grace Jones Fishel** and Harry recommend a cruise on a small ship of the Oceania Line to small ports of the Caribbean. They have two grandkids at Clemson and "are doing fine for old folks." Let's have no more of that talk, you Fishels!

Grace De Long Einsel and Dick have retired to what sounds to me like heaven. Their new address is Box 198, Rockport, ME 04856. "High on a hill, surrounded by blueberry fields with views of both the mountains and the water." **Marion Gregory Graves** gets to Charlottesville to visit a son and reuned with Kitchie and Judy Snowden Neumeier. She is a member of our Bad Back Club, but travels to Oregon and New York to see other sons. A new grandbaby is due soon.

Becky Yerkes Rogers signed in...so glad to hear from her. She and John are planning a week at the beach with all progeny. She sent a picture of four adorable grandchildren. The Rogers plan a trip to Scotland in June...Becky ALSO had a visit from Kitchie and DeeDee as they were en route to Florida. Does it seem that Kitchie visits an awful lot of people? When is my turn?

Pat Beach Thompson is right up there for the "most involved" award! She is performing the one-character play about Emily Dickinson, entitled "The Belle of Amherst." She agrees with her quote from Emily who said "I find ecstasy in living." Most of her family will be on hand to celebrate her significant birthday. She and Calvin have traveled recently in Asia. She gives a lecture, "A Herbal Journey Through Literature" to garden clubs. There is more, but it makes me feel so useless!

Donna Robinson Cart's daughter, Emily and husband, Stuart Cochran, are the sixth generation of his family to live in "Stuart House" in Staunton, VA. The house will be open on April 23rd for "Garden Week in Virginia." She had nine grandchildren born to son Walter Jr, who lives at "The Wigwam" in Amelia, VA. It is a sad thing that most of us swamp Yankees can't lay claim to houses with names. I could call mine "The Igloo" this year. **Donna Reese Godwin** and family had a third annual Thanksgiving reunion at a ranch in "the beautiful Texas hill country." Is that in the neighborhood of L.B.J. or G.W.B.? Donna has a grandson, Daniel who has been flying over Iraq. God Bless him, so say we all.

Eulanie McFall Fenhagen and Jim have returned to their Georgetown, SC home (226 Queen Street, 29440) after three exciting years in D.C. Their daughter, Leile was stricken with lung cancer just as they returned. She is with them and is fighting bravely, surrounded by love and prayers. We add our own to theirs. **Nancy Claire Clark** and Blake are listed for a retirement community and she says, "Boy, am I ready!" (Why couldn't we all go to the same one?) Blake is having problems with his sight, but still manages to play golf. Nancy is in contact with Joannie Patton about our 2007 reunion. Joannie suggests "mini" reunions to drum up interest. She is very good at that! The exact dates are not yet firm but keep it in mind. Nancy has a lovely grand-dog whom she baby-sits. I love getting the doggie news!

Laura Radford Goley and Gene traveled to Portugal in the fall, including a river cruise. They spent the Christmas season in Arizona and California—a four and a seven year old kept things lively. **Sue Judd Silcox** and husband, Jack, were in Maine in the summer and California in the winter, where they were visiting daughter, Martha, and cat-sitting for Sue's brother. Would you believe? Sue says, "Remember when all we had to do was to open up the back cover of the alumnae magazine to find our class notes?"

Nancy Laemmel Hartman relates the romantic tale of her son, David's wedding in Scotland to a local lassie. The ceremony was in an ancient castle near Edinburgh, and the revelry included bagpipers, kilts and a celtic band. HOOT MON again! Nancy and Bruce then visited Scotland, Ireland and England

and returned by way of the *Queen Mary II*. An elegant finish to a dream trip. **Janet Graham Scott:** I was so happy to hear from our only Aussie classmate! After retiring from the University of Queensland, Janet and Ken moved to a 100 acre farm where they are "running cattle" and growing avocados. They live in a highly protected area for koalas, close to a National Park and overlooking beautiful scenery. They are 35 km from Brisbane, where 3 of their 4 children live. The children love the farm and they've had lots of visitors. Janet says that if any '52 friends are down that way, "be sure to come and stay." OK!

Anne Hoagland Kelsey tells us that she is well after serious back surgery and is doing a tour of Australia and New Zealand in March! No bungee jumping off that famous bridge! She describes our days at SBC as Shangri-La, except for the studying. **Joannie Holbrook Patton**, our most diligent booster: I am sure that you are all aware of Joannie's loss of her husband, General George Patton, after a long and difficult illness. Joannie cared for George with tremendous love and patience while at the same time operating Green Meadows Farm, a more than full-time job. Bill and I were able to attend the memorial service for George as well as a reception at the beautiful farm. Anne Kelsey and Grace Einsel were there also. The service was very moving and memorable, a tribute to a man who served us all so well. Joannie and her son, George Jr., spent Christmas in Germany where one of her daughters and her family live. Besides family gatherings, Joanne and George were able to make gravesites and museum visits to honor General Patton's father, the W.W. II General Patton...some 60 years after the war. Joannie hosted a mini-reunion in New York City, gathering **Sue Bassewitz Mintzinger, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein and Ginger Dreyfus Karren** for lunch. Ginger and Sue are music aficionados and Gabrielle is active with the Daughters of Cincinnati. Joanne says that they are all "lively and good looking!"—good on us! Joannie continues to operate the family farm and plans to host her annual SBC outing this summer. I can testify that it's lots of fun. The farm also celebrates its own festivals, the Blueberry Festival on Aug. 6th and the Harvest Festival on October 15th. Joannie lets us know the sad news, that of the death of **Gail Hall Swearingen**.

Gail spent only one year with us at SBC before returning, to finish, as so many Texas girls did, at the University of Texas. An article from the San Antonio paper describes her as a very compassionate and giving person who was "grateful for everything life gave her." May we all say the same.

Your faithful reporter, and consort William, are in fine fettle (what is a fettle?) and frolicking in mountains of snow. Our summer travels seem to consist of accepting invitations from kind friends for weekend visits. (We bring lots of delectables!). In the fall we board Amtrak to California, sometimes stopping in Santa Fe or Seattle en route to our son in the Napa Valley. Spring lures us to Siesta Key (off Sarasota) with all our kids and grands (we now require three condos) and reunions with my sister Sallie (SBC '49) and her family. There is lots of take-out involved here. Two new granddaughters have brought the total to six grands. Josephine Marta Katz lives in the Napa Valley, and Martha Annabelle Wei-lin Laserson, adopted from China in 2004, is a Brooklyn, NY resident. Am I ever happy.

Thanks so much for your news. I wish I could answer each note. I can't promise news in every Alumnae Magazine since I'm operating in slow motion. Please send me a note when you have news! Love to all, Scoop

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Polly Space Dunn and Courtney Gibson Pelley win the prize this time because they responded in writing to my request for news. In her note, Polly remembered our wonderful reunion fondly (saying she didn't remember WHEN she'd laughed as much!), and then told of a follow-up gathering with **Betsy Smith White** for lunch in Brevard. Both Polly and Betsy had a daughter and granddaughter in tow. After all these great get-togethers, she thinks we should plan a mini-reunion. Polly spends much of the summer and fall in beautiful Cashiers, North Carolina. But on a Christmas card, which came from Vail, Colorado, she reported having dinner with **Betsy Colwill Weigers** and George. In Polly's journeys she is keeping in touch with classmates. Courtney wrote from her house in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, but says they go back to their condo in Alexandria "all the time." She says, "I LOVE living here on the Sound—our view is to die for. I LOVE living on the 7th floor in Alexandria—the view there is spectacular also." She adds "We are happy and healthy and stay busy by choice. We pray for our President and for an end to the war in Iraq. It is strange to live near Camp Lejeune and see so much suffering and still see the Christmas spirit everywhere."

From a few other Christmas cards, I gleaned a little more news. **Gay Hart Gaines** happily reported the birth of their ninth grandchild on Dec. 2, a girl named Brooke, "the high note" of what she described as "a full and fabulous year." After a phone call, Gay, a very busy lady as you'll see, had her secretary write with this additional material she had not covered before. This remarkable account runs as follows: "Mrs. Gaines now has 9 grandchildren, 6 boys and 3 girls. Mr. Gaines just celebrated his 70th birthday last Saturday, with all of the family in attendance, in New York. Mrs. Gaines is wondering how she could possibly be married to someone that old! She has spent the last two days meeting with an architect from Charlottesville who is designing their new home in Palm Beach. She hopes to start construction by the end of this year. Mrs. Gaines is a full time volunteer. She was President of the Palm Beach Republican Club for the past two years. Her term ended in December 2004. She was successful in re-electing our President, George W. Bush, Republican candidates nationally, statewide and locally, and raised the most money the Club has ever had. She brought in renowned speakers like Lady Thatcher, author Peggy Noonan, Senator Zell Miller, Governor Sandford of South Carolina, Mayor Bret Schundler, Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, author Joel Rosenberg, and many other notables. In October of 2004, she was elected the 18th Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. She has been the Vice Regent representing Florida for the last four years, and is excited about her new responsibilities. She will be in Virginia at least ten days a month. In 2004 President Bush appointed her to the CPB Board. In November the full US Senate confirmed her, after a Senate hearing, to the Board of Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term of six years.

I received a card from **Sally Dobson Danforth** from New York while her husband John Danforth was Ambassador to the U.N. (How proud we are!) We hope to hear more from Sally now that she's back in St. Louis.

On a card showing a darling photo of her 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter, **Susan Taylor Montague-Reese** wrote that she hated having to miss reunion, but was in the midst of treatments, now completed. So, of course, I had to talk

to her. She declared that with those successfully all behind her now, she's looking forward to resuming activity in the real estate market and welcoming her second grandchild, a boy, into the fold. What happy news!

I had fun talking to a few people on the telephone. (I love catching up that way, and hearing the surprise in those voices.) **Judy Franklin Campbell** was stunned to hear from me. She reported that she and Bill have given up their antique business, no longer have the shop, but still go to the shows just as a hobby. On an antiquing trip to Jacksonville, Fla., she reconnected with her SBC roommate **Cookie Payne Allen** again after many years. The Campbells spend half of the year in Baltimore and the other half in Oregon. All four of their children—and ten grandchildren—live in the Northwest. **Di Doscher Spurdle** declared she had no news and then told of a fascinating trip to Russia last September sponsored by Dartmouth College. She also said she'd had a nice visit with **Betsy Colwill Weigers** in New York. **Sally Hale Riggs** in Louisville was happy to hear from me even though I interrupted her when she had company! When I called back the next morning, I got to have a real chat and hear about her children and grandchildren, her son in New York who has a master's degree from Columbia in urban development, who is married and has twin daughters, five years old, by the lovely names of Isabel and Grace, and daughter Sarah who lives and works in San Francisco. I also talked to **Lizora Miller Yonce** in Greenwich, Conn., who is thrilled with the impending marriage of her son Cliff. Lizora, the mother of three boys, is happy to welcome another daughter into the family. I look forward to seeing Lizora when we're both in Boca Grande in January '05.

I am grateful to those who reported on other classmates: In an email to **Betsy Duke Seaman**, who thoughtfully passed it on, **Kathy Tyler Sheldon** wrote from Newfoundland, "We had a quiet Christmas as we went into St. John's for the grandchildren's Christmas concerts and plays and a wedding Anne was in, then came home to have Christmas here as we are aging and find it so confusing with everyone in a small house. We had a glorious snowfall on Christmas Day and enjoyed the season around the community as Christmas here only ends

on Jan. 6. Today we had back to Ski day and are just grateful to be able to slowly ski around the cross-country trail. After skiing, I particularly enjoy the hot tub which John installed last fall to keep me anchored here." Let's join Kathy!

From our local SBC '59 book club, I learned that **Sorrel Mackall McElroy** was written up in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* as an area person eager to do her part to learn more about the relief operations for the Tsunami survivors. When she attended a lecture on the subject at the Virginia Science Museum, with two grandsons in tow, a reporter covering the event wrote, "The presentation convinced Sorrel McElroy of Manakin-Sabot to financially contribute to the relief effort. The 67-year-old grandmother brought two of her 13 grandchildren to the event." Then Sorrel was quoted as saying that she had become convinced that a donation could be made which would "go directly to the people" since there had been some questions about direct help.

If you think this is boring, it's your fault, because I have been scrambling to get news. I thank all our classmates who supplied material, but we need more. Please send me some about you and your friends! Happy '05 to all.

1960

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We are all looking forward to our 45th Reunion which is almost here! I hope you have made your plans to be together on campus May 27-29! In the meantime, get a copy of **Elsie Burch Donald's** new novel, *A Rope of Sand*. The book is published in UK, but you may purchase it on Amazon UK.com. It has received some great reviews and features SBC!

Charity Paul reports that she spends most of her time developing her private psychotherapy practice, but still has time for her continuing love of singing. She occasionally sings at the Amateur Comedy Club in NYC. Every few years Charity has a poetry reading of W.H. Auden's, *For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio*. Remember Dr. Nelson's direction of this at SBC in 1958? Charity spends most summers in Hampstead, NW3, London with thoughts of someday moving there. Meanwhile, Charity plans

to attend reunion with **Patricia Russell Howard** and **Gale Young Walker**. Charity's reflection on *A Rope of Sand* will be included in our 45th Reunion scrapbook.

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A very pleasant voice from the past was my Boxwood (freshman) roommate, **Judy Abernethy Kyle**. In Alaska since 1975, she has been a full time employee of Providence Health System as a teacher and coordinator of medical education for patients, employees, physicians and the community, with a staff of 13. Biggest event so far was at the Medical Center where 256 people attended a Behavioral Healthy conference. The guest speaker was a forensic psychiatrist from University Hospital of Cleveland who was consultant to attorneys of Jeffery Dahmer, Susan Smith, Timothy McVeigh, Ted Kaczynski and Andrea Yates.

Fran Early reports from Boston that her community-organizing work is very rewarding. "Imagine a table in a church basement. Around it picture a Malaysian, a Puerto Rican, a Somali in full Muslim garb, an African American from Alabama, a white Irish, a Haitian, a Cape Viridian and a Dominican. They are neighbors but are reluctant to interact since in some of their cultures, public relationships were not safe. However, by sharing stories and concerns, they found a common bond." Fran continued to improve her Spanish by weekly meetings with an ex-nun from Colombia on a 3 week stay in Guatemala and Honduras last winter. Her particular fondness for Guatemala is reflected in her paintings. The combination of painting, community organizing and Spanish seems to produce a balance among tensions, reflection, inspiration and fun for her. She'd love to see anyone who passes through Boston.

News from our nest is that in August, my mother **Margaret Ross Ellice '34**, Sandy and I took a riverboat trip

from Budapest to Amsterdam. The first trip we connected with fellow voyager **Marguerite Emmert Baldwin** '46 and husband Jack. What a delightful meeting it was!

1963

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Greetings, Ladies! It has been five months since I collected our summer news which were published in the winter magazine, but lots of things continue to happen to the Class of '63 and it is good to hear from many of you again and from a few for the first time in ages! Unfortunately, these notes must start with the sad news of the death of our classmate, **Janet Hiestand Koller**, on August 31, 2004. This comes from the Alumnae Office and is all I know but we certainly extend our sympathy to Janet's family. Another death close to our hearts was **Lisa Wood Hancock's** mother, Elizabeth (Jackie) Bond Wood, also in August, 2004. Few people have done as much at or for Sweet Briar, and we all have fond memories of "Mom" from our college days. On to happier things! Several of us (including me) have newly retired husbands and are trying to figure out what to do with them! It does make for a life-style change. **Betsy Parker McColi's** husband, Jim, retired after a 40 year banking career and as Betsy says, "a man can only play so much golf," however a part-time consulting job is keeping him busy in Charlotte where their daughter lives so there's a nice silver lining. Recently Betsy ran into **Lucy Otis Anderson** at a SBC function in Charlotte and Betsy had all sorts of good mother-of-the-bride advice for Lucy whose daughter, Shirley, will be married next June. Lucy says even a small wedding "is like having another totally dependent child in the family...it takes a lot of time and attention!" **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ have completed their move to Lewes, Delaware—they are both retired now and Julia says "it's a little scary" but they are planning a lot of travel, to California in February and Portugal in May. **Cynthia Livingstone Gibert's** husband retired two years ago from Georgetown University but Cynthia continues as an infectious diseases

physician at the VA Medical Center in Washington, DC, and says she really can't figure out when to retire. This is a real medical family—their son, Chris, is an ER physician in Virginia Beach and their daughter, Jennifer, is leaving her job as a consultant and heading off for medical school. Cynthia has four grandchildren and the dog Jennifer 'passed on' to her.

Speaking of grandchildren, **Barby Rockefeller Bartlett** reports two new grandbabies, one from each son—a little girl, Anna Lauren, and a little boy, Gavin Beckwith. Gavin made his debut on his parents' anniversary. **Margaret Millender Holmes** also has two sons—Steve presented Maggie and Tom with a third grandchild when son George married a widow with two children, ages 7 and 10, resulting in a "grand" population explosion from two to five! After bragging about the next generation Maggie adds, "Our plans for travel after retirement have definitely come true with multiple trips to North Carolina to visit aging and not-well relatives. It is said that you should be careful what you wish for; it might happen."

It was a treat to hear from my freshman roommate, **Carolyn Gabel**, after many years. Carolyn spent her professional career teaching at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and more recently was executive director of a non-profit, pro-democracy organization called Democracy Works. She retired last fall in order to spend more time with her parents, 93 and 95, whom she now visits at least once a month. Carolyn's most exciting news is her marriage last June to her partner of 25 years, Leslie Brett, a wonderful celebration on Cape Cod with their three children, two spouses and two granddaughters in attendance. Carolyn and Leslie say they were "happy to join other same sex couples in this important civil rights victory."

I received four glowing versions of the mini-reunion of **Laura Lee Brown Wilson, Ginger Cates Mitchell, Sue Jones Cansler, Lyn Clark Pegg, Prue Gay Stuhr** and **Mary Groetzinger Heard** at the Wilsons' buffalo farm in Louisville, KY—a happy time filled with contemporary art and picnics among the bison herd! Sue and Mary shared their (we know which one) birthday celebration and stories of birthdays at the Boxwood Inn abounded! Laura Lee has a third

grandchild, a boy born to her daughter in Denver. Prue says she and Ed continue to be busy in retirement (aka 'redirection'—I like that!) with three grandchildren and a Dalmatian puppy! Lyn says that for her "retirement is very close on the horizon, with grandchildren and the Witness for Peace delegations to Latin American calling for me, loud and clear!" Ginger and Mitch also welcomed a third grandchild this spring, just before a three week trip to Spain and Portugal. Ginger has a great suggestion for us all—her son, Edward, is running a small hotel in Puerto Escondido, Mexico, and would "love to have his mom's friends come for some 'fun in the sun!'" Check out the website: www.villasarcizalillo.com.

McNair Currie Maxwell says that after her first year of retirement and feeling a bit disoriented she is getting into a comfortable rhythm, and it seems to be a lot about travel! She and Bob went to France in July, Myrtle Beach in August, and Raleigh for the month of October. Their son, Reynolds, is involved with the renovation of downtown Durham, NC. **Nancy Dixon Brown** reports a fun trip to England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France last August, and a visit on St. Simons Island with **Sue Jones Cansler** in October. Her youngest is out of the nest, at Ole Miss, having fun. **Jean Meyer Aloe** had to cancel out of the SBC Tuscany tour due to her daughter's illness but once recovered Jenni and Jean went by themselves to Rome, Florence and Venice and had a marvelous time. **Valerie Elbrick Hanlon** is spending the winter in Paris where she says the sun is thin and the artwork is golden—she is writing, and "Paris is a fine place for it, many swell ones have set the pace." Her two sons will join her in January and they hope to "jog around" Normandy among other things.

Traveling in the other direction was **Neerissa Vom Baur Roehrs** and Heinrich who attended her niece's wedding in Warrenton, VA, in October then drove to Lynchburg to lunch with **Jessica Bemis Ward** and Peter. They then spent a few days in New York, which Neerissa hadn't seen in years. Back in Leipzig now she's writing music as fast as she can preparing for next year's concerts. Jessica has a new book out and already in its second printing, *Food to Die For*, about funeral foods and etiquette. I am fortunate enough to have an autographed copy and it is a riot—the day I got it I sat

up half the night reading and howling! She wrote it as a project of the Southern Memorial Association to benefit the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg.

Karen Gill Meyer and Jim enjoyed a great trip to South Beach, FL, and were off to New York to see the Christmas lights and museums including the recently reopened MOMA. They will attend a dinner hosted by Leona Helmsley for the NY Board of Barrow Neurological Institute; Karen is Chair of the Women's Board of Barrow this year. **Jane Goodridge** says Charleston is all decorated for Christmas as well, including an outdoor skating rink. Jane has taken up shooting skeet and sporting clays and just recently participated in her first quail hunt—and got two birds! **Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch** reports that the Middle East has been a fascinating focus for her this fall as she balances studying Hebrew at Dallas Seminary's Houston extension with studying the History of the Modern Middle East taught by a Saudi Muslim woman who has several earned doctorates. After years as a medical editor **Katherine Haskell Subramanian** has become more interested in alternative healing; she has studied medical aromatherapy for the past eight years, passed the national exam to become a Registered Aroma therapist and spends much of her time teaching people how to use medical-grade essential oils for many purposes. Katherine sings in the Norristown Choral and serves on its Board of Directors. And she loves to garden—her backyard is certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Betty Stanly Cates survived the two September hurricanes which hit Vero Beach and says she is definitely ready for a New Year. The second storm did considerable damage to her condo. She recently had a short visit with **Penny Pamplin Reeves** who has just moved to Atlanta from Lexington, KY, in order to be closer to family, then spent Thanksgiving with **Ginger Cates Mitchell** and Mitch in Barnesville, GA. Betty will be on the SBC trip, "Gardens of the Caribbean," on *Sea Cloud II* in January.

Lisa Wood Hancock and I spent a recent weekend in the Richmond/Virginia Beach area and had a wonderful visit with **Sallie Yon Williams**. Sallie is hard at work on her writing projects as well as looking after her widowed father and when time permits enjoying her

granddaughter who lives in New York. Lisa continues to spend a lot of time in Northern Virginia with her two children and three grandchildren.

Lee Kucewicz Parham just gave me a call to say Happy New Year and gloat that Tennessee was beating (the daylight hours of) Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl! So now you know how closely I have cut my deadline since I know nobody is working in the Alumnae Office this weekend! All is well with the Simon family although we have had a busy year. After seven months of negotiations our 76 year old family company, Industrial Properties Corporation, was sold the end of October. It was a bittersweet occasion but definitely the right decision. So I am also presented with a retired husband and although he has plenty of projects to keep him occupied our time will be less structured and we are looking forward to more travel (at last). And we have just bought a second home in Snowmass, Colorado, so after we get it whipped into shape with major renovations this summer the welcome mat will be out for the Class of '63! Although you will read these notes in the summer—what the heck, Happy New Year!

1964

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If you weren't at reunion, be sure to come next time. We need your stories and memories to keep our story straight! We thank **Anne Everett** for putting together reunion pictures and sending them to everyone who attended. A number of you begged forgiveness for not coming, but I want the guilt to last until our next reunion.

This year, being with grandchildren and traveling top the list of your favorite activities, unless you're still coping with a fulltime job. But there's also the "extreme makeover" group—we're talking kitchens here—redoing it all even though we spend less and less time in the kitchen.

I enjoyed the Sweet Briar in Tuscany trip this year—the first foreign travel I've done in many years. The trip was a well-planned, well-paced, and educational adventure. All of the guides in Cortona and the cities we visited were great. I'm still working in downtown NYC and invite you to call if you come this way. I'm

hoping work pressures will be less this year so that I can keep my lunch date promises.

After an intense volunteer stint during the election season, **Dona Van Arsdale** is enjoying her freedom but still considering a return to work. **Mary Ball Payne** has been busy moving her mother into Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg, and babysitting her grandson (she's known as Ya Ya). Mary has spent 25 years as a State of Delaware social services employee and is part of a "national team drafting legislation regarding children who move across state lines for adoption, foster care, probation and aftercare." **Tina Patterson Murray** is still working hard teaching at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and at her late husband's firm, Brean Murray and Co.

Tappy Lynn Scully writes that she and her husband have just finished a book on Yale's architecture and planning. Congratulations are in order for **Elizabeth Matheson** on her North Carolina Award, a high honor given to her last year. (Look for articles on both in this magazine.) **Helen Dunn, Sarah Strother Strong** (from Luxembourg), and **Jacki Nicholson Wysong** all got together to see Elizabeth and her photographs. Sarah is now a grandmother and her son was married this past year.

Betsy Pidgeon Parkinson reports that she and her husband Geoff "are involved with World Vision (an amazing organization!). We went on one mission trip to Appalachia last summer. A wonderful and inspiring experience. We hope to do another trip next year." Betsy's news includes a trip to Australia and New Zealand and yet another grandchild (total 6!).

Some of you have moved or changed places. **Ann Fauber Sims** is still in Lynchburg but has moved to a new house near her old house where her daughter and four grandchildren now live. **Rosamond Sample Brown** has moved to the Highland Park area of Dallas to be closer to family. She will split her time between Dallas and San Diego where her older son lives. Guest rooms are available in both houses! She had two terrific trips out of the country this year to Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), then to London, Paris, and Scotland. **Kitty Griffith** and her husband Mike have moved to Pittsboro, North Carolina. **Nancy Lynah Hood** and

husband Roger have returned to Oxford after a year in Tokyo. Nancy is pursuing a part time MA in the History of Art just for fun. She's thinking about a dissertation on Renaissance artists. At work, she is "doing projects for Oxfordshire, applying for grants, trying to build new visitor services for the Farm Museum, an extension to the museum store, and for fun, installing some dinosaur footprints into the garden of the County Museum!" They've been to Vietnam, Cambodia and China, and are hooked on travel in Asia.

Mary Duer Cole may write a thesis on commuting relationships, pre- and post marriage. Both daughters have houses in Philadelphia and commuting relationships with New York. Jennifer is a lawyer in the investment division of Morgan, Lewis and Bacchius. Ambler is a Financial Planner with the Creative Financial Group and her husband is founder, Chairman and CEO of White Cap Investors, an internet trading company. When thinking about all of this is too much, Mary and Joe go to their farm on the Chesapeake Bay.

Barbara Little Chuko has a new granddaughter and one more coming, but reports sadly that she lost her husband in May. "It took some juggling to handle all this and the full time job, but it made me appreciate free time on weekends a lot more!" **Ashton Barfield** writes that she has a plan to semi-retire by the end of 2005 and fully by 2006. Ashton, at least come out for lunch in the meantime!

Harriet Houston Shaffer writes that she is very involved with the Carlisle Collection doing national recruiting. "I get to New York, our headquarters, five or six times a year which is great for me as three of our six grandchildren (all under five) are there. We had a fun reunion at **Dottie Norris Schipper** and Jan's wonderful home in the mountains with **Vicky Cox** Commander and Charlie in October. **Susan** and Ed **Croft** spent New Years Eve with us in Highlands, NC." **Leezee Scott Porter** writes that one of her colleagues has bought the furniture business she has run for 30 years in Washington. This is a year of transition for Leezee as her husband Paul Nitze died this year and he is greatly missed. She has a daughter and three grandchildren in British Columbia. **Susan Mancini** missed reunion because she was in Italy (she's a frequent visitor) visiting relatives and going to an elegant wedding. She's still teaching Italian

at Ohio Wesleyan University. **Vera Le Craw Carvalho** writes that she and her husband Philippe have finally reached a victorious end to a five-year legal battle with a multi-national giant. They hope to travel to New York this year to visit their son Philippe and his wife Aurelie.

To keep up with **Peggy Aurand**, you'll need roller skates. Highlights of her year are that her son Peter made her a grandma, son Dennis got married, she came to reunion and enjoyed it, and traveled to Mexico and other places. She brought two paintings of hunting scenes to reunion that we all enjoyed. Later she sent slides for consideration to the American Academy of Equine Art's Fall Exhibition in Lexington, Kentucky where one of her paintings was among 60 or so from all over the world selected to hang. She reports that she "drove up to Lexington for the opening of the exhibit and was floored to hear my name called out as one of the prize winners!" **Carol Tiernan** keeps up with Peggy. She is the retail sales and facility rental manager for Maine Audubon, so if you're a birder and up that way, look her up.

Libby Kopper Schollaert continues to be very busy with teaching French (including honors) and chairing the department. Libby and Jim have two grandchildren in Arlington and two in North Carolina. Son Charlie is in Colorado getting an MBA. They had a great trip to Alaska this year. **Fran Culbertson Knight** is living in Naples, Florida and is a social worker and clinical psychologist.

Mimi Couch Teschner keeps up with **Ann Sims Fauber, Susan Bronson Croft** and **Lynn Youngs Esmay** from Aspen, Colorado, her "exquisite mountain environment." She raises many millions each year as the Director of Development for the Aspen Music Festival and School, one of the largest festivals in the country. "Every summer we present more than 300 classical music events and operas—bringing in 750 students from around the world, international guest artists and conductors, and 150 faculty from the great teaching conservatories." There's another idea for the retirement wish list.

I think **Pam Larsen Baldwin** gets the prize for the most grandchildren (8) and with one more child to marry, she may not be done yet. She's built a family friendly beach house in Myrtle Beach and continues to run a successful children's store on Lynchburg's main street. "We

now have destination customers from Richmond, Roanoke and D.C. as well as a regular from Connecticut." Be sure to call if you need something special. She went to Europe in '03 (France, Belgium, and The Netherlands) and was pleased that her French came right back. **Anne Day Herrmann** continues to tutor children of various ages in reading, writing and even math (but they have to be pretty young...). She is also involved in City Year which is now in its second year in New York and with the Breakthrough Collaborative. Her husband is currently chair of the NPR Foundation, which is why you hear those tag lines. Jed is working at the Department of Consumer Affairs in NYC and Tim is teaching English in Mexico.

Lynne Smith Crow took a trip to China with Kids Around the World (through her membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable) to build a playground for poor children in Langsang (near Beijing). The site is www.kidsaroundtheworld.com. She enjoyed China and returned to see it more closely in a trip to China, Tibet, and Hong Kong. **Susan Dwelle Baxter** is a travel agent and also traveled to China this past year and has plans to go to Russia. She keeps in touch with **Margaret Thouron, Lee Huston Carroll, Caroline Tate, Susan Croft, Caroline Theus, and Vicki Coxe Commander** and shared some of their news. Lee became a grandmother this year. Caroline has been leading a breast cancer study and went to Mexico for several weeks to immerse herself in Spanish and return fluent.

Linda Lee McAndrew says that things are going well. "Our younger son graduated from high school and is managing well in college, while our older son is working and trying to find his niche in life. Bob and I continue to work and keep up with our "money pit" of a Victorian house in which we've now lived 30 years."

We hope for **V. M. Del Greco Gagliano** that this year is a little easier and that she has more time to enjoy her grandchildren. She lost her mother before Christmas and her father afterwards. If you took Italian from Signore Del Greco, you had fun learning Italian from an extraordinary human being and a superb teacher.

Scottie Newell Lennon is busy with singing in the choir, community activities, and following and experiencing new discoveries in medicine. We send both

cheers and prayers as we learn that her daughter who has cystic fibrosis has had a double lung transplant to improve the quality of her life. **Sally Gump Berryman** is busy with jaunts to visit family in Augusta, Atlanta, Conway (MA), and Rolla (Missouri), animal shelter, taking Moab (the dog) to visit the elderly, Junior Golf, Grannie Golf trips. "My soul and the rest of me may return to St. Andrews in July. My 1952 tractor and I are still pretty good working antiques." **Christy Solomon, Diane Hatch, Helen Dunn and Nancy Gillies** also checked in.

Final notes: You can send me news at any time during the year, but please at least check in once a year at Christmas. The college doesn't send cards out any more so I'm counting on you. Or, you can go to the SBC website (www.sbc.edu/alumnae/magazine/) to send your news; Sweet Briar will send it to me. If you change your home or email address, tell Sweet Briar and me. If you need an address (snail mail or email) or a list, just ask. And do consider getting email, it's fun! Please note that my work email has changed to vdebuys@thegoldensource.com

1965

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Greetings, Class of 1965! Last September (2004) I had the delightful experience of once again visiting our beautiful campus for Alumnae Council Weekend. It was such a treat to spend some time with **Whitney Jester Ranstrom**, who was also there for the conference. The theme was "A Passion for the Subject: Celebrating the Arts at Sweet Briar College" and we were treated to many fascinating lectures, gallery walks, workshops, and performances. We also had the opportunity to meet and speak with a number of current students, and I assure you, the college is in very good hands! I couldn't have imagined what a new sense of admiration I would feel for our school, with all its new buildings, programs, and opportunities for students. I encourage you to come to our 40th reunion (May 27-29, 2005) and see for yourself! I also encourage you to give as generously as you can to our 40th class gift, so we can continue

to have excellent programs and facilities, and a school of which we may be very proud indeed.

As for class news, I had an e-mail from **Sally Hubbard**, who completed all 175 miles of the two-day Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS in September, 2004. She was honored at the Closing Ceremony as the second-oldest cyclist (61) and the third-highest fundraiser (\$6,500). The 100 riders raised \$250,000, 100% of which will be donated to three AIDS service agencies in the Fort Worth and Dallas area. Sally's son Hayne Shumate rode with her, and his wife Katie crewed the ride.

The only other note I had was a funny one from **Scribbie Euston (Helen Scribner)**, who wrote: "Those of us who do not send you news are not being remiss; we're just leading boring lives. At the Alumnae/Friends of Art meeting in September I even lost my identity. I became Kimberley's mother-in-law (Kimberley McGraw Euston '92). How's that for becoming a non-person?"

It's almost Christmas as I write this, and since you probably won't read it until well into the spring, I want to be the first (and probably the last!) to wish you all a very happy new year. Make a resolution to come to our 40th reunion!

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Hello to the Class of '67! Remember that you need to send me your news for the magazine because you won't be receiving the annual postcards anymore! I have started to email those of you for whom I have up to date addresses and am working my way through the alphabet. Send me your email and I'll remind you to send in your news.

Adele Laslie Kellman writes that

she is working in a "phased retirement" and spending July and August in their second home in Great Barrington, MA. Her husband is fully retired. They had a wonderful trip to China (Silk Road) in May '04 and are planning a return for April '05. She is organizing a reunion for her small high school class in New Orleans for the year they turn 60. After being "empty nesters" for quite a while, their oldest child, Simon, is at home as he relocates to the NY/NJ area, and their daughter threatening to move home to save money. "Just when we were thinking of selling the house and downsizing..." Adele also shared that they are big fans of regional theater, attending 5 different theaters!

After retiring, **Baird Shinberger Bell** says, "I am now working just for myself. I have a little business, BB Quilts, and will have a web site functioning soon. I found I enjoy making baby quilts, teddy bears with their own little quilts, as well as doll quilts. After many requests, I decided there was enough interest to give rein to my passion. I get a lot of energy from what I am doing and that is what it is all about. I am involved in the quilting community in Northern VA and have just begun my year as the President of Quilters' Unlimited of Northern VA. Bill and I have purchased land in Southport, NC on the intercoastal waterway and will be building a home there in the next year. We don't know when it will become our full-time abode but are looking forward to all that the area offers. It is certainly a quieter part of the world than the DC area. Being in good health is a blessing as well.

Vicky Baker recently returned from 5 weeks in Cambodia and Vietnam on a Freeman Foundation Grant where she did research on rural schooling and supervised the projects of 2 of her top anthropology students. Following that trip she was "in such a remote place on Nicaragua's Mosquito Coast that they didn't even have an Internet cafe!" advising her Ford Apprentice Scholar. Vicky was elected Secretary/Treasurer of Eckerd College's newly installed Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, the sixth chapter in FL.

After 25 years **Barb Tillman Kelley** retired in '03 from the B'ham Bd of Education and the B'ham Museum of Art and began a new job as Director of Education for the Vulcan Park Foundation, a great museum that traces industrial history of B'ham. "It's

fun—I plan to stay until age 62 and really retire!” They drove down to Key West with no set schedule, stopping along the way and doing all the things that they wanted to—Everglades sunset kayak trip, scratching the manatees in Crystal River and seeing **Penny Titter-Adams** were highlights. Kids are great. Dave in B’ham working in management with a fabulous restaurant, Darcy will graduate from vet school May ’05 and then get married in May. Trey graduated from Millsaps and is now working for Wachovia. Carlton still enjoys backpacking trips with his buddies and Trey.

Connie Quereau Graf and her husband live 25 miles north of DC with 3 horses in their backyard. They enjoy the peace and beauty of the semi-country simple life. Both children, Jenn (33) and Jeff (30) live in the area. Connie got together with **Putzi von Rebhan Olsen** and **Ellen Kelley Cinq-Mars** at Putzi’s lovely place on the Wicomico River in the northern neck of VA several years ago. Putzi’s turned lots of their waterfront property into beautiful, natural gardens. **Ginny Stanley Douglas** writes, “Bill and I became grandparents; daughter Rebecca Beach gave birth to Miles Edwin Beach on Sept. 26, 2004.” They had quite a family gathering for Thanksgiving. Bill and brother-in-law Harry rode around Lake Tahoe (72 miles) on Nov 24th. She and Bill are preparing for a trip to the Galapagos Islands in April to celebrate their 36th anniversary. Ginny is busy working with The WISH List to help elect Republican pro-choice women to office at all levels of government. With pro-choice Republican Governor Schwarzenegger, it is a lot more fun. They will go to DC again for the 5th Bush Inaugural celebration. She worked for then freshman Congressman George H.W. Bush right after graduation for 2 years and has made all the Reagan-Bush, Bush-Quayle, and now Bush W. inaugurals. They went to the Ball once—too crowded. Now they just do private parties with family and friends and people she worked with.

Reverend Cherag, formerly **Mary (Bonnie) Jackson**, Sufi name Azima, received M. Div. from Yale Divinity School in ’96, divorced in ’98. She traveled in India, Tibet, Bali and received D.Min from U of Creation Spirituality in ’03. She’s been taking singing lessons from an Indian teacher whom she met in India off and on for the last 3 years. An Interfaith Minister registered in NYC in ’95, she

recently was ordained in the Sufi Order International. “This is ministry whose service is called the Universal Worship. It recognizes that we all come from the same divine inheritance albeit manifest in unique and different ways relative to the faith tradition and the person. One can keep her own faith and attend this worship service. The worship service lights a candle for each faith, primarily Hindu, Buddhist, Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, Islam, and a Truth candle for those who hold the light of Truth amidst the darkness. Then we read from the scripture of each, often attune to each and speak on their varying perspectives of one topic. At the core they often seem to come to the same truth, but in a unique way. I have just finished a CD called ‘Passages Through Light’ which has a couple of my own chants and some of the Indian chants I’ve learned. Music of the different traditions is important to me as a connector in the worship. I’d like to learn more music.” Her daughter, Elizabeth, is in NYC working at Cooper Hewitt, and just returned from Patagonia after a rugged but fun trip kayaking.

Jill Berguido Gill says they are all fine, and after her sister June’s (SBC ’58) sudden death in the summer ’03 of a heart attack, she’s been very proactive about her health and would like to live a long, healthy life, as did her mom, Marion Jayne Berguido (SBC ’29). Jill still enjoys tutoring very much, and having lots of fun with her yellow lab, Chamois. They had a blast visiting her sister, Jayne (who spent her freshman year, 1950-51, at SBC) in Cape Cod last June. In addition to her regular gardening (veggies, herbs, annuals, perennials, etc.), she has a fishpond that Bruce made for her birthday two years ago. She’s hooked on water gardening and still keeps chickens for eggs only. Bruce has been very busy celebrating Harrison Plantation’s 300th Anniversary and the opening of the restored barn/visitor center this past year. Tim has returned to college, and is doing very well. He has an apartment in Powelton Village, and Jill sees him quite often.

After a year in Milwaukee, **Judy Keyserling** returned to DC (happily, I would add—though I enjoyed getting reacquainted with Judy while she was in the Midwest) and she’s taken a job at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund as exec v-p in charge of communications, fundraising and special projects. This

group built the wall and currently is launching a \$40 million capital campaign to build an educational center underground near the wall. They also have numerous noted educational programs and a landmine removal and education program in Vietnam. “As you can imagine, it’s a departure from the cultural world...but not really as I’ve been working with architects, Maya Lin, landscape and exhibit designers, as well as generals, corporate heads and war journalists.”

Julie Bodin Converse has had a busy year with the passing of her mother and mother in law. On a better note, Chris, her younger son married a really sweet girl—they are delighted. “Mark’s wife is named Jill and Chris’s wife is named Jackie so I’ve got Jack and Jill for daughters-in-law!” **Melissa Sanders Thomas** and Boyce came for the wedding. Julie and George bought a house in Gulf Breeze, FL on the intercoastal waterway where she’s hoping to see more of both brothers and sons.

Dolly Caballero Garcia has 6 grandchildren, ranging from 8 to 1, who keep her really busy, but are loads of fun. She belongs to an opera group and continues to play tennis 3 times a week. They took a great trip to Russia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania and went to Disneyworld with the kids. **Kat Barnhardt Chase** enjoyed trips to Victoria, BC, the Outer Banks, and Atlanta for a high school reunion through Brats International for military dependents educated overseas. “The big news is that Leslie graduated (from SBC) with her theatre major and elementary education; she still has student teaching to do. Her son turned 4 three days after graduation. Alison is eagerly looking forward to her second year in the Honors Program at Elon U. Bob will be on sabbatical the spring semester. I will start a 2 year program for education as a permanent deacon in the Episcopal Church in the fall in Durham, NC.”

Lang Loveras is living in Waterford, VA, with sons, Jose Antonio and Juan Francisco Gomez, daughter-in-law, Joanna, and “adorable granddaughter, Janis Marie Gomez, who is 8, absolutely brilliant, and lots of fun.” Her daughter, Lucia Isabel Gomez-Sherman, who graduated from Randolph-Macon in Ashland, and just got her MBA is living in Smyrna, GA, with her new husband, and working for a non-profit in Atlanta.

She started as a financial officer, and has just been named Head of HR. Her parents and siblings have all passed away, the last 2 having been her mother and sister (Robbie Joan Lloveras, Class of 1952), who died within 12 days of each other in February of ’00. Since that time she has been fighting an extended legal battle in Honduras over her parents’ estate and settling her sister’s estate in Germany at the same time. Lang had a slight stroke in January ’99, from which she has almost completely recovered.

Maria Wiggsworth Hemmings graduated cum laude “thereby redeeming my poor performance at SBC!” from nursing school, passed her boards and is now working full time as a floor nurse on a med/surg floor. “I do love it and I come home quite tired. Today was non-stop for 9 hours on my feet and I missed lunch but...it was satisfying. I really enjoy the patients. A lot of elderly, homeless and just really, really sick.” Jeff is a great support, especially with 2 months of straight evenings. He is still working. Both daughters are now in Jackson, WY. Emery ‘claims’ she is moving east by the end of the year and Anne in the spring. Meanwhile it has been a great place to visit, summer and winter!

Mary Cary Ambler enjoyed a cruise along the inside passage of Alaska with both her children and nephew. The trip was a graduation gift to both: Jaquelin from BU with a BS in communications and John from Columbia with an MS in Journalism. John has been promoted to senior producer for Hannity and Colms. He is the youngest producer ever at Fox. Of course, the downside is that it is almost impossible to see him.

Norvell Jones retired from the National Archives in ’02 and is dividing her time between Falls Church, VA, and Petersburg, WV. “Retirement is grand. I am reading all those books I didn’t have time for during the 30+ years that I was working, and I have started sewing again—much fun. I have met a wonderful group of women here in Petersburg through the local public library and county arts council, and am enjoying their company. Bob and I have built a house in the woods and are enjoying the pleasures of the rural life. Last fall we were adopted by a sweet brown tabby kitten that appeared out of the woods one day, and now are totally ruled by her whims. Life is good.”

Ruthie Bell is still living in

Charlottesville (though they spent 5 years in Rome and 2 in DC between '89 and '00). She is in her third year at Tandem Friends School, where she teaches Latin in both the middle and upper divisions. Her husband is still on the faculty at UVA. Their son is a professional cellist, and besides playing with orchestras, mainly in Europe, he is co-director of a chamber music festival he founded in Charlottesville 5 years ago. (Check it out! www.cvillechambermusic.org). Their daughter has also headed toward a career in the arts, having produced and directed 2 operas in the past 2 years; she is currently an assistant director with the Virginia Opera's first production of this season, *Turandot*.

Kim Waters Keriakos is back at work full time and finding the commute from northern VA has gotten much worse. She is also back to designing the flowers for worship which she loves. During the fall she was in FL on the gulf side twice for extended periods—once for work, once for a wedding and added vacation time for both and found it marvelous. She will head to NYC for theater and museums as well. She keeps in touch with the grandchildren and feels very blessed to have them although the families that were just a mile or two away for so many years are now spread all over the US. She enjoyed a SBC get together at Oatlands to hear Paul Cronin speak on his new book.

Ginny Carpenter Delgado's biggest news is the arrival of her second grandson Gonzalo on 9/8/04. He's a large, happy healthy boy and looks a lot like his older brother Alvaro. Her son, Rafael, and his wife continue in Cartagena, which is a great place for young families and where he is now a Staff Officer on the Submarine Base. Ginny spent a week there playing with bilingual Alvaro and cuddling Gonzalo and will spend Christmas with them in the Mediterranean sun and warmth. Ginny spent most of August in the US with her sister. Her 94 year old stepfather Paul Mowry organized a family reunion including his 2 sons, wives, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sister and husband, and herself in Port Angeles, WA. After a few days in Breckenridge, CO with her sister, they flew to Seattle and had a lovely week with Paul and his family. She and her sister then spent a week in BC Vancouver, Whistler, Victoria and then 3 nights in Albuquerque NM

before returning to Breckenridge. She saw and did a lot, but next summer wants to stay in one place for longer than a couple of nights! Life in Madrid is as busy as always with lots of cultural things to do—her latest was a visit to see an exhibit of 10 terracotta Warriors of Xian and another 140 pieces on loan from China—but every morning she escapes from the city to ride 21 year old Windy and several times a week try not to lose the ball playing golf. She's taken up playing bridge again with a group of American women "so as to keep my mind in good working order;" she hadn't played since SBC.

The last year was busy for me, especially working with SBC's Shape of the Future Committee. I was very proud of our college and the planning process. I believe SBC is stronger for having examined its mission and processes. It was a valuable opportunity for me to understand much more about what it takes to be a successful college and to work with alumnae, faculty and staff. It also gave me an opportunity to visit **Judy Keyserling** and **Bonnie Stutski** in DC. How many of you who subscribe to the *Smithsonian* magazine realize that Bonnie is the picture editor? I pay a lot more attention to the pictures now. I had hoped to visit with **Beth Gawthrop Riely** at SBC Alumnae Council, but Beth needed to stay home to prepare her house for sale. **Toni Naren Gates** sent a great picture of her very happy family. I look forward to hearing from you all!

1968

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Hi All! Here is my plea: Please, please, please send me your e-mail address!!! It is absolutely the easiest way for me to communicate with all of you. Many addresses have been changed... and so you are no longer getting my communiques. I really don't have the time to write or call each of you ☺. Send me at lgdetmer@aol.com. MY news is that I now have two grandsons, Austin and Nathan, born almost a year apart. They live too far away (Naples, FL), but I love every minute that I get with them. Life has a definite normalcy to it right now—lots of routine, good health

and much happiness. I call it "recess"! May it continue!!! Jim and I are in the Adirondacks for the summers now, where I ride a tractor around the hay fields, mowing, tedding, and raking (no baling....too hard!). I make most of my necklaces for the year in the afternoons during the summer and just love the simpler life. Time in Williamsburg is filled with Adornings, my jewelry business, with singing, and with friends and family. Life is good. **Lynne Gardner Detmer.**

Lorna Allen Sorley writes: "Summer, Mike's daughter, received her MSW from Univ. of Texas in August. She's had quite a career adventure but hopefully has found her niche. Mike gave us quite a scare last year with something called ITP (low platelets, unknown cause) but he is doing well now. We're building a condo at the beach for weekends since we're not ready for retirement quite yet! What's strange is to even be thinking about it. I see Suzanne Little every few weeks, which is fun. I'm still enjoying working for AMVESCAP (parent of AIM funds) and particularly enjoy speaking with people all around the world. We're truly a global company. I have hopes of getting to our Hong Kong office at some point but haven't made it there yet.

Ann Banks Herrod: "My email is aherrod@midsouth.rr.com. 2005 is a really big year for our family: first grandchild, Julia Banks Fillmore, born Feb 10th, to my daughter Ashley and husband Scott in Fairway KS; two summer destination weddings: in June, daughter Kathleen to Schorr Behnke in Pt Clear, AL, and in August, son Coleman to Shelby Mallory in Bozeman, MT. Hank and I will celebrate our 37th anniversary in June (we were married 2 weeks after graduation!!!) and his 60th birthday in April. Our calendar is full! Hopefully next year we will be relaxing somewhere wonderful like Italy or France!"

Lesley Bissell Hoopes: "Greetings! Son Bud remains in southern California, where we had a fun family gathering in March on board "Stars and Stripes". He continues to enjoy his work as a concierge at the Coronado Bay Resort. Elliott is the event planner *par excellence* at The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. We celebrated a milestone last February with our 35th wedding anniversary! We took part in three museum trips with my mother to such varied spots as Vienna and Indianapolis, as well as a trans-Atlantic

passage aboard the Queen Mary 2." **Helen Butler Cato:** "Our news is that we have our house on the market. We want to downsize but it is a wrench. We love hosting friends and family and have done that a lot over the past ten years. We initially thought we might be vagabonds for a year and roam the world as our fancy took us. However, Michael had a heart attack last year. He got the best treatment instantly and suffered virtually no permanent damage to his heart. The experience did make us think that perhaps we should behave like the older generation that we so firmly believe is comprised of people who are not us. The current plan is to go to England for the summer and catch up with children and grandchildren and friends and cricket and pubs and theatre. We hope to return to Boston's South Shore and try a winter rental by the sea. Time to meditate on the big "What Next" question. I keep thinking that I shall make the time to try connecting with classmates. I do enjoy thinking about those I knew at Sweet Briar and am grateful for the many remembered acts of kindness. My best wishes to all."

Barbara Baur Dunlap: "We're grateful to have Boots back from Fallujah, Iraq, and married to the love of his life who went to W&L—even though he went to UVA! Holly continues to expand *Hollywood*, her shoe and purse company, to dresses. We're recovering well from the loss of one grandchild and so thankful for the darling 2 and 4 year old grandkiddos we have. All of our kids are now gainfully employed which is a new era for us (Robin has retired to being a full time Mom but is happy on her husband's "retirement" plan). Charlie and I are enjoying being grandparents, playing golf, and doing charitable work together. I saw Marianne Schultz Galt, Kathy Israel Starnes and Jackie Israel Blakeslee, and Anne Stupp McAlpin last spring and all looked terrific. Life is going well and we are very grateful to God for so many blessings including following the exciting lives of Lynne Gardner Detmer's two grandsons who are the offspring of her lovely daughter Cammy, my goddaughter! Thanks to the internet we can all stay very connected despite distances. Love to you all.

Libby Harvey Fitzpatrick: "Penny Oliver and I had a lively dinner and slumber party April 5th in Walnut Creek, CA, where she was doing banking

business. We talked about all of you, and speculated about definitions and concepts of "retirement". That's a state of mind, right? John and I are still having fun while trying to work less. Our favorite adventures are bicycling, running, hiking, kayaking...and of course Northern California wine tasting. After 20+ years with Alpha Laboratories, I left and started my own consulting firm...working primarily in business development for Covance, a large food/dietary supplement analytical lab in Madison WI. My continued involvement through Rotary with local volunteer projects and with the schools is gratifying; also recently appointed to the Sonoma County Economic Development Board. **Frances Kirven Morse:** "It's hard to believe that we are nearing our third anniversary in California. Year three was highlighted by (1) the birth of our first grandchild, Ella, (2) an extreme makeover on our yard, and (3) the long-in-coming, very sweet Red Sox World Series Victory. We are loving being grandparents. Ella is a true delight. Babysitting, of which we do a lot, is wonderful, inexpensive, and therapeutic entertainment. We marvel at Ella's daily development and melt with her smile, giggles, and raspberries." The extreme makeover of the yard took a total of two years, but we "finally have a yard where we can enjoy our California weather..." We continue to facilitate the Portola Valley Chapter of San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG and attended the PFLAG National Convention in Salt Lake City. After graduating from the docent training program of the Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve, we bravely led our first wildflower walks this spring, surviving the newfear angst and actually having fun... To stretch my creaky body and calm my mind, I attend LOTS of yoga classes. I will decide early next year if I want my temporary retirement to become permanent."

Lizzie Miller Green: "All is well here in Littleton. My husband John retired from one job back in December and immediately started another—whew! I'm still selling books at Tattered Cover several days a week. We're proud to have both sons grown, educated, and making their own meaningful contributions to the economy. My best to everyone in the class! and congratulations on your grandsons. I get a big kick out of the young families who bring their toddlers to our book store. They are so cute!

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Celia Newburg Steingold: "No exciting news except that my hubby has retired and we are travelling a great deal. Nice to have him around the house!"

Penny Oliver Chappell: "Not much news from Colorado. My grandson, John Buckingham Oertel is 10 months. We just spent the weekend in CT with him as he was baptized. He will be visiting here at the end of the month. Too special! I am still with Bank of the West. I manage 12 commercial Banks and enjoy the new company. I am in Walnut Creek, CA, at the company headquarters every other month. In April, 2005, Libby Harvey Fitzgerald came up to Walnut Creek from Petaluma to visit me. We had a "sleep over" and caught up. She and her husband John are off to England and Ireland for three weeks. She looks fabulous and is enjoying life. I hope all is well with you!"

Ann Peterson Griffin: "Surely I am the most besotted granny ever. I have a teenage crush on my one and only one year old granddaughter, Gracie. Her eyes, her curls, her dimples, her giggle render me a slave. I make an idiot of myself in public and don't care...can't stop grinning for her...make ridiculous noises to entertain her. I suspect it's a syndrome from which many of us suffer...sound familiar? But my Gracie's the cutest! This isn't news. It's a disease." Ann also spends time at the lake, where they are building a house. She says that being close to wildlife "satisfies me more than anything else."

Pat Skarda: I am a full professor of English at Smith College and am still loving the classroom and the opportunity to do my own scholarship on the Romantic poets and a new field of "Telling and Retelling: Modern Novels and Their Literary Antecedents." I am working on a book on the latter now. It includes such gems as "King Lear" and *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley; *Jane Eyre* and *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys; *Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and *Mary Reilly* by Valeria Martin. The course I teach of Tellings and Retellings is huge by Smith standards, and I like the large audience. My mother died after a long illness in February, so this semester hasn't been easy, but grief has a way of ameliorating over time. Thank God. I am still a serious Catholic and a consultant to

the Bishops' Committee on Vocations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I like seeing the Church from the top down as well as the bottom up."

Susan Somerville Menon: "I am very busy with helping sponsor a charity golf tournament in June, held at the golf community where I live, to benefit The Children's Burn Camp in Union, CT. Check out our website at www.childrensburncamp.com. I became involved due to the commitment of a friend who was seriously burned in a hot air balloon accident many years ago. I had lunch in Essex, CT with Mary Cantey Dunn last year and we had a wonderful time catching up. No other news to speak of. Still involved in my other various activities—golf, reading, civic work and a little travel with some photography thrown in. I had a nice chat with Anne Stupp McAlpin in the fall. She reports being "old and grey," and still happy with Charles, her "wonderful husband." Son Chip graduates from Princeton in spring 2005. She volunteers with the oldest Mercantile Library in the nation where she is President of the Board of Directors. Anne sends greetings to all.

Amy Thompson McCandless: "I think of Sweet Briar and my classmates often. As for my "news," I have just started my fifth year as Associate Provost at the College of Charleston. One of my most enjoyable tasks this past year has been working on a Distinctiveness project focusing on why the College's setting in Charleston is important. See <http://www.cofc.edu/AcademicAffairs/profile.pdf> for the piece I wrote for prospective faculty. I continue to work with our International Programs and spent Spring Break visiting our exchange partners and students in England. This summer I'll be in the U.K. again, teaching a month-long class on the history of Royal Britain. I'd be happy to give a walking tour of London to any classmates passing through between 7 July and 7 August. No, I haven't been invited to Charles and Camilla's wedding—but then even the Queen isn't going. As for family news, Peter will be on sabbatical in fall 2005 working on his history of medicine in colonial South Carolina. Most 18th century doctors were educated in Edinburgh, so he'll probably spend some of the semester in Scotland using the medical records there. Our youngest son Colin is studying for his Master's of Arts in Mass Communication (Journalism)

at the University of Florida. Fortunately, last fall's hurricanes managed to skirt Gainesville. Our eldest son, Alastair, will turn 30 in July (can we be THAT old?); he's still working at the Commerce Club in Greenville and is only three hours away. Still no grandchildren yet, so I've been living vicariously by buying Charleston bonnets for my friends' grands. The four of us spent a wonderful week in London during the Christmas holidays. It was freeing but we nonetheless managed to hike all over the city, climb to the top of St. Paul's, ride the London Eye, and tour the Tower, Hampton Court, and the Royal Observatory in addition to seeking refuge in the museums and galleries. I enjoyed showing the boys my summer haunts. I'm attaching a photo of the four of us at the Tower of London.

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Another year has gone, marking fabulous 50ths along with some empty nests, new jobs, busy husbands & kids, and newly discovered enriching activities. Our class is among a generation of mature women who have never lived so well as now. The "Hart & Hind" article in the SBC Alum magazine about some of our '76ers show us that in 2004, it's not our mothers' or grandmothers' "50" anymore—if only we can match these older generations in wisdom and grace, the youthful vitality is the frosting on the cake. And let's not forget generosity to SBC, to support their decision to remain dedicated to our future young women. Remember that our class 30th is next May, 2006. If you've never been to a reunion yet, it is more surprising and rewarding than you can expect—don't say "no" to Reunion, say "yes!"

Melanie Coyne Cody's life took on big changes: over 20 years with an executive recruitment firm specializing in advertising placements, she switched jobs to work with one of her clients, and is the Manager of People for Y&R Chicago, back in advertising, and she "only wishes she had made the move sooner." Her girls are in college, Caitlin a senior at Kenyon, and Sarah a freshman at the College of Charleston (SC).

Kari Andersen Shipley of Del Ray Beach, FL has hurricane and evacuation stories, and flood stories from their 2nd home in NC. Oldest son John is at Bond Univ. in Brisbane, Australia, Walker is taking off a college year and works as a tennis pro at Punta Cana, and youngest son, Matt is applying to colleges. Kari keeps busy with lots of fund-raisers,

golf, and traveling, and as of early January, **Tricia Cassidy O'Callaghan** was visiting them with her husband. Kari also sees **Cindy Webb** and **Linda Guardabassi Michael**.

Melanie Holland Rice "spends endless days and nights helping people in the Tidewater VA area buy and sell their homes" as a realtor with William E. Wood & Associates. Daughter Carrington graduated from Wake Forest (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and is a doctoral candidate in Clinical Psych at Univ. of MD, and son Tripp is 3rd year at UVA in the Commerce School.

Marsha Taylor Horton in Delaware has LOTS to tell: she turned 50 and daughter Jasmine turned 1, and Samuel started KG this year at age 5. AND she still sings! AND Marsha still looks good! AND I believe it! Her life is busy with business travel and the much-needed occasional family vacation, and she met up with **Linda-Jean Smith Schneider**. Our condolences to Marsha and husband Bobby on the sudden passing of his beloved dad.

Linda-Jean Smith wrote from the Philadelphia area that she has been Library Director for Drinker Biddle & Reath for 10 years, and hopes to make it at least another 10—460 lawyers in 9 offices "means never a dull moment." Linda-Jean has been singing, performing Gilbert & Sullivan with the Savoy Company, took a year off, and has been chosen to join the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia. She was delighted to spend the evening with 'Sha Taylor, in town for a meeting. Linda-Jean stays in touch with **Debbie Gahagan Hill** in FL. Linda-Jean's husband Lee has a sister, **Joella Schneider Samp** '77, whom they visit in Arlington, VA. Linda-Jean and husband are to expand their Music Festival travels to Canada this year.

Connie Radford Butler has been moving—boxes, temporary space, storage units, you name it, with her preschool, that is, and is thankfully settled in. Daughter Austin graduated from Univ. of Colorado, son Robert now attends Wake Forest after graduating from high school in a real whirlwind, i.e. tornado that day. Connie describes her life in April and May as a real "roller coaster"—the '50th birthday, and the sad loss of her mother to lymphoma in April '04. She stays in touch with **Dede Ryan Ale**, and **Terry Stark Tosh** '75.

Andie Yellott wrote a descriptive

essayette for me—thoroughly entertaining descriptions of sons, the husband (still only one) and assorted pets, and yes, and son. Benet, now 15, "remains devoted to Art" but majors in theology, philosophy and psychology *together* all sound good. Andrew, 11, attends the Baltimore Lab School, and heads the "Death Metal" band, coming to a location near you. She and Ben (The Husband) continue to work as administrators in Distance Education at the Johns Hopkins Univ. gifted kids writing programs. And there is the new Irish Cob, and the German Wirehaired Pointer, and she attends her mom's dressage events as well—yes, life is a roller coaster or a runaway train.

Cissy Humphrey, in Dallas, reminds us all that our 30th is in May, 2006, and to start planning NOW. Cissy stays connected, with correspondence from **Robin Rodger Heller**, **Nursat Aygen**, **Lochrane Coleman Smith**, among others. She works for St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in communications. "What a magnificent place to work, and the people are just great...and a new appreciation of how a BIG church is run." Cissy has good news of nieces, nephews, and went to Santa Fe to celebrate TN Nielsen's 50th along with TN's family and **Beth Bates Locke**. Cissy visited the St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Monastery in the Boston area—which was designed by none other than Ralph Adams Cram who designed SBC's original campus. Cissy has had some sad losses to bear. In 2003 her friend and soul mate of 12 years Mike Lilly passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack—we are so sorry for your loss.

Susan Walton Klaveness's brain thinks she is 25, and partied 'til 2 a.m. at a collective 50th birthday party thrown for some old people. She and husband Mike are still in Houston. She is a legal specialist at Coca Cola—I note in "Juice, Teas, & Emerging Brands"—and Mike is a systems administrator at Rice Univ. She enjoys drawing classes, and is socially passionate about ballroom dancing. However, the *best* news is about her mom surviving ovarian cancer.

Liz Farmer Jarvis, our art historian from Philadelphia, published her second book of historic photographs of Chestnut Hill last spring, and now is doing the picture research for a work on the Wissahickon Creek area of Philadelphia.

She also is a curator for the Chestnut Hill Historical Society and several other institutions. She's been at mini-reunions, seeing **Lisa Schubert**, **Holly Weaver Kenreich**, **Jill Wentorf Wright** and **Maureen O'Hearn Slowinski**, reporting "all looking great and busy doing great things with families and work."

Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler doesn't report "much news," yet daughter Laura is a freshman at Furman Univ. in Greenville, SC, son Will is a HS junior and starting "College Search," perhaps in the NE. For Gail's 50th, husband John surprised her with visits from **Mary Woodford** and **Bet Bashinsky Wise** '75. Gail still plays tennis and golf and volunteers in a jr.golf program, son Will plays golf and ice hockey, and Gail and Laura enjoy beading. Husband John is still at Trussco, which makes wooden floor and roof trusses.

Debbie Mutch Olander has a full and happy variety of pursuits—some for love, some for money. She has been working for FL Public Radio in Tallahassee, writing scripts, interviewing, is the "staff musicologist" and cultural affairs coordinator. She also teaches in the university English department, and is "all but dissertated" for her Ph.D. in historical musicology, is an office-holder in the Society for Musicology, and prepares for the univ.'s visiting Orpheus scholars—and yes, hurricane season this past year was horrendous—her students "started to believe they got a day off EVERY week."

Kay Ellisor Hopkins writes from Dallas that things are good at her house. Oldest daughter Sarah earned a Master's in Marketing from Texas A&M, now a marketing analyst for CompUSA. Beth will finish in Speech Communications from Texas A & M, and son John graduating from HS hopes to attend TX A&M (no "Aggie" jokes at their house, I bet). Kay is still at Nieman Marcus Direct, husband Joe ended 3 ½ years of commuting to work in Houston (now that's a drive) and is "growing an oilfield chemical sales and distribution business with a colleague from a previous job." Kay appreciates her time at SBC and wishes the "Class that can't say 'No'" all the best.

Susan Verbridge Paulson continues as the asst. principal of Middle School in CO Springs, CO. Husband Larry is pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in South Denver, both of them splitting time together between both

places. Daughter Christina is a senior at Tulane, and brother Danny joined her there. Vacations now feature Bourbon Street, beignets and crawdad etouffée.

Meg Shields Duke of Denver piloted the "Fabulous 50th" long September weekend at **Kit Newman Detering's** "Hart & Hind" Spa Fitness Ranch on Kit's family's ranch in Texas hill country. She says, "great accommodations, gourmet yet healthy meals, beautiful vistas and great camaraderie" highly recommending Hart & Hind to all SBC'ers, promising that "Kit will treat you like a queen!" Meg plans to return to campus for this fall's '05 Alumnae Council to help plan our 30th, and would like to see more of us there.

Ann Kiley Crenshaw loves being home in VA Beach, loves her job, and The Husband is great. Son Clark Jr. is a UVA 3rd year, and son Gordon is 2nd year at Woodberry Forest. She also speaks highly of the mini-reunion at Kit's ranch, and mentioned that it was the first time being with **Ann Stryker Busch** since Ann's wedding. Old friendships are still the best.

Cindy Wattley Washburn has also been moving at work to a new building, and she is a librarian. Her daughter Elizabeth is a 17 year old freshman at Princeton, and her mom has missed her, even stating that during Christmas break "it was wonderful to see an assortment of books, cd's, and shoes all over the floor of her room once again" (I hope her daughter Elizabeth does not read this).

Sharon Ruwane is in Avon, CT privately employed as a speech and language pathologist in a variety of settings—Avon HS, two state technical schools, and as an English/study skills tutor at Avon Old Farms. Daughter Gretchen is in her 3rd year at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, and son Harry is now a freshman at Lynn Univ. in Boca Raton, FL.

Kate Kelly Smith has sold me on *Prevention* magazine, as she had changed jobs and is Rodale's VP. Publisher of *Prevention* and has also launched the new *Women's Health*. After 10 years in NYC, Kate with family Elliott and Isabel moved to the country in Rye, NY and "have lots of room for visitors." Daughter Isabel is 17 and at Kent School in CT. Kate celebrated her big 50th with

Tricia Higgins O'Callaghan, Treacy Markey Shaw, and Janet Grainger Thompson. Dede Ryan Ale writes

that all is well in Houston, even dealing with "teenage issues" as both boys are now in HS, John a junior and Matthew a freshman, both at the Taft School (Dr. Whiteman's alma mater). She was also at the Hart & Hind reunion, and is looking forward to the 30th next spring 2006.

In Lookout Mountain, TN, **Ginna Spangler Polley** writes the sad news of the loss of her father in Oct. '04. She started back to school Sept. '04 at U of TN in Chattanooga for her MBA, she and her family went to Peru for Christmas, and yes, son Frank will be applying to colleges next year. That leaves her to troop around the show circuit alone with their 9 American Saddlebreds. **Rowena Van Tuyl Schubert** in Altadena, CA writes of travel. Their oldest daughter graduates from SMU this spring, and another child is a sophomore at NEastern Univ. in Boston. She and husband in 2004 went to Hawaii, Argentina and Uruguay, NYC where she visited with **Bonnie Lee Damianos Rampone** '75, of course went to Dallas, and they took the SBC trip to the Amazon/Macchu Picchu in Nov., spent Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, wound up (whew!) at home for last Christmas. In between places, husband Bill enjoys golf and Rowena plays tennis. **Ann Works Balderston** in Pittsford, NY says it was a healthy and fortunate year for all. Ann as school board president was able to hand her daughter, Sarah, her HS diploma from Allendale Columbia, and Sarah is now at Genesee College. Daughter Maggie is a sophomore at Allendale, son John attends 7th grade there. Ann spent 2 weeks at beautiful Lake Champlain, and at their WY ranch, and had a "great weekend" with **Andie Yellott** on Andie's 50th.

Tricia Cassidy Higgins O'Callaghan retired from 20 years as Dept. County Attorney, and spends summers in Nantucket and a few months in Florida. She celebrated her 50th with **Kate Kelly Smith and Janet Grainger Thompson**, and got together over the past summer with them and **Sue Ellen Hood, Laura Lee Bost, Kathy Mikell Corcoran**. She mentioned visiting in FL with **Kari Andersen Shipley**. Tricia also does consultant work for Westchester Co, and enjoys golf with her son, Tim, who is at Holy Cross.

Demi Georgis Bowles Lathrop has had a busy year in San Francisco with her extensive family of 5 kids and

husband; the youngest two are a junior at NWestern Univ., and a junior at Cate School in Santa Barbara. After spending Christmas 2003 with the entire family in Spain, they spent a quiet Christmas 2004 at home. Demi and husband have begun a small real estate business, and "all is well...hoping the same with my classmates." In Greensboro, NC, **Jean Burnette Dailey Carter** owns a whole foods cooking school and retreat. She has developed a nutritional diet that she is in the process of marketing. She also writes that things are well and there is a lot of travel.

Margaret Milnor Mallory (M3—what a great branding iron) continues to teach piano in Memphis, TN at a private girls' school and a studio. Son Bennett is a HS junior, considering college choices, and plays lacrosse and wrestles. Son Barton is a freshman at Rhodes College in Memphis, plays lacrosse, and is dedicated to his fraternity activities. Husband Bart recently retired as general counsel for Terminix Internat'l. So they bought a vacation home in December on the Little Red River in AR—"the record for the world's largest brown trout—great fly fishing." Margaret hosted **Lochrane Coleman Smith** and daughter while they considered Rhodes (good old SBC network) and talks to **Mary Beth Hamlin Finke** often.

I wish I could write some year that Montana is velvety green with the biblically fat cows and streams flowing with life-giving waters. Constant drought does keep us on our knees and in close monologue with the Almighty. Healthwise we are all OK. I am a legislative widow this time of year; as of this writing, it is half over and I can hardly wait to have The Husband (still only one) back home again. My feedlot manager, a young local woman, and I kick thousand-plus pound bulls around and put up with their springtime teenage hormone excesses (think fraternity house on Saturday afternoon), and I am in the midst of preparations for our annual April bull sale. The kids and I take strength training and tae kwan do together. They hate it when our sensei, the PainMaster, says Mama is tougher than they are (had to get in shape for the dress for the Governor's Ball). The SBC network works wherever we are—I met an '87 SBC grad in Helena, **Julianne Burkhardt**, an outstanding trial attorney and this year's MT Trial Lawyers Assoc. president, and

she and a friend came deer hunting on our place last fall. Happy belated fabulous 50th to us all, and please remember to "stay well, do good work, and keep in touch."

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Best wishes and a Happy New Year to the class of 1977. I must apologize for taking so long to get our class notes in order but keep the e-mails coming! We seem to be reaching that point in life when our children's lives, and the welfare of our parents, have become center stage. From across the country and overseas, it was inspirational to hear at Christmas time about our daughters, sons, husbands, careers...and our friendships that have sustained for now 28 years!

First...**Molly Reeb Nissman** hopes that everyone is well and "shoot me a line if you get a chance!"

All is well with **Cathy Goodhart Henson** and family. She sees some of our old classmates but is always meeting new SBC graduates wherever she travels. "My oldest daughter graduated from W&L in 2003. She is in DC working for Rep. Johnny Isackson, soon to be our new senator. Susie, my middle daughter, is a senior at W&L. She's applying to law school. My "baby," Laura, entered W&L this fall and is on the varsity lacrosse team. Yes, we finally have lacrosse in the South! I'm enjoying "empty nesting" and need to decide what to do next. Carlton is great and retired. We will be visiting W&L this spring for some lax games.

Helen Milner Gordon and I are godmothers to each other's child. It has been wonderful to see her boys grow up. **Paula Brumm Hennessey** is in Atlanta, too. I see her at the YMCA some. She looks great. **Jane Lauderdale Armstrong (1978)** and her husband, Mike, annually entertain the W&L students. Jane taught at our high school. So, I see her regularly. Happy Holidays to 1977 SBCers!!!!!!

Helen Milner Gordon also writes, "I have not been able to come to any reunion because it always was when one of my three boys had exams or was graduating from high school. One son has graduated from college and is headed to

LA in January. He wants to be an actor. Spencer, #2 son is a junior at Colorado College. Grayson will graduate from high school in May."

It was great to hear from **Kathy Roantree Renken** living in Blue Earth, in southern Minnesota. She says, "We are 5 miles from the Iowa border, in the very center of the state. It is a very small community 2 hours from Minneapolis. We love living in the middle of a cornfield with our nearest neighbor 1 mile away. The stars are spectacular at night and just letting the kids out to yell their lungs out without bothering the neighbors is great. We have been here almost 10 years. We started in the family farm (700 sq. feet) and lived there 8 years. We have now purchased an "old" farmhouse (built in 1900 - old for Minnesota!) and love having the roots. I quit working 16 years ago and haven't looked back since. I have loved being home, home schooling the kids.

"I haven't done well keeping up with anyone from SBC, though I did get back to campus with my family two years ago. It was my first time back in 20+ years! The campus looks great and it was fun telling my family about all my wonderful memories. I am still busy with the "same old stuff"—my oldest (Doug) graduated from high school (13 years of home schooling) and he is off to college at South Dakota School of Mining and Technology. I still am home schooling Emily (15 yrs) and Tim (12 yrs). Jeff, after being out of work on and off for the last two years, is back to traveling again. He is out in California working for Disney, but he does come home every weekend! Our life revolves around our church work for our Lord, gymnastics and 4-H dog project (we just added another puppy to the family—now we have 3). God is GOOD and FAITHFUL and has taken care of us through all our ups and downs!"

And from Langkawi, Malaysia, it's delightful to hear from **Phooi Ching Lai** while she takes a well-earned vacation from her work at the Nanyang Technological University. Hopefully, she will have a chance to visit her old friends in the U.S. Her older daughter has just been accepted at Princeton, and is keen to go to a U.S. eastern seaboard school. "My other daughter just finished Grade 10, and is waiting for her posting to Junior College where students study for the A level (Grades 11-12). My husband and I continue at our respective

places of work, which keep changing and reinventing themselves. I'm too old to keep up with the changes and am contemplating retirement. I've been working very hard this year, so much so that I have to take most of December off because of my accumulated days of leave."

All's well in Delaware from **Gay Owens Gates**: "I am working part time at a local elementary school; head the local girl scout council (44 troops); volunteer all the time; spent a week in the Caribbean with the vocal, dance, and instrumental groups from Lauren's school in April; and drive my kids. Driving has become my life. Bob is general manager for Andersen Logistics (Andersen Windows). Lauren is in the ninth grade at Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington. Spent 20 days in Europe with the People-to-People Ambassador program, named National Merit Scholar, French club, dance, plays, etc. Lily is in 5th grade getting ready for Cab middle School this coming January; plays the trumpet, dances, sings and is involved in drama. She will be participating in a specialized accelerated math program at the University of Delaware this spring. Life keeps us busy and happy."

Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn writes that the Cohn family is well in Winnetka, IL, a Chicago suburb. "Stuart and I celebrated our 22nd anniversary in September. I have been General Counsel at Chicago Underwriting Group for 15 years. Our four boys (ages 18, 16, and 10 year old twins) are active in sports (hockey, baseball, lacrosse, golf, skiing). She also says, "In October 2004, our classmate **Sarah "Jo Jo" Scott** married Steve Bussey in Jacksonville, FL. Jo looked beautiful as ever and we enjoyed a mini SBC reunion. Guests included alumnae: **Keedie Grones Leonard '76, Cathy Slatinshek '76, Addy Eshbach Donnelley '78, Anne Baldwin Mann '78, Paula Brumm Hennessey '77, Sigrid Soderberg Pinsky '77, Maggie Shriver '77 and Libby White Drbal '77."**

Becky Mayer Gutierrez says, "Not a lot of news...teaching fourth grade and three sons keeping me young and giving me gray hair, ages 20, 17 and 14. I did see Deb Carr in Brattleboro, Vermont, this summer; we had lunch together at a great little hole in the wall deli that was delicious."

Julie Smith McDiill is celebrating

her third year as owner of a knitting shop in Salem, IN (Two Be Weavers) near her hometown of Louisville, KY. "We are growing and delighted at the great interest in this hobby around the country! A magazine in Louisville, plus a couple of newspapers have written articles about us, and the "weaving" into people's lives grows daily! I am currently sharing this skill and all its benefits with the street people of Louisville, Ky through an outreach program organized by River City Love Squad in Louisville. I work with the homeless and needy every Monday night rain, snow, or sunshine in a downtown park in the evening. My customers have donated yarn and needles and the street men and women are knitting hats and scarves for themselves and feeling encouraged and inspired! Send a big HELLO to **Marty Branch Alexander** in Richmond if you have a connection with her!

Carla Kinney Reiniger and her husband, Dan, will be married 20 years on Feb 9th 2005. "Our older daughter, Heather, will be 17. She is the captain of the marching band Color Guard and Winter Guard; she volunteers at the local marine aquarium; is a member of the marine biology club; junior prom committee; and wants to be a marine biologist. Our younger daughter, Mallory, is 10 and she is a gem: speaks her mind frankly; is a good student in 4th grade; and is in karate. She was diagnosed this past July with type 1 juvenile diabetes, which has been a major adjustment for all of us. You quickly find out that when a child has diabetes, the entire family is involved." Dan has been working hard for AT&T as a manager on their newly announced VOIP (Voice Over Internet Phone) offering. He works from home, but we still seldom see him. I closed my used bookstore of 4 years this past summer. Business has declined in my small town of Safety Harbor since Sept. 11. Right now I am a stay at home Mom, which is keeping me quite busy. I hit the big "50," but don't feel any older—probably because I have a ten year old who runs me ragged!!!"

Nina Baker says, "Life is fine here in Maryland—and turning 50 wasn't bad this year. Got lots of fun calls from old friends. I have a 14-year-old daughter who is 5'7" and growing, enjoying the 9th grade at Roland Park Country School in Baltimore and Very Much into horses. My brother and I are still in the marketing

and printing business (and we even get along)."

Stephanie Maxson Kenyon thought, "After 9/11 it was time to chuck corporate America, so I went back to school and got my teacher's license. After 1 1/2 years in school (I've got three more courses for my masters in elementary education), I am now a 6th grade teacher in Vienna, VA. I'm teaching at my children's school, and actually have my oldest son for reading! I love teaching. Wish I had done this 20 years ago! My husband just hit his 30th year as a teacher at Sleepy Hollow Elementary! Now we get to enjoy most of our summers as a family at our house in Maine."

And finally from your submerged class secretary: **Suzan Faist Jagger**... lives in the mostly frozen land of Litchfield CT...working now for 15 years heading a management consulting firm that deals with the global oil and energy industry. It's been a challenge to live in CT and work in this business. Since 9/11 travel has been reduced but still getting to China, India, U.K., Europe, Middle East, and all over the U.S. My husband, Paul, heads a horticultural marketing company, and we have been married 18 years now. My youngest daughter, Julia, is 13 and when not at school spends every free moment working at the animal shelter... we have a budding veterinarian. My elder daughter, Emily, is 17 and a 5th former at St. George's School in Newport, RI. Her interests seem to be more in the arts (and boys) than the sciences. We have just started the overwhelming college stuff and look forward to a D.C.—Virginia—Atlanta road trip this March to look at colleges and visit old SBC buddies. The big question—will Emily go to SBC?

I hope to stop and see **Beth Wade Miller** in Rockville, MD, **Sarah Bruce Kelly** in Richmond, VA, and my old roomie, **Elaine Wanerka**, in St. Augustine, FL along the way. All my dear friends seem ageless. **Beth** has lived in the D.C. area since she finished graduate school (UNC); and I'll say she looks fabulous for a 50-year-old gal with two small children to run after. She married John Miller in '92 and has two beautiful children: Ellie, 7 years, and Noel 4 years. She has been working at IBM since 1983 in Federal sales—Homeland Security. It's no exaggeration to say Beth and her family love the beach... and spend as much time as possible at their beach

house. **Sarah** is now with empty nest... giving more time to pursue her music; volunteer at church; and travel/vacation with her husband, Frank. Recently, she bravely went back to graduate school at UVA to get her masters degree, and she will soon be working on the faculty of University of Richmond. **Elaine** remains a free and open spirit...as colorful, bright, and creative as always. Unfortunately, I don't see enough of her.

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Anne Goebel Bain had an exciting 2004. In addition to traveling with her new job, she and her husband Mark took a trip to Australia and she and some Chinese friends enjoyed a 10

day tour of China. She has a jewelry business on the side and her web site is www.annebain.com.

I. Ethel Burwell Dowling, with my husband and two children took a weekend trip to Lexington, VA and stayed with **Anne Edmunds Hansen**. Anne and Dave have relocated their four children from Atlanta to Lexington. They said that some of the bands we enjoyed at our dances in the 1980's are still playing in Lexington but now for the over 40 crowd!

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It's been so much fun hearing from our classmates! Let's make an effort to connect with as many of our SBC friends as possible before our 20th reunion.

Tina Savage Lytle has two beautiful daughters, Lucie (7) and Leslie (4). They are looking forward to a visit with her sister, **Renee Savage** '92 and her family in St. Petersburg, FL. Renee recently had her second daughter, Caroline Amelia, in Oct. They will take all 4 girls to Disney to meet Mickey and the Princesses. Tina remembered that the last time she went to Disney she was with **Heather Shettle Buerger** and **Ellen Palermo Theophilopoulos!** Tina also reported that she had a wonderful time with **Stacey Sickels Heckel** and **Mary Alyce Keyser Corbett** at **Heather Shettle Witherspoon Buerger's** gorgeous wedding on Oct. 16th at the Baltimore Club in Maryland.

Stacey Sickels Heckel also reported that Heather's wedding was beautiful. She called it "truly elegant—absolute Heather!" Stacey bought her mother's house outside Annapolis. The house is 100 years old and many of our classmates will remember visiting there. She is working for St. Timothy's School for Girls as the Director of Institutional Advancement. In addition to managing her staff, she coaches girls' hockey and serves as an advisor for the diversity clubs. Her husband, David, is commuting to Washington, DC. Kent (8) and Leland (6) love Round Bay, their neighborhood and their new sailboat "Heckel and Jekel."

Elynn Palermo Theophilopoulos and her husband, Dean, have four kids—Joi, Ty, Alex and Drew—and are living in FL. Ellen is a professor of medicine at the University of South Florida. She is contemplating going back to school to complete her law degree. She has always been interested in practicing medical law. She'd love to hear from classmates. Her new email address is ellyntheo@yahoo.com

Amanda Hines Kastner lives in Baltimore, MD and remains happily married to Paul. She devotes all of her time to the care of her four children—Charles (9), Jack (7), Cecelia (4) and Jane (1).

Caroline Reu Rolander is still in Atlanta. She is an architect and works for Summerour & Assocs. For the past several years, she has been working on the renovation and addition to the Old Edwards Inn and Spa in Highlands, NC. It has been an exciting project and has led to work all over the country. She has 2 boys, Holcombe (6) and Xan (4) who keep

her busy when she isn't working. She is looking forward to attending the SBC Brunch in Atlanta.

Christine Diver Ans is back in FL with her husband, Matthew, who is stationed at US CENTCOM in Tampa. Her husband was just promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Christine is still an educational consultant with Usborne after 7 years. She loves the freedom and income of self-employment. She also volunteers at her children's schools and leads her daughter's brownie troop. Their son, Aleks (14) and daughter, Amanda (8), are both swimming competitively on the Brandon Blue Wave Swim Team (home team of Brook Bennett). She would love to entertain any visitors in her area!

Julie Martin Collins and her husband, Jerry, and sons, Christopher and Joseph, are doing well in TN.

Denise Landau-Blind reports that all is well with her family. Tyler is "I'm cool—I'm 10" and has resumed his baseball career! During travel baseball, he had a 600 batting average. He's also playing basketball and bowling. Chelsea (7) absolutely loves first grade and has mastered riding ponies. They have a great time going to the barn together. She is also excited that **Cameron Cox Hirtz** is moving North and she is looking forward to getting together with her.

In the midst of her busy move, **Cameron Cox Hirtz** did take time to report in. They are moving to West Point, NY (the United States Military Academy) where her husband, Tony (VMI '86), will be Chief of Pediatrics at the hospital on post. They are sad to leave their friends at Ft. Bragg, NC where they have been for the past 7½ years but they are excited about their new surroundings. They welcome anyone who is in the area to visit them. Their daughter, Grayson (3½), will be starting preschool and Colby (2) is keeping them all on their toes.

Jeanne Rovics Mexic recently saw **Kristen Petersen Randolph** with her 3 boys. Their sons enjoyed spending time together. Her son, Blake, took his first business trip with her. Now, at 6, he's ready to be the CEO of Hilton. Jeanne has also run into several other SBC alumnae with her work as the Director of Sales, Worldwide Accounts for Hilton. **Amy Everette Carter** '96 works with SANS Institute which is one of her largest accounts. During a large meeting in Las Vegas, Jeanne took a walkie talkie and said "holla holla holla." Amy knew

immediately who had arrived to help! Jeanne and **Beth Ann Trapold Newton** went to the DC Sweet Briar event in December and had a great time.

Whitney Bolt Lewis and her family drove from NC to New Orleans and then on to Austin TX over the holidays. After a long drive with two small boys, Whitney is pleased to report that no divorce proceedings or child endangerment charges are in progress. Her oldest son is starting jr kindergarten. Whitney's vet practice continues to grow and do well. She spoke to **Mary Halliday Shaw** who is adjusting well to being in the South. **Katie Keogh** continues to be the dedicated communicator among them.

Speaking of **Katie Keogh**, she has been in touch with **Kate Cole Hite**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese**, **Leslie Corrado**, **Mary Halliday Shaw**, **Paige Apple Montinaro**, **Beth Bennett Haga** and **Whitney Bolt Lewis**. She also bumped into **Polly Satler** this summer at **Kathryn's** house. Katie reports that Polly looks great and she's doing well in Atlanta.

Mary Halliday Shaw and her husband, Brad, moved to Atlanta for Brad's job with Home Depot. Katie is still in real estate and doing well. She is even working on her own website. Her family has a new corgi and she brings him to work on occasion. Katie also went to Singapore and the Maldives Islands this fall and it was an awesome trip.

Beth Bennett Haga is in Dallas and very busy with her three children—Caroline (6), William (4) and Sarah (2). She stays in touch with **Katie Keogh**, **Lisa Haggart Arnold** and **Paige Apple Montinaro**. She also sees **Gerry O'Brien** Gans in Dallas. Gerry has a Caroline and a Will as well (isn't it funny that their kids have the same names!). She is looking forward to the reunion! If you ever make it to Dallas, be sure to give Beth a call.

Heidi Cynthia Magnus is living in NY and working on a Middle Eastern history degree.

Kate Cole Hite reports that she is going well in her world. **Leslie Corrado** is planning a mini reunion this summer in Rehobeth. **Katie Keogh** and **Kathryn Ingham Reese** are all planning on attending. **Leslie Corrado** is doing incredibly well with her photography! She has two studios—one in San Francisco (which she loves and considers home) and one in Rehobeth. Check out her

website at www.lesliecorrado.com. She likes the bi-coastal life—perfect for someone who enjoys traveling. She is joining the national ski patrol this winter for back country avalanche search and rescue up in Tahoe, CA. She will spend much of the winter in the mountains and then head to Delaware in the spring to spend time on the east coast during the warm months. She has the best of all worlds—city, mountains, and the beach! She sees **Katie Keogh** and **Christen Anderson Abernethy** ('89) quite a bit.

Lisa Tennant is in Houston. She is busy with work and Junior League. She is the assistant chair for a large project.

Jennifer Rosen reports that all is well in New Orleans. She and her husband, Rob, are getting ready to do a major kitchen and master bath renovation so they are anticipating a great deal of upheaval. Her boys—Matt (7½) and Will (4½)—are great. They are both full of life with a dry sense of humor. They would love to hear from anyone who travels to New Orleans.

Denise Barrett is doing graduate work to complete her Pharm.D. degree.

Erica Henning Subramaniam decided against going back to work full-time. She is staying home with her daughter, Lauren (15 mths). She teaches one night a week at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Library. She loves being home with Lauren and yet she gets some adult time with the part-time work. She is also doing some part-time contract work from home. She recently went to Charlotte for her 20th high school reunion. It is hard to believe how fast time flies.

Kem McCoid Roth is busy being a mom to Edie (19 mths) and taking some antique courses. They are moving in Jan. and expecting a baby in May.

Nancy McDonald recently moved to Fredericksburg, VA. She teaches 5th grade at King George Elementary. She says it is good to be back in VA and she'd love to hear from anyone in the area. **Eden Rue Zuckerman** and her husband, Bill, continue to love being in Arlington. He was recently promoted at work and is enjoying the challenges that entails. She continues to love being in private practice and the luxury to set her own schedule. They travel to warmer climates when they can.

Alexandra Riter is in her last year of law school. She went to Paris in Sept and

had a fabulous time. She is still living in DC and working at McGuireWoods.

Stephanie Sprouse is still in her hometown and working hard on restoring an old house. She is busy being a mom to Jackson who is 4. Over the summer, they traveled to Boston, NY, and the Cape with family and friends. In Oct they were in FL for her stepsister's wedding on an unpopulated (by humans) island wildlife preserve. They had to leave by 6 pm so as not to disturb turtle egg-laying. They enjoy the beach, even in the winter. They have been kite flying almost every weekend with her boyfriend, who is restoring his own c.1900 residence nearby. They went to an Eric Carle reading which was big excitement for Jackson who is a fan of the Very Hungry Caterpillar. She started painting again recently and is really enjoying it. She can take photographs and then paint from them which combines 2 things she really enjoys. She hasn't compiled much work yet but she is getting a nice reception from the folks that have seen her work. In the spring, they will be going to the LA area for a week for vacation.

Amy Gould Pilz and her family are in Bonsall, CA. They live with their daughter, Maddie, and her great grandmother (101 years old). Her parents live on the same property as well—two houses/one property. It's a wonderful rural atmosphere—as rural as you can find in Southern CA. They spend a lot of time with their horses. Maddie is starting to jump and beginning a dressage program and loves it. Her husband is working for a casino now, remaining an Executive Chef and has been asked to sit on the board of the Culinary Institute in San Diego. All is well—she spends time taking care of the animals and helping at school with PTA and Maddie's class. She is looking forward to reunion—hopefully with Maddie in tow!

Kathryn Ingram Reese has two beautiful daughters, Randon (5) and Elliott (3), who look just like her! She is teaching middle school English at Tower Hill and coaching lacrosse. Bart's new school endeavor is going well.

It's always fun to hear from **Susan Detweiler** as she adventures in the South Pole. She is enjoying her second season working in Antarctica (National Science Foundation) as a Field Safety Instructor. Summer '04 she worked again as a technical climbing guide for Exum Mountain Guides near her home-base

town of Jackson Hole, WY. She finds her Antarctic job quite varied and interesting, and has enjoyed sending her friends and family monthly updates describing life "on the ice." When her 4-5 month contract ends in Feb 05, she plans to climb in NZ and Australia and then return to the US to climb in Alaska before returning to guide in the Tetons again. She continues to thrive on challenging outdoor endeavors and enjoys making contact with other SBers: **Kelly Meredith Jacobelli**, **Wendy Hastings**, **Cameron Hirtz**, **Kathy Gilchrist** (SWEBOP then), **Laura Staman** (SWEBOP now), **Rob Barlow Jr.** and recently **Kim Belcher Harvey**. Laura Staman and her husband came out to the Tetons last summer to further develop their climbing and guiding/teaching skills for SWEBOP. This training followed up on Susan working with Laura and SWEBOP in 1999. Both were a lot of fun and very rewarding for Susan especially given that she began climbing in Sweet Briar. Susan had to get a dig in that we're all approaching 40. I have a feeling she's in a lot better shape than most of us!

Tracy Tigerman Shannon reports that her husband, John, is busy getting his degree in education while she is contemplating getting a Ph.D. in counseling. Kaitlyn is 2½ and Ryan continues to do well at school. She adds that all is cozy in the town of Brookneal, VA.

Mariam Khan reports that she "is not working in Columbia, MD." She got paid for writing for the first time which made her the happiest she has ever been. She wrote for the Nov. 2nd elections for the Roger Lee Group. They'd say "the writer is here" which was fun. "Now that there is technical writing it's not a silly decision to do this." She wishes that she could say that she is off to some far-off place, but she is waiting to start a writing job. She also added that "she didn't want to wait another 15 years to tell people that both her father and her brother died in '90-91. It was nightmarish." She also hopes that we will all come to reunion to celebrate being a class. **Anne Powell** is doing great and is very busy. She is still living in the mountains and is a tax manager for a Henry Schein company in Bland, VA. She is also running the beef cattle farms with her family.

Kim Bretnal Shinn, her husband, Scott, and 5 kids—Willie (12), Michaela

(10), Brinton (6) and Bradley & Sydney (3)—rented an RV and drove north to Canada for a great visit. Kim is still very into horses as is her husband. He has been in driving competitions recently. And, Michaela has a pony that she loves to ride and show. Willie prefers paintball while Brinton prefers soccer. And Sydney is the big swimmer in the family.

Denton Freeman Kump has 3 boys—17 months, 5 and 7. Her boys and her company, Poesis, keep her very busy. She designs handbags, belts, hats and other accessories and business is booming. (See www.poesisonline.com) Tons of celebs are now carrying a Poesis bag including Sarah Jessica Parker. They appeared in Lucky magazine in Nov and you can look for them in upcoming issues of US Weekly and Self. She jokes, "So much for getting the doctorate and doing research!" She keeps in close touch with **Cameron Cox Hirtz**.

Lee Ann Conard just took a new job in the Section of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She is really busy but she enjoys her new job.

John and I, **Kelly Iacobelli**, are enjoying life with a 2-year old, Kathleen. She is a real ball of energy. I am now a marketing manager for the wireless division of EarthLink in Atlanta. **Sharon Staley Kelly** '87 and her precious daughter, Kendall, came for a wonderful visit with us. I have also been back in touch with **Joann Bogolin** '89. I work at EarthLink with her partner. Having dinner with Joann and Charlie inspired me to track down one of my favorite roommates, **Bennett Butcher Coleman** '89. She has the cutest little blond 2-year old named Caroline. Keep sending the updates in! **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli**

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Thanks to all of you who took the time to write back during the busy holiday season. I first started the e-mail with 90 e-mail addresses but almost 1/3 were returned as undeliverable. It would be

great to hear from more of us. If you could log on to the alumnae page of www.sbc.edu, you will be able to send the Alumnae Office your e-mail address. Now for the news...

LuAnn Hunt is the proud (and young) grandmother of one-year-old Halle. Currently LuAnn works with the City of Lynchburg as Communications & Marketing Coordinator, but will be soon running her own consulting business for local, state, and federal government titled "Work FUNdamentals." Recently, **Madeleine (Blanchard) Corbo** ('89) visited her in Amherst and brought along Josie, now one, and James (three years old). Madeleine has relocated to Toledo, Ohio and is doing some freelance accounting work.

Still enjoying life in Athens, GA.

Carole Witherington Lumpkin is a financial advisor with Morgan Keegan. Her husband, Bert, is executive chef with Hilltop Grille in Athens, GA. They have one son Raleigh who is now in the 2nd grade. She has seen **Jill Straughn** who lives in Madison, GA. Jill's daughter attends Athens Academy with Carole's son. Carole keeps in touch with **Jacy Carter Allen** and **Elizabeth Mason Horsley**.

Becki Finkbeiner Street writes that her husband, David, and she ran in the Richmond Marathon in November with **Anne Crow Galanides** ('91). Becki said, "It was a great race and we were so psyched to see a Sweet Briar billboard at around mile 25!"

Stacy Gilmore Hicks writes that she is doing well in Charleston. Haylee is now 9 and in the 4th grade. Stacy is still very involved with her church and with the Junior League. She is planning to attend the reunion in May and is looking forward to seeing old friends.

Amanda Priddy Berkey writes that Christopher Chase Berkey was born on June 11, 2004. He is healthy, happy, and growing fast! **Louise Knox Bouldin Carter** was at the hospital when he was born, and both **Amy Kroeger** and **Chris Carriere Zazulak** happened to be in Huntsville that week, so they also visited. Since Louise had Brian Russell Carter, Jr., May 9, 2004, they have already started getting their little boys together. Amanda says that she and her husband Chris have been adding on/remodeling their house for several years, and she thinks they have finally gotten to a point where they can enjoy

their efforts. Amanda usually has several volunteer projects going on: served as editor and chair of the Junior League of Huntsville's magazine, *The Springs*, last year and has been active on the board of the Foster Children's Alliance (FOCAL). She has suspended most of her volunteer activities so she can spend time with Baby Chase, Chris, and other family and friends. Amanda is back at work with the Madison County Commission and the North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA).

Louise writes that she and her husband, son Brian Jr. and daughter Virginia Louise are great—6.5 mos and 2+ years respectively. They are either going to renovate or move in the next 6 mos. Amanda and Louise both live in Huntsville, AL.

Parker Shultis Pearson writes that she is happily settled into a new home in Roanoke, VA. She is still riding & competing her horse and work is really great...if a little hectic these days. Parker is headed to London for the holidays and she is really looking forward to the reunion in May! **Brandi Beck Fowler** says that things are good in Los Angeles. She is still working as a clinical psychologist in private practice and regularly conducts forensic evaluations. Her husband and she travel frequently. They spent two weeks in the south of France last August and are headed to Mexico for two weeks over Christmas. In October she saw **Elizabeth Mason Horsely** '90 at the wedding of David Lawrence W&L '89. The wedding was held in Virginia, which was lovely. Brandi says, "It was great to reconnect with Elizabeth and witness the beauty of fall in Virginia once again." Elizabeth writes that she is busy trying to keep up with Jack (4) and Will (3) and their schedules of school, birthday parties, soccer practice and more birthday parties. In addition, Elizabeth is still practicing law, handling trust and estate litigation cases and heading up law student recruiting at her firm, Williams Mullen. She was able to catch up with Wesley Foster in Atlanta when she was interviewing law students there. She hopes to make it to the reunion.

Nina Rowles Panarese says that she has been at home for the last 2 years with her 3 children, Emily (5), Jack (3) and Grace (1). In her spare time she serves on the Board of her children's preschool and has been taking some Arts

Education classes at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Nina says she is hoping to make it to reunion but with 3 kids you never know till the last minute. She says, "I can't believe it has been 15 years. How time flies. I can't wait to hear what everyone has been up to."

Rosanna Jones Thurman is "Doing well here in cold Omaha." She is still in private practice. Her three boys are growing up fast. She says, "Please say hello to Renee Merion, we keep in touch sporadically." Rosanna will not make it back for the reunion.

Amy Kroeger writes that nothing is going on but the books. Amy is still in medical school. She has finished up her semester at Ross University in Miami. She took a class up in Illinois and will be spending the next several months at different hospitals in New York City. Amy saw **Rachel Renzy**, **Meg Caulk**, **Ann Beatty Malone** and **Sarah Andres** this past summer.

Hi from **Cata** in Moscow! She is now living in Russia with her husband and 2 daughters—her newest, Henrietta Kathryn, was born in August 2004 and is a little sister to Florence Alice who is 1 1/2. She says, "Life is good here especially with fresh snow every few days and to keep my mind exercised I am now taking Russian classes—a challenge but fun. Sadly I will not be making the reunion—flying over 15 hours with 2 babes would take superhuman qualities! I will miss being at the reunion and I hope to make the next one!"

Amy Kathleen Donnelly Tobik and husband Steve moved from Alexandria, VA to Winter Springs, FL six years ago. Amy teaches art appreciation as a volunteer in the schools and serves on local boards. She savors time spent with daughter Katie (9) as her Brownie troop leader, and daughter Emily (5) as her Daisy troop leader. Amy enjoys writing features for a local newspaper when she is not driving her children to violin, ballet, Irish Dancing, soccer, or Girl Scout meetings!

Allison Richards writes that she is still living in Wellington, FL and involved with horses and real estate. She has her license with a company called Equestrian Properties. She does real estate part-time, and is working with Norma Valentine, SBC graduate who is a partner with the company. Allison works for the company that runs the Winter Equestrian Festival, called Stadium Jumping, in

Wellington—the horse show capital for the world in the winter. They are just finishing "The National Horse Show" that was held at Madison Square Gardens; this is the third year it has been held in Wellington. Allison says, "Still single, no kids but keeping everything simple."

Judy McComb writes that she is the CEO of Pharmacoligika, Inc., a consulting firm that works with smaller biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies to help them through their funding, drug discovery and development, clinical trial, patent qualification, and marketing processes. It keeps her busy traveling throughout the world nearly 100% of the time to very fun and un-fun places. Judy is finishing up her global MBA and will graduate in July after 2 intense years of working and studying! When she is not working or studying, she enjoys life in NC with her partner, Mandy, and their greyhound, Kelsey. They are in the process of building their dream home on 17 beautiful, wooded acres in an equestrian subdivision. Construction will finish in early 2006 (they hope!) and she hopes, by then, to be able to spend more than a couple days a month there!

Still a stay-at-home Mom, **Sonja Gruhl Dupourque** is trying to keep up with her 1-year old toddler, Jack. In his father's footsteps, in his 1st year, he's already become a frequent flier with travels across the Pacific to Hawaii and across the Atlantic to Paris, France. They have also enjoyed many visitors in San Diego from family and friends, including **Stacey Sickels Heckel ('88)** and **Suzie Sickels Dyer ('91)**, and **Paige Schiller Okun ('88)** and their families. Sonja also plans to see **Mary-Byrd Schroeder Braun ('95)** and her new baby at Christmas in VA. She also enjoys staying in touch with **Pauline Hanson Palm ('89)**, who with her husband resides in TX. Sonja's husband, Stephan, has been promoted to Captain at his airline, so they look forward to more travels and visits with family and friends in the future. Lastly, Sonja may be moving back to the East Coast or the South in 2005 or 2006, and hopes to expand her family in the near future? Stay tuned?!!

Julie Brooks writes that she is still living on Miami Beach, working in Miami as the Grants Administrator for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. She is half way through completing her Masters in Public Administration at Keller Graduate School of Management. Julie

took a week off this summer to camp and kayak on Isle Royale in Lake Superior with her Mom. She is also kayaking down in Florida on the weekends. Julie looks forward to getting back to campus for our reunion in '05.

Mary Ellen Naff Philpott and her family are building a new house near her home in Virginia. Her husband Ben is an ER doctor and Mary Ellen is enjoying her time with their three girls (9, 6 and 3). She has published a cookbook in honor of her grandmother who is 100. Mary Ellen enjoyed a visit with Amy Burton at a Virginia Lily Festival this past summer.

Amy Elizabeth Burton says that she was invited to serve on the Joint Congressional Committee for the Inaugural Ceremonies coordinating the presidential inauguration, "So January 20 will be a key career day for me!" She keeps in touch with fellow classmates **Suzanne (Szak) Sohur** and Mary Ellen (Naff) Philpott.

After living in Asia for 6 years, **Sarah Andres** moved back to Virginia this summer. She says it is good to be back, but she does miss the travel opportunities. Sarah bought a condo in Falls Church and lives there with her Boston Terrier puppy Betty. She is teaching 1st grade at The Potomac School and loves it!

Chris Carriere Zazulak says, "We are all good down here in New Orleans." She has all 4 boys in the same private school, so she spends most of her time volunteering there. Scott and she are expecting their 5th child sometime in December.

Leslie Carson Albizzati says she is planning on attending reunion. She writes, "Who knew staying at home with 3 kids could be so incredibly busy. Benjamin is 7, Grace is 5, Matthew 2. I enjoy volunteering at the kids' school as center mom and mystery reader. I also volunteer at our church. We are planning to go to Argentina in 2005 to visit Nicolas' family. From time to time I keep in touch with **Stacy Gilmore**, **Amy Calandra** and **Lisa Waldrop**."

Meg Caulk writes that she is still in DC, working at Air and Space. She still adores her baby (my rabbit Lulu). Meg says she is looking forward to the holidays. She'll be spending it with family in Alabama.

As for some other news, I have received Christmas cards from **MaryBeth Ashe Wise** with her new addition of

Phoebe Ashe born in October. **Joan Armstrong Abington** welcomed her fifth addition, a boy named Hudson Davis born on September 25. Chris Carriere Zazulak sent e-mail that she had her fifth boy on December 15. His name is Phillip Louis and he was 7 lbs 15 ozs. I also received e-mail from **Jen Brennan Rucker** that she had her second daughter, Madison Brennan, on December 26. **Joie Roderick Tankard** had her third child, Lawrence Roderick, on October 9.

As for myself, **Jean Spillane Benning**, I had my third girl on September 7. We named her Tara Sophia. Her sisters Emma (3) and Paige (almost 2) really adore her. Please make sure to keep in touch with the alumnae office with your updated information. It takes less than a minute to fill out the form and send them a quick note as to what has been going on in your life. It's a great way to keep in touch with each other!!

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Once again my computer crashed and our classmates pulled through with addresses and contact info. If you are reading these notes and did not receive an email it means you have not updated your info at the college. Please email me with your new info. ptadler@earthlink.net. Here's the news...

Joan Dabney Clickner says she may have baby news soon—three year old Ian has asked his parents to buy a baby brother, so they're in the process of "ordering" one! She asks that if anyone has **Erin Katz**, **Katherine Cooper** or **Megan Read**'s contact info, please email her at joanbob9@uno.com

Judith Kobliska Goetz writes with enthusiasm about their newest addition, a girl named Isabella Katherine. Isabella was born in Boston on March 28, a couple of months early but very healthy! She joins big brother Nicholas who will turn 8 on March 6th. Judith and Charlie are still living on Cape Cod. Enjoying the splendors of life in the Bay State, and travel when time permits. This year she has heard from a couple of SBC grads including **Tammy O'Malley Fein**, **Megan Read Lindberg** and **Stephanie Banton Troutman**. Does anyone know

how to contact Liz Jennings? Judith is looking for her.

Heather Sanford McGowan and her husband have lived in Galway, Ireland for eight years now. They have three beautiful children: 7 year old daughter Hannah, 5 year old daughter Abigail and 8 month old son Matthew. She keeps in touch with **Katherine Hoffman**, **Christine Canterbury**, **Suzanne Petrie** and **Ronelle Muench**.

Carlin McKenna Moroney sends her best wishes to everyone and reports that she has seen **Stacey Lawrence Lee** and Will Lee since their move to Boston. Their baby Alexandria is beautiful. **Stacey Lawrence Lee** moved to Boston in July (Will got a new job) and had a baby girl (Alexandria Alden Lee) in September. She is taking a class at Harvard and volunteering with the Junior League. She sees **Carlin Moroney** and her wonderful family often and they're planning a cross-country trip for the month of January culminating in a visit with **Marie Wright Halder** and her family in Southern California.

Megan Moosman is very busy with her three girls, Courcy (5), Catherine (4) and Colleen (19 months). She is also running after her dog Cleggan. The girls are great and keep her on her toes. She sends her love to all of her SBC friends.

Melissa H. Pack Faraday got married in 1998 and unfortunately was widowed in 2000. She currently lives in Manassas, VA with 3 dogs and 2 cats (Katherine Black is a neighbor and customer!) She manages the Pack Insurance Agency in Manassas. She recently became engaged and is currently building a new house in Manassas.

Wesley Foster Huffard and her husband Haynes live in Atlanta, have a three-year-old daughter named Hudson, and are expecting another baby girl due in April. Wesley is an Interior Designer. **Signee Hoffman** and Curt Swartley have been married a year. They moved into a new home and are building a pool to deal with the 110 heat they get in the summer. She hasn't seen any SBC girls in California. She misses Virginia and all the girls.

L. Renee Gardner Tikka and family are back in Finland. She, husband Ari and daughter Sophia welcomed new baby boy, Luka Jonas, to the family on September 28th, 2004. **Stephanie White Frost** relocated from Virginia to Atlanta, GA a little over a year ago.

So far, she loves it there—especially the mild winters! She's still in Business Development for Circular Wireless and expecting her second child who is due May 20th. Her son, Blair, is now six years old. She would love to hear from any alum in the area. Her email is swifrost@yahoo.com.

Bonnie Dawson is selling real estate and living on Topsail Island, NC and Virginia. She started a cable show, New Adventures on Cable channel 6 in Lynchburg, VA and they play the shows monthly. Her three girls are all grown. Heather has two girls, married and living in OK and starting nursing school. Jenny has graduated from George Mason University and is married and living in Raleigh, NC. Vanessa has graduated from VCU and is working as a Dental Hygienist and living in the fan in Richmond, VA. Her husband Ed is working construction and doing well. Bonnie is still writing and misses her SBC friends in Paint-N-Patches.

Carey Bates relocated to Southbury, CT this past summer with her girlfriend Allison. She acquired a new pug, Archie, with whom she loves to walk and play. Carey is enjoying tons of golf through her league (EWGA) and various forms of fishing (fly, striped, and surf casting). She bought a Jeep Wrangler in July and loves enjoying the outdoors in it. She is about to be an aunt for the sixth time and loves taking her nieces Samantha and Alison to see movies, most recently the 3D Polar Express. She stays in touch with **Amber Vellenga** and **Kathryn Hagist Yunk**, who just had a baby girl. **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** and Daniel Yunk welcomed Kathryn Emily on August 21st, 2004. She joins sister Sheba, the Lab, at home. While Mom and Dad are fighting sleep deprivation, Emily is wonderful!

Nicole Gauthier and her husband are finally together after she quit her full time job in June and moved to the San Francisco Bay area. They had been commuting between California and Detroit for the last 2 1/2 years. They bought a beautiful home in Walnut Creek, CA and are expecting their first child, the first week of March. She guesses that's what happens when you're together full time with your husband. As it would have it, her tried and true friends from SBC **Claire Batson Stapleton** '91 and **Melinda Aufmuth Wick** '92 threw her a baby shower December 11th. She was also excited to see **Donna Peters** '91 as

she was in attendance.

Shelbie Filson has had a crazy year, changing jobs twice, performing in three shows, and traveling to Mexico. Her best and biggest news is that she is now working at SBC! She absolutely loves her new "dual" position as a secretary in the Dean's Office and manager of the Babcock Season and SB Theatre Box Office. Shelby is looking forward to attending an upcoming theatre conference in New York City, and visiting with Betsy Butler when Betsy travels to Charlottesville this spring.

Alene Doucette writes that not much has changed, other than going through a hurricane. Billy had to fly the helicopters out of harm's way so Al and her two pups, Gansett & Briscoe rode out the Category 3 Hurricane (Ivan) "by ourselves in our little 1930's cottage. For all you home buyers out there, old & sturdy homes fared much better than shiny & new ones. They had VERY little damage." She is looking forward to a change of climate. Al and Billy are still awaiting the military's choice as to where they will be heading next. Could be anywhere from NC, CA or Japan. She will keep us posted.

D'Andrea Simmons-Manges was married on October 30th to David Carl Manges of Hartly, Delaware. **Kristin Walberg Urbach**, **Amy Lemieux** and **Connie Gehrmann** were bridesmaids. **Chrissy Telleian** '88 came from DC and **Margaret Gibson** '92 from Memphis to attend. There were almost 500 people in attendance. The ceremony was followed by a fireworks show. Her cake was featured on ABC in Dallas. Her wedding and many of the events leading up to it were filmed by The Learning Channel and will air in a new show that D'Andrea and her mother are starring in called "Sheer Dallas" in April of 2005. She is flying out to LA to meet with the producers and advertising executives January 12th to talk about possibly doing another show after "Sheer Dallas" wraps. Also, her first book is coming out next year. The working title is "The Wedding Rumble." It is a story about mothers and daughters and surviving wedding planning. She is also Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Ultimate Living International, Inc.

Suzanne Petrie writes that she is so professionally happy. She left the Pentagon and is now the Director for Latin America at the Department

of Homeland Security. She primarily works with Mexico given the amount of border security challenges we have with them. She has tried to convince border patrol they should give her a horse and put her on one of their mounted units—ha ha—so far she's still stuck at a desk! She is still close with **Kimberley McGraw Euston** '92 and just saw her cute new baby girl Katherine. **Margo Ten Broeck Calkin** is in the process of training for the New Orleans AIDS marathon, finishing up her masters in Health Promotion and most exciting of all will be going to China in the spring to adopt her first child. **Ruth Ewers** has been working for Region Ten Community Services Board since graduation. She is a case manager working with the mentally retarded population. She has recently applied to Graduate school for a Master's in Social Work and Human Services. She also continues to write non-fiction articles for regional publications.

Jennifer Gregg writes that she and Karen are still living in Vermont. Had a terrific vacation in Alaska in August '04—went fly-fishing, sea kayaking, and hid from bears. Planning a trip in June '05 to Idaho for some more fly-fishing adventures. Staying active with ice hockey and tennis. After 10 years directing public relations for a law firm, **Betsy Butler** went back to graduate school and earned a second master's degree in May 2004, this time in library and information science. She is now a special collections librarian for the Ohio Historical Society, where she catalogs manuscripts and printed material and introduces researchers to their collections.

Lorraine Haire Stanley lost her father on July 3rd to heart failure. As a result she has taken on the family business, Coastal Electronics Inc., which is celebrating 55 years as a Motorola Service Station and Select System Dealer. She still lives at the beach, loving every minute. She plans to remarry in May to Bryan Blaine Johnson of MN, graduate from the Maritime Academy. She stays in touch with **Melanie Duke**, **Amy Lemieux**, **Beth Hensley Martin** and **Keri Chrisman Castronuovo** via email. She also had the opportunity to attend the original book signing for Mr. Cronin's new release. She sends her best wishes to all of her SBC friends and she offers these words of wisdom: Love your parents every day, make no regrets, and thank

them for your Sweet Briar experience. Hola Hola.

As for me, I have started a new job, teaching third grade in Flushing, NY. I have been busy with work and time spent as a member of a Teacher's College Leadership Group, writing curriculum for NYC schools. Last summer I chaperoned a senior high school mission trip to the Heifer Project in Rutland, MA. It was a truly awe-inspiring journey. This fall I became a Lay Eucharistic and visiting minister for the Episcopal Church. I continue to be a youth minister, working with the youth of my parish on outreach and faith formation. 2004 was fraught with much illness in the Tadler family. I am hoping that 2005 will be a banner year. My best wishes to you all. Keep the emails coming. Peace and blessings. Penny

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Paige Vaught Campion and husband Chris had a baby girl, Ellie Grace, on 4/4/04. Pre-Elie, **Jill Truzpek Pala**, **Lee Foley Dolan** and **Sara Selby** went to NC for Paige's baby shower. In return, Paige and Ellie traveled to Chicago

to help Jill celebrate her 30th birthday. Jill and husband Jim bought their first home in May 2003 and love it! Jill and her husband welcomed the birth of their second son, Carter James, on 9/28/04 making first son Harrison a big brother.

Amy Daugherty is living and working in central California for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as a 911 dispatcher—her job is exciting, fun and she loves it! In July 2004 she took a week-long trip to NC to meet Ellie Campion and attend her baptism; she was also able to catch up with Paige! She also attended **Mary Copeland Dellinger's** wedding in September. And it looks like Amy will be hearing wedding bells of her own! Amy became engaged to her boyfriend Sam on 1/29/05.

Laura Lechler is still living and teaching fourth grade in Virginia Beach and loving it. In September, she competed in, and crossed the finish-line, in her first triathlon. With that accomplishment under her belt, she is now training for a duathlon that will take place in April 2005. The biggest news is that she just bought and moved into her first house in January 2005. Laura's seen a bunch of SBC girls throughout the year. In August 2004 they threw a wedding shower for **Mary Copeland Dellinger** in Washington, DC. **Laura, Rachel Baltus, Abby Phillips Hinga, Jesse Durham Strauss, and Lee Foley Dolan** all attended. Laura also attended **Annie Pankoski Sherman's** wedding in Turks and Caicos on 11/20/04. Annie wedded in a beautiful ceremony right on the beach. **Natalie Brown Adee** also was present. Natalie then traveled to exotic Sweet Briar, VA in September for Alumnae Council. Natalie and husband Jon share the exciting news that they are expecting their first child in July.

Mary Copeland Dellinger was married in southern California over Labor Day Weekend, 2004. **Natalie Brown Adee, Lee Foley Dolan and Laura Lechler** were bridesmaids. **Jesse Durham Strauss, Amy Daugherty, Janeen Sharma and Rachel Baltus** were all in attendance. Mary and new husband Derrick took a late honeymoon to Costa Rica and Panama for two weeks over the New Year holiday.

Lee Foley Dolan and husband Duke had their second child Mattie Brooks Dolan on 11/10/04; she joins big brother Henry. Lee had a Christmas

party attended by some festive SBCer's including **Laura Lechler and Buff Barkley Ramsey**

Jesse Durham Strauss is doing well and enjoying married life. She and husband Orion recently added a new addition to the family, black lab-mix puppy Briar (named for you know where)! Jesse's still working as a meeting planner for Strategic Analysis, Inc. in Arlington, VA. She recently took a weekend trip to St. Mary's, GA to visit **Jen Beck Locke, husband Hunter, and daughter Marte.** Jesse frequently sees **Rachel Baltus, Katie Campbell Brumley, husband Rob, and their daughter, Grayson.** Jesse also attended the wedding of **Hilary Carlson Katerberg** to husband Rob in April 2004 at Sweet Briar.

Sarah Dennis Roberts writes that she enjoyed being back on campus for **Hilary Carlson Katerberg's** wedding in April 2004, and loved seeing all the changes at SBC. Sarah, Hayden and their son Jackson are enjoying living back in Oklahoma City where Sarah is working for a private foundation that gives grants to non-profit organizations and Hayden is an administrator and faculty member for the University of Phoenix.

Mary Margaret Dixon Biss reports that she married husband Andy in November 2002. **Hilary Carlson Katerberg and Sarah Dennis Roberts** were bridesmaids. Other SBC grads at the wedding included **Molly Becherer Hasty '95, Sarah Reidy, Christie Cardon, Marie Bandy Walls and Annie Kays.** Mary Margaret and Andy moved to Syracuse, NY in the summer of 2003 to be closer to family. Mary Margaret works as a nanny for a family of 3 children, and she and Andy are in the process of buying a house near one of the Finger Lakes.

Jessica Crowley is still in Austin and has embarked on her dream career. After the corporate world ruled her 20's she closed the office door and went back to school to become a stylist! She finishes Beauty School in February 2005 and is looking to move to London to pursue an apprenticeship with Vidal Sassoon! Ultimately, Jessica would like to return to the Austin area, work in a salon and perhaps open her own salon one day. Jessica truly loves what she's doing and feels certain that this is the right path.

How **Wynn Cole Burr** found time to email, I'll never know. Wynn and husband Blake welcomed their new twins

in November. Jackson and Ann Mason Burr arrived 6 weeks early to kick off the holiday season. Wynn reports that everyone is healthy and happy, and she's looking forward to raising her two little ones.

Sarah Reidy has had an exciting year. In February, '04 Sarah and boyfriend Jim Ferguson took a month and traveled to Asia to visit Sarah's parents. Upon returning to Atlanta, they found and bought a great house and were kept busy with renovations. Then, on Christmas Eve, former boyfriend Jim became present-day fiancé when he proposed to Sarah in front of family and friends. Congratulations Sarah! Sarah's business as a personal assistant has been very successful, and she can't think of a better way to make a living. She's also had drinks with **Maia Pearson '97** and her fiancé, and **Leighton Barrett '97** and her boyfriend—both are well. Sarah also shared the news of the birth of **Marie Bandy Wall's** baby girl, as well as **Kasey Collins Lear** who is expecting in April 2005.

Imogen Slade is currently marketing for MBH Settlement Group in Leesburg, VA and working towards her teaching licensure. She hopes to teach elementary school students by the fall of 2005. Her two "children" are her Jack Russell Terriers whom she takes with her to racing events such as Gold Cup and Foxfield. Imogen celebrated her 30th birthday in Ireland this past summer, and attended the Dublin Horse show. She keeps in touch with **Julie Hildebrand, Cindy Rakow Readyhough, Mary Byrd Schroeder '95 and Karn Henderson.**

Cakki Latimore Namorato and husband Jim moved back to Richmond, VA in January 2005. While sad to leave St. Paul, MN where they resided for the past 5 years, they are excited to get reacquainted with old SBC friends.

Kimbie Shaheen White still teaches Latin at Grace St. Luke's Episcopal School, while husband Jeff (HSC '96) heads up the IT department at St. Agnes Academy, both in Memphis, TN. She enjoys her weekly trip to the zoo across the street with son Max. Max asked his mom to welcome **Laura McGlavery Million's** new little one, Ella Grace, to the SBC Class-of-96 Baby Club. And Kimbie will be adding a baby of her own to the club; she and husband Jeff are expecting their second child in July.

Laura McGlavery Million and husband Rich spent two years in Bloomington, IN where Rich got his MBA before moving in June 2003 to just south of Milwaukee, WI for Rich's job. First, they bought a house, and next they welcomed new daughter Ella Grace on 8/3/04. In her free time, Laura's doing some freelance writing and consulting for her old employer in Washington DC, plus a few local community development organizations in Milwaukee. She regularly keeps in touch with **Kelly Knappenberger Foit** who is enjoying being out in the great northwest. While on business in Denver, she also had a chance to see **Nikki Johnson**, who is working at the university there while pursuing a graduate degree.

April Collins Potterfield is currently an Assistant Professor of Biology at Westminster College in MO, and loves it. Westminster is a small school, about 800 students, similar to SBC, but coed. A very good fit. April and her husband have a beautiful baby boy named Benjamin Collins Potterfield who turns one-year-old on 12/3/04.

Robyn Peckol Filimaua married Ami Filimaua last year, and welcomed their first little girl, Kylenea Feta Filimaua, 9/12/04. She is still teaching, but has switched to teaching PE to K-8th graders. She continues to run Northshore Juniors Volleyball Club, and is proud to report that her team continues to qualify and play in Junior Nationals. **Adria Lande** brought us up to speed on what she's been doing these past 9 years. Adria lives in Providence, RI and works for the American Sail Training Association in Newport. She is the Education Coordinator for ASTA. She works with tall ship organizations creating sail training programs for youth of all ages. She travels during the summer during the tall ship races that alternate from coast to coast. She invites any SBC gal longing to sail on a tall ship to drop her a line. She also suggested a sail for our reunion...?

Meissa McLearn is relocating to northern Virginia to begin a new career. As of December 2004 she will be working for Cambrex in Frederick, MD doing microbiology for cell therapy. Classmate **Stephanie Franz** acted as consultant to her career change and gave her some much needed practical advice and encouragement.

Laura Lee Rihl Joiner updates us from Baghdad, Iraq. Laura Lee graduated

from medical school in May 2000 and shortly after she and husband Brad moved to San Antonio for her 4-year OB/GYN residency through Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center. She graduated from her residency this June, and was transferred to Ft. Still in Lawton, OK, as a staff OB/GYN. She was then immediately deployed to Iraq, and is currently serving as the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad. Laura Lee and another OB/GYN doctor are spearheading an outreach program for Iraqi women and Iraqi doctors. The Iraqi Women's Initiative has given them funding to allow them to care for women who do not otherwise have access to care in the Iraqi system. On the home front, Laura Lee's husband of 8 years has become a stay-at-home dad providing care for their two children. Daughter Allison Murray Joiner was born 7/14/02, and son Robert Bradford Joiner, Jr. was born 9/2/03—both are happy and healthy. Laura Lee keeps in touch with **Melissa McLearen, Rachel Cooper, Juli Bechard, Alison Burnett '97, Emily Virkus '98 and Lesya Shroades '98** via email.

Cynthia Wilkerson and family continue to be blessed with a busy, happy and healthy life. She and husband Gary have 5 wonderful grandchildren who keep life joyful and interesting. Cynthia is the Social Services Director at the Lovington Healthcare Center in Lovington, VA. She says it is a wonderful opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of the senior citizen community.

Susan Whitehead-Froelich writes that she and her husband just moved back to Virginia, and bought their first home in Madison Heights. Susan says that they love living back home, and she loves seeing her old friends **Sandy Jennings Neblett** and **Anne Osterholm Pribble**. Susan just started a new job as the marketing assistant for the River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg!

Anne Osterholm Pribble, who lives in Evington, VA, writes that her son Connor Matthew Pribble was born on 9/29/03. She is currently working for Centra Health, Hospice of the Hills as a medical social worker.

Leah Jorgensen, Cindy Rakow Readyhough, Meg Magistro Arcadia and I saw each other on a monthly basis this year. We kicked off January 2004 by celebrating Leah's 30th birthday in

Washington DC. Then, we celebrated Meg Magistro Arcadia's engagement to Chris with a swell party at Cindy's new home in February. Showers and parties followed which culminated with the weddings of Meg and Cindy respectively. Meg married Chris Arcadia in a beautiful waterside ceremony at the New York Athletic Club in New Rochelle, NY on 8/7/04 (coincidentally, it was also Meg's 30th birthday). Meg and Chris honeymooned in Mexico, and continue to live, work and play in Georgetown. Cindy married her high school sweetheart Patrick Readyhough in a lovely outdoor ceremony on 9/11/04. Leah, Meg, **Beth Anne Nelson Sayegh '95**, and I were bridesmaids. Cindy and Pat are residing in Fairfax, VA where Cindy continues to ride, and work for Ernst and Young. At the end of September, **Leah Jorgensen** left Alexandria, VA and headed to the Pacific Northwest for Oregon Wine Country. She is the Sales and Marketing Specialist at Erath Vineyards Winery (www.erath.com). Leah's living in a cute cottage in Dundee, OR with her two cats, India and Capri, and when she's not traveling and selling wine, she's working on getting published, snowshoeing, learning her way around Portland, and planning for her own future winery/vineyard venture!

As for me, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, I continue to work as a Neuro-Trauma nurse at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. I've recently joined the Neuroscience Clinical Research Department part-time, and am actively applying to graduate programs. My entire family is within 30 minutes and I enjoy being able to see them every day. I've thoroughly enjoyed reading about you and your families, jobs, etc., and was so pleased with the class note participation. However, I look forward to catching up with everyone in person at our 10-year reunion. Don't forget to put it on your calendars for May 26-28, 2006! Also, please send any pictures you'd like included in the Reunion Scrapbook to Natalie Brown Adee—she's spearheading the project, and can be emailed at NJAdee@aol.com. Take Care, Class of 1996! With Love, EileenMacMurtrie, Class Secretary.

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Holla! Holla! Holla! If you have news for the next edition of News and Notes, please contact the Alumnae Office or **Cynthia (Bumgardner) Puckett** at cynthia_puckett@hotmail.com. You can also send the enclosed postcard to Cynthia: her home address is above.

Bobbi Jo Hedrick Atristain wrote in saying, "My husband and I just purchased a century old Victorian farmhouse outside of the Richmond area. I've taken a new position as an Internet Engineer for Lumber Liquidators in Williamsburg, VA. Rick and I do not have any kids but we do have 7 cats."

Courtney Hayes Toomey is also in Richmond in her first year of medical school at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Her husband, Bill, was recently named V.P. of BB&T. They've been married six years and celebrated their fifth anniversary in England.

Valerie Walston just wrapped up another campaign, having served as Bill Jones for U.S. Senate's press secretary." She said, "I'm currently political consulting in Orange County, California, AKA 'The O.C.', and also writing my first book. Orange County is amazing." She keeps in touch with **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** and **Nichi Benson Knox**.

Mary Ann also wrote in and said, "I am enjoying being a stay-at-home Mom and will soon have my hands doubly full, as Tim and I are expecting baby number 2 around March 24th. Liam, our first son, will turn 2 in June, and he is such an inquisitive little guy. He doesn't miss a trick! Tim is still working in Nelson County at the Middle School and is enjoying his new position as Media Center Specialist." With other baby news, **Diana Jordan**

Avery and husband Brent birthed a baby girl in January. And in March, Darrin and **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** are expecting their first (successful) baby. **Natalie Lindfors Recupero** is expecting TWINS sometime this summer.

Cynthia wrote, "I just resigned

from my teaching position in order to be a stay-at-home Mom. I was teaching Honors World Literature to 10th graders at Stockbridge High School in Georgia. I was also nominated for the Disney Hand Award that honors creative teaching practices. Darrin and I were able to travel quite a bit this past summer, going to Texas and New York. I have been thrilled to see **Kathy Carr, Heather Thomas Armbruster, Brigitte Laib, Anna Meres Wade, Kim Liqueiro, Alison Burnett, Candice Broughton Maillard, Chantal Bartlett, and Joelle Jackson**. I keep in touch with thirty others as best as I can through a monthly correspondence. **Emily Virkus Calle** is training to be a ballroom dance instructor in addition to her full-time job as a software engineer. She and husband Dan both compete in dance on a regular basis. **Astrid Liverman**, who is graduating this summer with her Ph.D. in Architectural History from UVA, divides her time between Paris (thanks to a UVA Dissertation Year Fellowship) and Middletown, CT. Her subject is Parisian Art Nouveau and worker housing, 1895-1914. She will be a Wesleyan Center for Humanities Fellow where her long-time Beloved also works. She keeps in touch with **Mary Lea Harris, Darelle Pfeiffer, Britt Sheinbaum**, and **Kibby Fergusson** (class of 2000).

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I hope this issue finds you all well. It is so much fun to hear what everyone is up to. If you know that someone has been left off the list or you want to submit something, please email our Sweet Briar email account so that I can include you in the next issue.

Alea Fatima Bey was living in Philadelphia and working for Merck, but recently moved with her husband to Richmond. She is thinking of opening up her own preschool. **Tina Hansel Snover** and her husband moved to Massanutten in the Spring of '04. She is working at

James Madison University in the Athletic Department. She is also working part-time with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. **Tina** recently got together with **Melissa Henning Hill, Kris Harris** and **Meredith Tillery** at **Meredith's** home in Knoxville, TN.

Rachel Barnard will be getting married to Bill Fendly on February 4, 2005. **Rachel** is currently teaching 4th grade at an excellent country school. In her spare time she rides. **Brenda** is in Boston, but will be moving to Florida in May as the Financial Services Officer at Patrick AFB. Brenda is in her last semester at Harvard finishing her masters in Religion. **Shannon Smith** is in her third year of Veterinary medicine at NCSUCVM and will graduate in 2006. She is living in Raleigh.

Andrea Lee Capano is currently teaching 7th grade Science in Naples, ME. She recently purchased an 1850s New England style farmhouse. She is an aunt to 3 nephews and a niece and spends a lot of time babysitting. Andrea spends her summers traveling and is interested in getting in contact with **Marisol Laserna Heather McLeod** is a publicist for a small literary publisher in DC. She is getting married in April and plans to move to Austin next summer. She keeps in touch with **Shannon Bazar, Catherine Zahn '98, Elizabeth Hamshaw '00, Melissa Henning** and **Kris Harris**. **Heather** is looking forward to **Shannon** and **Catherine's** commitment ceremony next September.

Emily Sartor is a Child and Family Therapist and lives in Chapel Hill. **Emily** lives with **Jill Triana Kim Bolz-Andolshek** and her husband Justin welcomed their second child Leo March on September 1, 2004. Kate is 1 1/2 and loves her brother. **Margaret Dally** is in her second year of residency doing Family Practice and Psychiatry. **Valerie Kite** is living in Colorado Springs with her husband and trains for the National Team. **Tiffany Tyler** recently moved to Leesburg, VA and is planning on starting her own Dressage training/sales facility within the next year. **Connie Paris Sabo** and her husband Stefan are living in New Jersey. She works for a pharmaceutical marketing company and is expecting her first child in June. Connie is still very close with **Cassie Ross** and **Becky Hamby**. **Leslie Hardy Dunville** and her husband Jochen are expecting their second child this June. Leslie is enjoying

staying home with their little girl Reese.

Meredith Bonnell Houff is living in Fredericksburg, VA and working for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. **Meredith** and her husband James recently bought their first home.

Jill Triana is working at Meredith College in North Carolina. **Jill** is enjoying her job. **Katie Leeming** recently got engaged to Alex and plans to get married this summer. **Natasha White** will be marrying Juan in January in California. As for me, **Marlena Dearman McGuire**, I am living in Fredericksburg, VA with my husband Chris. I am working as a Special Investigator with USIS. Please continue to keep us posted on what you are up to.

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Betsy Baggs writes that in 6/04 she took over as the Casting Coordinator for Walt Disney Feature Animation. Along with her boss (the head of casting) Betsy cast all voices for the (now computer) animated films released in movie theatres under the Walt Disney Banner. It takes between 3 and 7 years for each of these movies to be made, so she is currently casting no less than 10 films, including "Toy Story 3." Betsy writes that she "love, love, loves her job!" She gets to wear tennis shoes and jeans to work and audition movie stars every day. She is really happy to be a part of creating movies that make so many people happy. She recently moved from Hollywood to Burbank so as to be closer to the studio. In 10/04, Betsy traveled to DC, where she visited with **Maureen Robertson Crawford**, and attended the wedding of **Suzanne Bollinger** (who was a ridiculously beautiful bride!), along with **Amy Scott, Abby Schmidt, Dina Orbison, Cara Millar, and Evangeline Easterly**. **Jackie Hauslein** was one of Suzanne's bridesmaids. They all had lunch and spent the afternoon at Sweet Briar with Kim Leach, and had a nice time catching up with Professor Brown and visiting with his advanced fiction workshop. Additionally, Betsy is eagerly awaiting the return of Allison Davis from her 3 year stint in the Peace Corps. A big trip to Vegas is being planned for when she gets back to the states. Betsy would like to extend an invitation for anyone flying out west; she says she'd love to

catch up with everyone.

Alissa Harris is working in Los Angeles at Twentieth Century Fox Television. Some of the shows she is working on include *The Simpsons*, 24, and *Arrested Development*. She is still active in the film community of Boston, producing a feature film that will begin filming in 2005. Alissa recently saw SBC gals at Elizabeth Davis Baker's wedding in May, and is truly looking forward to reunion! **Evangeline Easterly** writes she is marrying Eric Taylor on 7/3/05. Eric and Evangeline met romantically at the Vanderbilt Fencing Club. **Amanda Ankerman** will be her Maid of Honor. As this year's Philanthropy Chair for the Vanderbilt Cancer Biology Student Association, Evangeline organized a silent auction that raised over \$1,300 towards a nonprofit cancer support group. She also organized making goody baskets for veteran bone marrow transplant patients at the Veteran's Hospital, and will lead a group to make dinner at Ronald McDonald house in the spring.

Jackie Chatham reported in from Nashville, TN where she is living. Right before Thanksgiving she closed on her very first townhouse. She is still in the process of moving in and getting settled, but the place is finally feeling like home. Jackie says she really loves the extra space, and her little Chihuahua, Gretchen likes the back yard. Jackie has been working on Music Row for the last two years, first for a recording studio, and then for a video postproduction facility as both Office Manager and Intern Coordinator. She recently gave her two-week notice at The Filmmakers' Club and will be starting a brand new career the first of the year in commercial real estate. Jackie thinks the change will do her good and allow for more time to focus on what brought her to Nashville, her dream of becoming a singer/songwriter. Jackie has been busy in the studio and is currently in the process of recording her 5-song demo to be shopped to all the labels in town. She is also building a press kit, and re-launching her website. Jackie writes that her sister Kristy Chatham graduated from the Univ. of Florida this past summer, and is working in Florida with a wonderful doctor of dermatology. She, herself, is a PA and enjoys seeing her own patients. Also in Nashville is **Elissa Pugh**. She is working at an in-home tutoring website, and teaching English as a Second Language to adults.

She will start her Teaching English as a Second Language certificate this spring so that she can do that full-time. Elissa is also working on her thesis and should graduate with a Master's in English from Belmont Univ. in May. Elissa also just bought her first house and is trying to get settled there. Besides visiting with Evangeline Easterly and Jackie Chatham, Elissa saw **Sarah Elkins '99** when she was in town for Admissions work for Sweet Briar. Also excited for reunion, Elissa encourages anyone in the area to drop by and visit.

Kibby Bryenton Fergusson has moved to the United Kingdom for the next three years. Kibby and hubby Donald would like to announce that a baby is expected in 6/05. She'll keep us posted, on what is going on overseas. **Cameron Theodores** writes that she is still working at the Diablo Country Club in Northern California (near San Francisco), where she is the Human Resource Director. Cameron recently got engaged in 8/04 and will be married 8/20/05. **Alicia Hart Palomare, Katie Whitlock, Elizabeth Finch**, and **Tasha White** are the SBC girls that will be in her wedding. **Amanda Ankerman** has moved and is now living in Leesburg, VA and working at SAIC in Tysons Corner, VA.

Christine Bump is now a full-fledged attorney in Washington, DC. She found out in 10/04 that she passed the July Georgia Bar Exam (on the first try) and scored high enough to automatically waive into the DC Bar. She is an associate at Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, PC, a food and drug law firm. She has to work about 12 hours per day, but really likes the work, so it is not as bad as it seems. Christine gets to do a lot of interesting projects involving drug and medical device approvals, state and federal regulation and legislation, and the legal side of marketing and advertising food, vitamins, and drugs. She loves living in DC and has an apartment in Woodley Park between the National Zoo and the National Cathedral. She has seen many local SBC alums and enjoys attending SBC alumnae functions in DC. Christine will be back at SBC in 2/05 to speak at the Class of '05 Who's Who induction ceremony and will also attend reunion. **Kim Harden** is now in Macon, GA. She applied for school counseling jobs in 6/04, and got hired at a school on 7/1 and quickly had to pack up to move down to GA. Kim is living in the house

that her parents bought and will retire to in a few years. She loves GA and thinks the change suits her well. Her new job (still as a school counselor) at Sonny Carter Elementary is fabulous—great co-workers and a wonderful principal. Since moving, she has seen **Emily Taylor Boatright** up in Atlanta and is looking forward to reunion this spring. Right after reunion Kim will be flying over to Prague for a 3-week trip around Eastern Europe with her brother and one of his friends. They will be going to Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow, and Berlin.

Amanda Atkinson and husband Noah have also relocated. The couple moved to NYC in 11/04. Amanda is now working at Columbia University as Assistant Director of Residential Programs. They have a nice three-bedroom apartment on campus. Noah is still running back and forth between NYC and Boston as he is teaching and taking classes at Simmons College. Amanda only sees him Thursday night through Monday morning (only until the end of the semester though). Amanda and her mother took one of the SBC trips, to the Amazon. Amanda said it was amazing and recommends the trips. She heard fascinating stories from other alumni who attended and she reports that the people of Peru were very nice and welcoming.

Alicia Hart Palomare wrote in that she and husband Michael are doing great in Atlanta. Alicia is working for Turq Jewelry whose websites are www.turqjewelry.com and www.turqbridal.com. Turq Jewelry is an all-women business started by a Mary Baldwin and a Davidson grad. Alicia is looking forward to Cameron Theodores' wedding.

Sarah Mosheneck Ponton received her Masters of Foreign Language Education from UVA in 2004 and is a French teacher at Nelson County High School in Nelson, VA. **Dr. Germaine Gottsche** wrote in that she graduated from dental school in 5/04 and started practicing in her hometown of Ocean Springs, Mississippi in 7/04. Her practice is going well and she is very busy. Germaine is having a tough time getting used to people calling her Dr. Gottsche but would like to remind everyone to brush and floss. Germaine sees **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** who is also living in Ocean Springs.

Lucy Brooks is living and working in Hilton Head Island, SC. Lucy is currently the Service Operations Coordinator

at a local company. She loves living at the beach! Lucy was able to see many alumni at **Benedicte Valentin Lamothe's** wedding, **Elizabeth Puckett Haworth's** '01 wedding, and **Leah Brooks Waldrup's** '01 wedding during the summer. Lucy is eagerly awaiting reunion! And **Sarah Ogden** is coming "home" to SBC. Sarah writes that she will be the new Assistant Registrar there. **Holly Wilmeth** would like to share her website with everyone, www.hollywilmeth.com. She has just gotten back from Haiti where she was shooting for CARE. **Amy Hess Snawder** and husband Jared got orders to Ft. Huachuca, AZ, so in 10/04 they moved to Sierra Vista, AZ. Amy has a new job on the post with Kellogg, Brown & Root, a government contractor, and will be arranging the pick-up/shipment/delivery of soldiers' household goods when they move to/from the post. Amy and Jared are building a house in AZ that will be finished in the spring. Currently, they are staying with Jared's parents who live and work in AZ for KBR as well. **Jessi Livingston** is also out in AZ. She is coaching lacrosse and is involved with the growth of lacrosse in AZ. She has started their first ever youth lacrosse program and is also working with the professional lacrosse team there called the Arizona Sting. She is also doing research for auditory training.

Elizabeth Davis Baker writes that she is still serving as president of the Triangle SBC Alumnae Club, and they've enjoyed several different events this year, including happy hours with HSC and other VA schools. They are looking forward to having Prof. Barbara Perry in the spring for her book signing, as well as some other events. On the home front, Elizabeth and husband Brian are enjoying their house and kittens, Lucy and Charlie, and of course, being married! Elizabeth sees **Jill Triana '99**, **Meghan Leypoldt '99** and **Brandi Whitley '99**. **Cady Thomas '98** and **Brook Tucker '02** and **Meghan Gregory '02** quite a bit.

As for me, I'm still living in VA and working in DC. I sit on the SBC DC Alumnae Board (big surprise here—as secretary) and currently became certified as a Red Cross volunteer for Prince William County. Along with **Emma Pegues**, I am busy helping to plan reunion. In 11/04, **Alissa Harris** and I surprised **Mariena Koper** in New Orleans, LA for her birthday. A short trip

but nice to see the two. Here in DC I get to see **Beth Rice Kinnaman** (who has her hands full with three children), **Christine Bump**, **Vicki Zak**, **Lys Burdette '01**, **Sarah Belanger '01** and many others. While walking in the Help the Homeless walk in 11/04 I bumped into **Lindsey Perkins** and **Liz Keating** (out of 35,000 walkers)!

To submit notes, please email me (or call me). I can't wait to see everyone at reunion, especially face-to-face after corresponding with so many of you for the last five years over email. See ya soon and keep a look-out for more reunion information.

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Hey Ladies! I hope these notes find you all doing well in 2005!

Ariana Wolynec-Werner has been enjoying law school at Tulane U in New Orleans, LA. Several of her classmates are from W&L, and one of them is a friend of **Julia Schmitz '03**. Ariana's condo is right on the main Mardi Gras parade route, so she is excited about being in the middle of the action. She's also looking forward to a spring break trip with **Kim Schmidt Miscavage**, but will miss **Katy Kruschwitz** for the trip. Although Ariana loves New Orleans, she is hoping to find a summer job in Washington, D.C., and hopes to move back to the area after she graduates from law school. Ariana's new website is www.sweetbriargirl.org. She hopes everyone will fulfill their class fundraising pledge, and is excited about the reunion next year! **Sarah Belanger** was in Lebanon, Jordan and Yemen back in December, and is now thinking of applying to grad school in the UK next year. She still keeps in touch with **Natasha Nickodem**, **Christine Rangel**, **Sarah Houston** and **Meghan Frier**.

Christine Rangel moved to NYC after graduation in 2001 where she shared an apartment with **Nicole Redwine**. She was Editorial Assistant of the celebrity/socialite magazine, *The Hampton Sheet* for a year and a half before moving into PR/marketing, where she freelanced for several months for companies such as The Food Network, and *IN New York Magazine*. She recently

returned to St. Andrews U in Scotland where she earned a master's degree in International Business. (She'd also like to add that SBC has a very reputable name in the UK!) She enjoyed a visit with **Sarah Belanger**, **Nicole Redwine** and **Natasha Nickodem**, as well as her sisters **Victoria Rangel '04** and **Jane Rangel '06**, who is now at the London School of Economics in London. This past October Christine moved back to NYC, where she is Manager, Public Relations Strategies, for The Cannon Group, a PR/Marketing/Advertising firm, and is also the VP/student liaison of SBC's NYC Alumnae Club. If anyone is passing through NYC, she'd love to meet up!

Natasha Nickodem still works at the Salvador Dali Museum in FL as the events coordinator. This past winter, she was accepted into Leadership St. Pete, a nine-month leadership-training program, set up through the Chamber of Commerce. Natasha is also keeping busy by serving on the Events Committee of the St. Pete Junior League, as well as serving as a class officer for her alma mater, Episcopal High School in Jacksonville, FL. She's also been able to get together with **Stephanie Sherrard** and **Emily Reeh**, who are both doing well. Back in September, Natasha traveled to Venice, Italy for the opening of the Dali Retrospective exhibition at the Palazzo Grassi. She's most excited about starting grad school this coming September, at St. Andrew's U in Scotland in Museum and Gallery Studies.

Sarah Houston Kenning married Tyler Kenning (W&L '01) last June. Her bridesmaids included **Dawn Martin**, **Lys Burdette Paulhus**, **Katie Wood-Rae** and **Meghan Frier**, and she enjoyed catching up with several other SBC girls who attended her wedding. Sarah had her thesis published this past winter, and will graduate from La Salle in May. Sarah also attended **Liz Parker-Veverka's** wedding in VA Beach, VA this past September, where she saw **Angela Aiken**, **Dawn Martin**, **Emily Reeh** and **Jenn Dixon**. In January she visited **Meghan Frier** in MA, who is engaged to Nick Stawasz (W&L '01). Megan is planning a trip to Ireland to visit her sister **Jill Frier '06**.

Joanna Slusser Hughes finished up her MBA this past December, and is now enjoying working for an event planning and catering company. **Rami Achterberg** is a German teacher at

Cape Henry Collegiate School in VA Beach, VA. She is also engaged to Jesse F. Heers from Salt Lake City, UT. They will marry on March 5th, and **Angela Rodriguez** and **Megan Thomas** will be her bridesmaids. **Brianne Vogler Midura** is still enjoying her fellowship at the NIH, and is working on publishing her research in pediatric oncology. She and her husband, Ben, are both looking for education programs that will allow Brianne to continue her research and Ben to continue teaching high school and coaching lacrosse. She will also graduate from GW School of Medicine in May 2006, and is looking forward to having a real job!

Melanie Naquin Mayberry married Mark Mayberry this past December in New Orleans, LA. **Leah Brooks Waldrip, Roxanne Fox, Katherine Woodson, Amy Whitney, Elizabeth Hamshaw '00** and **Lindsey Custer '00** attended the wedding. Melanie and Mark are now living outside of Charlottesville, VA, where she still works in the South Asia Division of Christian Aid Mission and Mark is an electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Richmond, VA. They are enjoying their Border collie mix, named Paisley. **Emily Black Burns** left her job as a consultant last August so she could move to Palo Alto where her husband, Roy, is attending the Graduate School of Business at Stanford. Emily now works as the marketing manager for a software company, providing analysis software to the life sciences. **Megan Beley** is still in law school in Miami, FL, and works for a law firm in Naples, FL. She is enjoying riding her new horse, a four-year old Holsteiner mare. Megan is also looking forward to **Christine Rangel's** visit in March.

Jess McCloskey still lives in Bangor, Wales with her boyfriend, Rolle. She will finish her M.Sc. in Clinical Psychology this spring, and hopes to go on to finish her D.ClinPsych degree in the UK. She keeps busy working with older patients with dementia in the hospital mental health wards until a position opens up in Forensics. Jess and Rolle hope to visit the U.S. this summer. **Allison Clark Joe** received her Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, in addition to getting married last August. She continues to work on her Ph.D., and is getting experience working at the local women's prison. This past winter Allison enjoyed spending

time with her new nephew, Terrence Jin II Kang. Allison's sister, **Emily Clark Kang '99**, is truly enjoying motherhood. **Erin Bronson** and **Meg Bronson** are both teaching elementary school and loving every moment of it. They had a house built so they could live near their boyfriends, who live in Charlotte, NC. Erin and Meg both keep in touch with **Mary Donelson Robbins**, who is living in Richmond, VA with her husband, Alex. They are now starting to plan for a family!

After graduating from law school in Brazil, **Mariana Souza** returned to the U.S. to pursue her master's from Tulane U. She is now back in Brazil working for one of the largest law firms in the country. She keeps in touch with **Andrea Hidalgo**, who is living in Charlottesville, VA, and pursuing her master's in computer engineering. Mariana also keeps in touch with **Holy Wilmeth '00** who worked in Haiti during the civil war, as well as **Rocio Guerrero (exchange student '97-'98)**, who lives in Seville, Spain with her husband. **Rachel Souder-Arguedas** is currently involved in counter-terrorism efforts and intelligence analysis for the Department of Homeland Security at MITRE Corp. in Washington, D.C., and although her job keeps her busy, she is truly fulfilled knowing she is doing her part to keep America secure. This past winter Rachel lunched with **Vanessa Corry Julsen, Marlena Dearman McGuire '99** and **Meredith Bonnell Houff '99** in Arlington, VA. She is also continuing a long-distance relationship with Dr. Jeff Neale, a surgery resident in Philadelphia, PA.

Amy Tabb is in her second semester of a Ph.D. program for agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University in IN. When she finishes the Ph.D., she will go to work for a lab in WV, which is a division of the Ag Research Service of USDA. She still plays the piano, which is a nice break from her engineering work, and this past winter she was able to buy one for her apartment. **Erin Packard Harrison** and her husband, Phillip, continue their search for a house to move into in UT. They spent their Christmas in Guatemala, which she described as a "diamond in the rough." Erin still enjoys teaching ninth grade science at the same Jr. High she attended. She stays in close contact with **Tana Malm Baber** and **Sarah Machinist**.

Katherine Woodson is a Test Engineer at Northrop Grumman in Aurora, CO, and her fiancé, Michael Bates, is a Computer Systems Analyst at Northrop Grumman's Boulder, CO location. They are planning on marrying in July in Highlands Ranch, CO. They started their family early with the addition of a Chihuahua puppy named Swen. Katherine still keeps in touch with **Whitney Smith, Michelle Olm, Amy Whitney, Melanie Naquin Mayberry, Leah Brooks Waldrip, Roxanne Fox** and **Amanda Campbell Wright**. **Jessie Batchelder** is currently working toward her MSW at FSU. She is spending her spring semester interning in London, England.

Sarah Foley Barhight married Connor Barhight last July at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, VA. Her maid of honor was her sister **Margaret Foley '03**, and her bridesmaids included **Jenn Dixon, Joanna Slusser Hughes, Maria Kitchen '04, Erin Wright '00, Misa Sarmiento '02, Mary Colvin, '02** and **Bernice Kenney**. They honeymooned at the Pink Beach Club in Bermuda, and now live in Fairfax, VA. **Courtney Coulter '03, Carolyn Eney '03, Catherine Holswade** and **Kris Harris '99** also attended the wedding.

Erin Alberda still lives near Seattle, WA. She finished up her Americorps term in November, and the organization she served with offered her a full-time position as Program Assistant. She truly enjoys her job at a therapeutic riding center, and especially loves being around horses. She moved in with her boyfriend Brian this past winter. They have a miniature poodle puppy named Tank. **Nathalie Delvoie** is currently living with her husband Ray in Japan. She is enjoying being a stepmother to his five children, and they had their first baby together this past December. **Vanessa Corry Julsen** is enjoying being a newlywed and discovering just how fun marriage can be. She and her husband, Trace, recently moved to a house in Decatur, GA so that their two dogs, Houston and Ellie, could have a yard of their own to play in. They are enjoying their fourth year of medical school and look forward to their residencies. They are also looking forward to a trip to Trace's hometown of Anchorage, AK this summer. **Rachel Souder-Arguedas**, will accompany them on this adventure. Vanessa also stays in touch with her two

other best friends, **Brianne Vogler Midura** and **Rebekah Burr**.

After graduation, **Brie Davis** became trained in Early Childhood Montessori Education, and has been teaching Montessori since then. She received her Master in Education with a concentration in Montessori from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. and this past year, began teaching at MD's First Public Charter School. This summer Brie will go for her Elementary Montessori training. She and her fiancé, Jeremy (W&L '99) just bought a townhouse in New Market, MD, where they live with their dog, Squeaker. Brie and Jeremy will marry in June at a VA winery. **Kelly Nixon** will be one of her bridesmaids. Kelly will also get married in July, at SBC. Kelly teaches at Tye River Elementary School in Nelson County, VA, and she and her fiancé, David, just bought their first home.

And as for me, **Jennifer Stringfellow**, I went to the Garlic Festival in Amherst, VA with **Sonya Truman '02** this past fall, where we ran into **Aja Grosvenor '02** and **Amy Mullen '02**. Sonya visited me again for New Year's, and we had a blast going out in D.C. Sonya will also graduate from Loyola School of Law this May—way to go!! I'm still enjoying my job with a marketing firm, and as always, I love hearing from all of you—please continue to stay in touch. Congratulations on everyone's accomplishments over the past year!!

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Sandra Grant Main and her husband Michael Main became proud parents on June 20th 2004 when their daughter Noelle Maria was born. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 22 inches long. Sandra and her husband are enjoying their beautiful new baby in Long Beach, New York. **Amanda Crighton** is living in Atlanta, Georgia and is currently undergoing management training at the Cheesecake Factory. She loves being in the restaurant atmosphere and has found

her time there to be very enjoyable. She is also pursuing a master's degree in counseling for high school students.

Kristin Farris has been traveling through Australia, Asia, and Europe since February of 2004. She was on a bus in the highlands of Scotland in September of 2004 and Christine Rangel '02 and Jane Rangel '06 happened to be on the same bus! Kristin has now settled down and is starting her masters at Cardiff University in Wales, United Kingdom. **Jessica Shannon** spent her first year out of Sweet Briar teaching middle and high school French and Spanish in Houston, Texas. She is now in her first year at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary studying for a master's of Divinity. She was happy to have **Allison Funkhouser** visit her in Houston.

Rebecca Gheen is currently at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, working toward a masters degree in Political Science. She recently returned from a trip to Kenya where she conducted research for her master's thesis. Her thesis is looking into women's empowerment within the Green Belt Movement. The Green Belt Movement is an environmental/ reforestation movement that Wangari Maathai (the new Nobel Peace Prize winner) founded. While she was there, Becca conducted 35 interviews with women within the Green Belt Movement in rural areas. She met and interviewed Wangari Maathai's daughter Wanjira at the Green Belt Movement's headquarters in Nairobi. Becca reports that this was an awesome experience and such a wonderful coincidence that Wangari Maathai won the Nobel Peace Prize! **Tara Conte** is working in Charlottesville, Virginia as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at the University of Virginia. She recently visited **Hilary Pool** in Washington, D.C. and attended the wedding of **Courtney Yerdon Gleason**.

Alicia Renfrow is working in the marketing department at Peju Province Winery in Rutherford, California. She is living in a comfortable apartment in Napa, California. She returned to the east coast last summer to visit Annapolis, D.C., Sweet Briar and Charlotte. **Erin Keck** is living in Richmond, Virginia and recently became engaged to Terry Walsh, also of Richmond. They are planning a wedding for spring of 2006 after Erin finishes graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University.

After working for the Miami FOX-TV affiliate for a year and a half, **Virginia Uchello** left the television business to work for Baptist Hospital in Miami. She and Chanel Smith '01 bumped into each other in a hospital parking lot elevator this past July. Through Chanel, Virginia was able to land a job with Baptist Health South Florida. She still lives in her condo on South Beach and is loving it! She and **Megan Doughtie** met in Las Vegas over Halloween and had a great time. Virginia flew to Atlanta to spend Thanksgiving with her boyfriend; she spent the Christmas Holiday with her family in D.C. Virginia is planning a trip to Buenos Aires this spring to visit her brother. **Megan Doughtie** is working as a real estate developer in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the president of her own company that she cleverly named Sweet Briar Investments, Inc. Megan is buying and selling real estate and this year she plans to build a home on one of the lots that she purchased. She also recently bought a new condo across the street from the Atlanta Fish Market with a beautiful view of the Atlanta skyline.

Hailey Hickman continues to work as Legislative Assistant to Delegate Kathy Byron. Her husband Paul has been appointed to Assistant to the Deputy Clerk of the House of Delegates. Hailey will be returning to Richmond for the General Assembly session on January 7th. **Kaitlyn Johnson** finished 3rd in her first triathlon in June of 2004 and has registered for her first ultra run called the Chuckanut trail race (50k) in upstate Washington scheduled for spring of 2005. She also proposed black and white maritime photography prints to The Friday Harbor Inn to be placed in their renovated rooms. The Inn has decided to keep a revolving collection on hand if guests wish to purchase a print in their room.

Jenni Stanley became engaged to Scott Thompson (HSC) on Christmas day 2004. They plan to be married August of 2005 in Southern Maryland. **Lindsay Kinyon** has been teaching 7th grade Life Science and 8th grade Physical Science at St. Michael's Episcopal School in Richmond, Virginia. Lindsay loves her job and reports that her students "keep her on her toes!" **Heather Cole** and **Kathryn Kraft** moved to Boston from San Francisco a year ago. They love Boston and have added a new member to their family, a Vizsla puppy named Osker, who loved the snow in Boston! They enjoyed

seeing **Zoriada Palencia** in Boston just before Christmas.

Julia Schmitz is living in Birmingham, Alabama. Last June she joined her thesis lab in the Microbiology Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She saw **Laurel Spielman Rogers** and **Jenny Smith** over the Holidays and still keeps in touch with **Laura Ison**, and **Katy Kummer** (whom she saw during the summer). **Samm Grist** received her paralegal certificate in 2004 from Georgia State University. She then moved to Savannah, Georgia to take a position with the oldest law firm in Savannah, Oliver Maner & Gray, LLP. She works in business and tax law as well as in the estate planning practice groups for one of the firm's partners. Samm explains that she mainly works on probate, estates and trusts and estate planning. **Nicole Crowder** received her master's in Chemistry from Princeton last October and has two years left before she receives her Ph.D. **Sarah Canovaca**, **Kelly Hughes**, and **Nicole** had a mini-reunion in Erie, PA in November. Nicole says that it was really great to see everyone (first time since graduation!) and catch up. She also met up with **Olevia Neary** and her fiancé, Durrell Carrothers HSC '03, when they were in Richmond house shopping over Thanksgiving. **Courtney Yerdon Gleason** was promoted to Commercial Lender at BB&T. She and husband David adopted another kitten from the SPCA. All in all, Courtney says she is very much enjoying her life in Richmond.

Margaret Van Hook will be finishing her Master of Arts in May. She is looking forward to performing in Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, and Prague this summer with a Symphony Orchestra from Kentucky. Margaret is looking forward to running the Mardi Gras marathon in February, which will be her second marathon. **Jane McKenzie Davis** is working at Northrop Grumman in Charlottesville in the Human Resources Department. This past January she began graduate study at Lynchburg College where she will pursue an MBA.

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The College is without parallel in its distinctive, individualized approach to learning and our spectacular setting. Our strong tradition of gifts for unrestricted endowment has created a rock-solid foundation on which faculty salaries and academic programs, student services, and maintenance of our beautiful campus are based.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley R. Thayer (Mildred "Bee" Newman Thayer '61) join a long line of visionary supporters of Sweet Briar's unrestricted endowment through their creation of the Clara Collier Newman Endowment Fund in honor of Bee's mother. J. Wilson Newman, Clara's husband, matched his daughter and son-in-law's generous endowment gift and later underscored his steadfast belief in the College's strong future by also endowing his Annual Fund gift in perpetuity.

"When my husband, Brad, and I were asked why we decided to make a gift to the Sweet Briar College endowment, it was not difficult for us to reply," said Mrs. Thayer. "We knew we wanted to make a difference and to help advance Sweet Briar College's mission by participating in **Our Campaign**

For Her World. We wished also to perpetuate the memory of my mother, Clara Collier Newman, and her recognition of the value of a Sweet Briar education for young women. She was especially interested in the education of a woman as a whole person, since they become the mothers of future generations, as well as responsible, productive members of society."

The Newmans' exemplary generosity sounds a ringing affirmation of the special significance Sweet Briar holds in the 21st century. Their support of unrestricted endowment will enable the College to compete for top faculty and students among other academically distinguished institutions.

"We established the Clara Collier Newman Endowment Fund with a gift of \$500,000. Matched by my father, the resulting \$1 million general unrestricted endowment fund appeared to us to be a perfect answer to help assist Sweet Briar College into the future, and to commemorate my mother's love of Sweet Briar. She had learned about the College through my father's years of dedicated service on the Board of Directors (1960-68; 1963-68 as chairman of the Board), as well as through my sister's (Clare "Ginger" Newman Blanchard '60) and my later experiences serving on the Board at separate times, and our other volunteer service with the College. Her granddaughter, Trista Newman, was Class of 1995, and granddaughter-in-law, Ashley Flynn Blanchard, was Class of 1990. This fall, we hope another granddaughter, Meredith Newman, will be joining the Class 2009."

To maintain Sweet Briar as an excellent seat of higher learning for generations of women well into its second century and beyond will be challenging, requiring an ever-evolving and vibrant vision rooted in financial stability. This charge to all of us remains enormously compelling.

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Ginger Newman Blanchard (l) and Bee Newman Thayer with their father following the presentation of the 1994 Outstanding Alumna Award to honorees Ginger and Bee.

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Sweet Briar Style

September 22-25, 2005



Focus on the Sciences:

Lecture: Dr. Brian Greene, one of world's leading theoretical physicists, "The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality," September 22, 7:30 p.m.

Cardboard Boat Regatta—Professor Kurt C. Schulz's engineering class will race life-size cardboard boats on the Sweet Briar Lake. See which student team's design conquers SBC waters!

Faculty Alumnae Colleges

Star-gazing at Sweet Briar Observatory

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Nature Center Dedication

Homecoming Celebrations:

DJ and Karaoke Party

Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra Concert

Alumnae/Student Discussion: "Sweet Briar Past & Present:

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Student Reception with Dean Valdrie Walker, Vice President,

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Luncheon honoring Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates and the

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Alumnae Field Hockey Game

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Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64

Induction of New Keystone Society Members

Procession to Monument Hill

Service/Placing of Memorial Flowers

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Fall Alumnae Association Board meetings

Friends of Athletics Steering Committee meeting

Visiting Committee on the Riding Program meeting

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A Message from the President of the
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greetings!



We all have our **own**
unique Sweet Briar.
But perhaps many of
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their Sweet Briar.

Our beloved Sweet Briar campus is a hub of excitement this fall. We welcomed the remarkable class of 2009 in August and in September, the first ever *Homecoming, Sweet Briar Style*, was held.

During Homecoming, our alumnae were treated to demonstrations by the Science Department, soccer and field hockey matches, and we honored Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer, Class of 1964, with the Distinguished Alumna Award. For those unable to attend Homecoming this year, we hope you will make plans to join us next year as this is an extravaganza not to be missed.

We all have *our own* unique Sweet Briar. But perhaps many of us don't realize the impact we have on current students through our monetary and volunteer support of *their* Sweet Briar. I want to share with you a glimpse into the life of a sophomore. Gretchen McDonough wrote to me this past spring and her letter affords a current look at student life and how Sweet Briar continues to be a special, personal experience as well as a top-notch college.

Our loyal support of our college does make a difference and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of alumnae who give their time, talent and monetary support to Sweet Briar. The community continues to prosper because of your generosity.

I wish you all a prosperous fall and look forward to seeing the classes that end in one or six over the Memorial Day Weekend Reunion Celebration!

Linda

Dear Ms. DeVogt,

I am a freshman at Sweet Briar College from Portsmouth, RI. I would like to thank you for your contribution to the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Fund. I chose SBC for its strong liberal arts program and its wonderful, affordable riding program. I have not been disappointed, I love it here. I am planning to double major in History and Religion, and minor in Music. In addition to being active at the stables, working and riding, I am also active in the Music Department. I take voice lessons, and I am in the Concert Choir and Sweet Tones.

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship, as it has allowed me to experience the wonderful life, both academic and co-curricular that Sweet Briar offers. I am looking forward to my next three years here. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Gretchen McDonough '08



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This wonderful tree saw us through our first one hundred years (right), and then said to us "Take it from here."

Now The Centennial Newman Fletcher Oak prospers (below), honoring former Chairman of the Board J. Wilson Newman, planted on his 92nd birthday, November 3, 2001, a gift from his children: Mr. and Mrs. Bradley R. Thayer ("Bee" Newman '61); Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Blanchard ("Ginger" Newman '60); Mr. and Mrs. James W. Newman; Mr. Charles C. Newman II. Our beautiful Centennial Oak is, indeed, "taking it from here."



Implementing the Shape of the Future Initiatives Campus-Wide

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From the President's Perspective



Greetings to each of you. As I write this, we have begun a new academic year, welcoming the *100th entering class for Sweet Briar*. What a difference a year makes! Last September, we had just concluded a major strategic planning exercise: Shape of the Future (SOF). Throughout 2004-2005, we set about collectively—Board, faculty, staff and students—to implement the approach we had agreed upon.

Today, SOF has become the ***Sweet Briar Promise***: a campus-wide commitment to each student that *guarantees* she will have access not only to a first-rate academic experience, but also to out-of-classroom opportunities that will help her shape her life after Sweet Briar. New students entering this fall will benefit from this ***Promise***, through internships, leadership development, international experiences and as Dean Green describes herein, a unique advising network that will provide each student individualized guidance, designed by her to ensure that she can take advantage of all Sweet Briar has to offer.

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These days, the campus is an exceedingly busy place—but one where values of integrity, academic excellence, respect for one another and commitment to the wider community have never been stronger. To show you what I mean, let me share a few highlights of the last few months, from *my* perspective.

As last year drew to an end, the College community hosted literally dozens of year-end events. Just a few of the special moments for me:

- Two employees—Shirley P. Reid (Circulation Supervisor, Library) and

Thelma B. Jordan (Inter-Library Loans Supervisor), were honored for *fifty years of service to Sweet Briar*. Such sustained service is very rare; we are blessed to have staff so deeply invested in the College.

- For the second year, students put on an Unsung Heroes Banquet, to honor “those who are rarely recognized but always appreciated.” SBC Postal Clerk Jimmy Rose and Ruth Canada in Housekeeping were 2005’s “Unsung Heroes” at the entirely student-run event.
- The Riding Team took the Reserve Championship in the 28th annual ANRC National Intercollegiate Riding Championship, and Riding Director Shelby French led her team to top-six finishes in all five phases of team competition and four of five individual contests.
- The Annual Sports Banquet celebrated a great year. Students took numerous honors within the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), and two SBC lacrosse players were named to the Division III All-South Atlantic Regional Team. But what struck me was how much the experience of being part of a team meant to all of our student athletes.

Summer brought the usual mélange of camps and study groups. My favorites this year:

- The 3rd Annual Kids in College (KIC) Program offered more than 100 local 3rd-8th graders a choice of 21 “courses.” In “Yucky Chemistry,” students made a naked egg, invisible ink, and learned about worms. The most

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popular course: "The Art and Science of Sword Fighting."

- Summer Honors Research students were selected from the most competitive applicant pool in recent years. Weekly lunchtime presentations by faculty and students are a forum for excited give-and-take between faculty, staff, the Honors Fellows, and other students on campus; everyone is welcome. These presentations are the very model of a liberal arts college, and become "the true intellectual center of the College during summer," as Julie Hemstreet, Associate Administrator of the Honors Program, puts it.
 - Dean Green asked the faculty and new students to read *Fabric of the Cosmos* as a shared intellectual experience, so there were many furrowed brows this summer. Author Brian Greene, one of the world's leading theoretical physicists, was a featured speaker for September's Homecoming Weekend.

As summer drew to a close, Dean Valdrie Walker, who served as Dean of Co-Curricular Life since 1998, left to become Vice President for Academic Affairs at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, FL. Valdrie, the chief architect of Sweet Briar's nationally-recognized success in integrating academic and co-curricular life, will be much missed. A national search is in process; in the interim, Kelly Kraft-Meyer, Associate Dean of Co-Curricular Life, is Acting Dean.

And we grieved over the demise of our beloved Fletcher Oak, which fell on August 9th, miraculously hurting no one. Once it had fallen, nearly everyone on campus came by to pay respects. We couldn't imagine how it had stayed upright so long; its root structure had completely rotted away. (There are some dramatic pictures on our Web site.) News of the loss flashed over the internet, and elicited a major feature story in the *Lynchburg News and Advance*, and a shorter piece in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

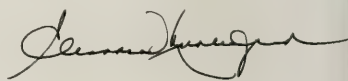
I like to think that this wonderful tree, tied to our founding family, saw us through our first one hundred years, and then said

to us, "Take it from here." Less than two weeks later, we welcomed 200 new students, including 184 first-year students, 13 transfers and three Turning Points.

Indeed, the academic year is off to a wonderful start.

- Twenty faculty advisors inaugurated the new team-advising system with this year's freshmen, thus launching the most far-reaching of our *Sweet Briar Promise* initiatives.
- We welcomed our first Leadership Certificate candidates this fall. This collaborative effort between Co-Curricular Life and Academic Affairs, with its combination of academic and experiential education is a natural for us.
- We have broken ground on the Art Barn project. By spring, we hope to be able to move photography, painting, and printmaking into sparkling new quarters.
- Our first Homecoming was a resounding success (see the next *Alumnae Magazine*). Next year's will celebrate the centennial of Sweet Briar's first class and the completion of *Our Campaign for Her World*.
- The Campaign Steering Committee met in August to review strategy for the final ten months of the Campaign. Our work is cut out for us, but excitement is high as our goal comes into view. Nothing is more important to Sweet Briar's future. To each of you who have helped to move us closer, I send my most heartfelt thanks. If you haven't yet been able to help, this is the year to do so: *your gift might be the one to put us over the top!*

And to all of you, very best wishes,



A Challenging, Most Rewarding Experience

MICHELA ENGLISH '71,

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN (6/30/05), SWEET BRIAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



I have been fortunate to serve on Sweet Briar's Board of Directors for eleven years, the last five as chairman. It has been a challenging and most rewarding experience. Thinking about the Board's role in the life of

the College, there are four areas where we have been particularly active and (I hope) effective over the past few years.

The first is in supporting faculty and administration in ensuring that the intellectual vitality of the educational experience is strong.

Sweet Briar always has taken pride in the quality of its education. I believe that the educational experience we offer has never been better than it is today, and there is considerable evidence to support that claim. In recent years, with Board support, faculty and administration have launched dynamic new programs: the MAT and M.Ed. degrees, one of the first engineering programs at a women's college, the environmental sciences department, bachelor's degrees in fine arts and business management, and the Center for Civic Renewal. While some of these programs are still very new, indications are that they are generating excellent response from both prospective and current students.

In addition to new programs, faculty have engaged themselves and students in innovative, hands-on research projects of unbelievable variety. At each meeting, the Board receives Dean Jonathan Green's report on new grant proposals and an overview of faculty-student research projects. The value of Sweet Briar's research grants and the number of projects underway has never been higher. And it is a distinguishing feature of the College that an undergraduate-focused school of its size can offer such rich, individual experiences to its students.

The quality of the educational experience is further validated by the strong showing Sweet Briar has made in recent independent studies of student engagement and in the consistently high placement rates that our graduates achieve, in graduate and professional schools and in the job market.

The second area of Board focus has been in striving to ensure that the College is financially viable over the long term.

Financial stewardship is an important role of any governing board, but it took on new meaning at Sweet Briar in the past five years. A key challenge of small, private institutions, given the rapid rise in the costs of higher education, is to manage revenues, expenses and endowments in a manner that ensures long-term economic viability. While this is not a new issue, the unusually strong performance of the 1990's stock market generated exceptionally high returns on invested endowment assets which, in turn, masked the negative impact of high endowment spending levels. Schools like SBC spend much more per student than they receive from tuition and fees, so must spend a portion of endowment each year to meet current operating needs. Like virtually all of its peer institutions, SBC has been spending at a rate well over that considered good business practice for colleges of its type. Working closely with President Muhlenfeld and her senior staff, the Board devoted considerable time and thought to bring these variables into a more positive alignment, instituting a multi-year financial planning process that will, over time, increase the size of the endowment (through both the capital campaign and reduced endowment spending), while reducing annual spending levels.

The third area of recent Board emphasis has been an intensive strategic planning process aimed at matching Sweet Briar's strengths with the needs of today's young women; I think of this in business terms as a refinement of the College's "market focus."

Known as the Shape of the Future (SOF), this process has had as its overarching goal to examine strategic alternatives that capitalize on SBC's unique assets while broadening its appeal to a larger applicant pool in order to build enrollment. We know that the market for women's colleges (especially in rural settings) is smaller today than when many of us were at Sweet Briar, but we also know that for the women who do enroll, the College offers an exceptional educational experience. The strategic question addressed in the SOF effort was how to improve the alignment of what Sweet Briar does well with the emphasis that today's students and their parents place on "preparedness" for what comes after graduation: graduate school, careers.

The SOF planning effort was led by a committee of members of the Board, faculty, Alumnae Association, and the President and senior staff. Chaired by Ginger Upchurch Collier '72, who succeeded me as Chairman of the Board of Directors, this team sought input from and routinely communicated with students, faculty, and alumnae through frequent memos and face-to-face meetings to ensure that the process was open and inclusive. Primary and secondary market research and case studies from other institutions were used to identify needs and interests of prospective college students and to understand how SBC's attributes do or do not fit with those needs. We examined numerous alternatives, including the possibility that the College should admit men. On that particular issue, field research showed that the College's size, location, and name would be unlikely to appeal to a large-enough pool of prospective male applicants to justify the cost and effort required to go coeducational. The recommendations made by the SOF planning committee were accepted by the Board in May 2004, and implementation efforts are well under way on campus.

The fourth and final area of Board focus has been to foster more open communications across all segments of the Sweet Briar community so that the College's challenges and opportunities are fully understood and the sense of shared purpose is strengthened.

While it seems obvious that any board should communicate openly with all interested parties, it is particularly important at Sweet Briar. Given our small size, close-knit nature of our residential community, and passionate loyalty of our alumnae, it is essential that all stakeholders have a good picture of the critical issues that the Board confronts and a clear rationale for the actions it takes.

As I reflect upon what is so special about Sweet Briar, I believe that there is a uniquely strong sense of "investment" in the entire enterprise that is shared by faculty, administration, students, and alumnae. That enduring sense of investment, in turn, fosters an unbelievably strong commitment to the institution. Keeping all parties so actively engaged is key to the College's long-term success.

An Exciting Time For Sweet Briar

DR. VIRGINIA ("GINGER") UPCHURCH
COLLIER '72, CHAIRMAN, SWEET BRIAR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



It is an exciting time for Sweet Briar! Under Betty Muhlenfeld and Michela English's leadership, the College has refocused its academic efforts. While continuing to emphasize a sound liberal arts education, the Shape of

the Future (SOF) initiatives are aimed at ensuring that Sweet Briar graduates use their liberal arts degrees to the fullest after graduation. As a result, faculty and students now have one eye on Sweet Briar's liberal arts education and another, very overtly, on where it can lead them.

Implementation of this concept has engaged administration, faculty, students, and the Board over the last year. In the process, every aspect of Sweet Briar's program has been reviewed to ensure that both curricular and co-curricular programs can accomplish our goals. Guaranteed internships throughout the US and abroad, leadership training, oral presentation experience, student-maintained portfolios, transcripts which include work and internship experiences, advising teams of faculty, administration and external experts in a student's area of interest...these are just a few of the exciting ideas that are being developed or strengthened at Sweet Briar.

The Board's oversight role requires that it keep a close eye on the College's financial condition. It is committed to ensuring that Sweet Briar maintains its financial strength not only for the present, but for generations to come. This commitment underscores the importance of the annual budget—the revenues and expenditures of the College. The challenge of the Board and Administration is to implement fully the SOF initiatives while maintaining a level of expenditure consistent with the College's continued strong financial position.

One of the most important ways to accomplish this is to increase our revenues, or more explicitly, to increase the number of students matriculating each year. Under the able leadership of Admissions Dean Ken Huus, this is happening. I believe that Sweet Briar understands its unique strengths and is articulating them at present better than at any time in the past. Administration, faculty, and students all are delivering the same message—the **Sweet Briar Promise**. But it is critical that we continue to get the word out.

What can alumnae do? First and foremost, speak out about your Sweet Briar experience! Our alums are our most important marketing tool. They are intelligent, informed women, who are highly involved in a myriad of professional and volunteer activities in their communities. Time and time again, Sweet Briar alumnae, just by example, generate interest in the College on the part of prospective students and their parents.

Secondly, help us keep in touch with you and come back to visit! By so doing, you will be assured that you can be as confident today about the strength of its programs and traditions as you were when you were in college. If you want to know more, check out our Web site, www.sbc.edu, to learn about the incredible variety of activities on campus today. It will excite you about Sweet Briar's present and future.

Finally, as always, consider Sweet Briar a priority as you plan your charitable contributions. Your gifts not only provide critical support of our revenues/operating budget but equally as important, they are tangible indicators of your love for the College and your belief in its future.

Michela's eleven years on the Board have been marked by continuing milestones. My goal as incoming Board Chair is to stay the course that she has charted. As an educator, I will have my eye on the outcomes of both the new and traditional programs that Sweet Briar offers. I am also particularly committed to continuing to foster open communication between the Board and all of its constituencies: students, faculty, alumnae, parents, staff, and administration. By sharing its ideas, its vision, and its challenges with those invested in the College, the Board can foster a better understanding of the rationale for its decisions.

I would be remiss if I did not mention one additional personal goal: *I am committed to doing whatever it takes to replace the gym, which was outdated when I was a student in the late 1960s, with an up-to-date athletic and fitness center that will benefit not only the athletes, but every student and faculty member on campus.*

I am fortunate to have a diverse, engaged Board, which has affirmed its support for Sweet Briar as a women's college. The Board recognizes unequivocally that the faculty and academic programs are stronger now than at any time in its history. With the help of the administration and my fellow Board members, my goal as Chairman is to ensure that Sweet Briar not only maintains its traditions and its academic and financial strengths, but that it becomes *the innovator and leader in the education of young women in the United States.*

New Advising Program 2005

JONATHAN D. GREEN

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE/VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC



Sweet Briar has always been at the vanguard of personalized education.

As we welcome our 100th class to the College, we are embarking on a program that will establish us as the

leader in undergraduate advising.

The foundation of the Shape of the Future initiatives is this new advising system. At many colleges, advising never transcends course selection. We are inaugurating an advising process that focuses on the whole student and builds upon the strength of Sweet Briar's tightly-knit community. Students who have made the most of their college experience have successfully woven together counsel and support from a variety of faculty, staff, and alumnae. Beginning with this year's incoming Class of 2009, we want to guarantee that each student can form such a network. It is a process that focuses on the whole student.

To be successful, this process must remain transparent and simple. To this end, the various folks whom students consult will have a simple method to "stay in the loop." At the same time, we want to help the students to become more independent. This is where the *advising team concept* comes into play. Alex Ingher, Director of Advising, has developed some very nice software that allows a student to add advisors to her own individual advising site. If a student adds a faculty, staff member, or an alumna to her team, that person can, when appropriate, post a brief summary of their communication so that the rest of the team members can see it.

For example: We might have an advisee interested in studying classics abroad and completing an international internship while she is there. During her planning process, she may need to con-

fer with Tiffany Cummings, Director of International Studies, about available programs and opportunities, Eric Casey, Assistant Professor of Classics, about the best academic fit from those, Wayne Stark, Director of Career Services, to make applications for the internship, and an alumna who studied in the same city. If the student makes an appointment with Wayne, and he can look at a brief summary of the advice the student has received from Eric and Tiffany, he will be prepared to make better use of his time with the student when she arrives. Finally, the student can benefit from the experience of an alumna who has already learned the ins and outs of being a student in that locale.

Likewise: We may have advisees with a pre-professional interest in areas like event planning, healthcare, real estate, or politics. We are amassing a list of willing alumnae and staff who can provide valuable career-related suggestions to these students that their academic advisors may not be as well equipped to provide. The purpose of advising is not to hold the students' hands, but to give them the information to make the best possible decisions about their education and preparation for life beyond graduation.

The students who make the most of their college experience are those who link together a rich course load, meaningful internships and summer jobs, carefully cultivated research, and wisely chosen student activities and leadership opportunities. Each student must be responsible for

pulling these components together in a way that will be best for her, but those of us who have seen what works (and what doesn't) for others can help to point out pitfalls and opportunities along the way.

Other important Shape of the Future initiatives include the College's new Leadership Certificate Program, greatly expanded internship opportunities, and an effort to guarantee a study-abroad experience for every student who earns it. Each of these initiatives is critically connected to the advising process, and each of them is designed with the intent of placing the connections between the classroom and the "real world" constantly in the minds of the entire community. By connecting the academic with the co-curricular, we help students to model lifelong learning while they are here, which we believe will help them to transfer these habits "beyond the pink bubble." To those of us in the faculty, the classroom is that real world, and by integrating carefully chosen co-curricular experiences (on- and off-campus), students can better appreciate how concrete and relevant even the most seemingly abstract academic endeavors really are.

As we expand our cadre of advisors, we will be seeking willing alumnae to aid in the process. We need alumnae team players who have made these connections between Sweet Briar and the workplace and the greater world. We will welcome your participation as mentors for the next generation of alumnae, as they plot their courses through the College and beyond.



We are inaugurating an advising process that focuses on the **whole student** and builds upon the strength of Sweet Briar's tightly-knit community.

Sweet Briar College's Leadership Certificate Program

KELLY KRAFT-MEYER

ASSOCIATE DEAN/ACTING DEAN, CO-CURRICULAR LIFE



Sweet Briar College's existing Student Leadership Program was *designed to prepare young women to become responsible members of a global community. Through an intense and supportive*

educational environment, faculty and staff guide students to lead with integrity, honor and commitment. They do so by incorporating the College's strong liberal arts curriculum, creating and encouraging learning opportunities within and outside the traditional classroom, the campus community, and the world. However, there was desire to expand the program, give it more exposure and make it an integral part of the living and learning community. The Board of Directors endorsed that concept and directed that a Leadership Program Task Force be formed through the Shape of the Future (SOF) Initiatives.

The Leadership Program Task Force brought together a vast assortment of thoughts, opinions and research regarding what should define leadership and what elements should be included in a more comprehensive leadership program, based on a statement by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS): "Leadership is an inherently relational process of working with others to accomplish a goal or to promote change." CAS believes that all colleges should seek to develop a comprehensive program/opportunity that is purposeful, holistic, and consists of both curricular and co-curricular experiences. In addition, the program should be intentional, coherent, based on theories and knowledge, reflective of the demographics of the student population and responsive to the needs of those involved.

Coupling this national benchmark with George Dehne's¹ remarks that "Leadership

development has become a universal theme at most small colleges, but few have programs that would convince a prospective student that the institution is serious about leadership" and "Sweet Briar could distinguish itself with a comprehensive leadership program," the Sweet Briar Leadership Certificate Program evolved.

Beginning in Fall '05, students will have the opportunity to earn a Leadership Certificate, a four-year commitment on the part of the student. Recognizing that each student develops at a different pace and that her interests are as varied as the definition of leadership, this program has a guideline of criteria to meet. However, there is enough diversity within each criterion to allow for individuality, focus, and level of involvement on the part of the student.

The Leadership Certificate Program combines required academic courses with campus workshops, lectures and meetings, community service/campus engagement opportunities, internship/externship and/or study abroad options and an annual Leadership Conference. The result: not only a greater understanding of how and why each of us leads in a variety of settings, but the honor of receiving the Leadership Certificate during graduation exercises.

The first step for students working to earn the certificate is the successful completion of LEAP: Leaders Emerging and Achieving Program. LEAP focuses on individual leadership development and education through interactive learning. As an integral piece of the program, students will have the opportunity to participate in LEAP twice a year. The Fall program will include a daylong on-campus workshop at the start of the year, which will focus on theory, exploring values, ethics, and integrity while identifying personal style. There are also several events throughout the remainder of the semester that partici-

pants will be expected to attend: a Career Services workshop, an SGA meeting, and at least one campus educational lecture or event. The Spring LEAP will focus on reading a text on leadership with six follow-up meetings to discuss the book and talk with its author. Each semester will also include a civic engagement requirement and reflection paper. The programs act independently of each other, offering students the chance to participate in one or both.

Students will also be expected to enroll in and successfully pass four 4-credit academic courses that have a leadership component to them. Faculty from the following areas met with Task Force members and offered to be part of the program: Government/The Center for Civic Renewal; the Engineering Program; Business Management; and Arts. Each of these areas already have established classes with a strong theme of leadership imbedded in them. Students will have the opportunity to select their courses as part of their major and/or minor over the course of their four-year educational plan. This is a wonderful meshing of academics with co-curricular to give participating students a broader view and exposure to leadership within their field of study, as well as intellectual growth.

The third component requires that students take advantage of experiential learning opportunities over their four years. Through a wide array of service learning, volunteerism, community service, externship/internship, and work-study, participants can complete this requirement while fulfilling others. For example, all clubs, groups and organizations (c/g/o) recognized through the Interclub Council (ICC) are required to complete some type of service project. A member of a c/g/o completing a service project can also use it for her leadership certificate requirement. This method of "double counting," so to speak, would prevent unrealistic expectations for a student's time and attention.

Lastly, all participants will be expected to engage in a variety of co-curricular opportunities, from lectures and events to athletics to clubs and organizations to the annual Student Leadership Conference.

Each of these will allow for individuality and personal interest in the chosen areas of involvement. All participants are responsible for attendance at each year's Leadership Conference: the first year may be as an attendee, the second as a planning member, the third as a co-presenter and the fourth as a presenter. The goal is to expand the conference to a day and a half, with the focus of the sessions being more academic than skills-based, and an expanded participant list representing many other colleges and universities. As with any new initiative, staffing, monies, and physical space must be considered, but the end result of a conference with juried papers and publicly-recognized speakers should certainly meet the desired outcomes for an effective leadership certificate program.

Although the program is focused on those wanting the certificate, the first of which should be bestowed in the Spring of 2008, students not wanting to fully engage in and commit to the program are certainly encouraged to participate in any and all of the criteria of interest to them. Each academic year will offer different lectures, speakers, and workshops, dependent upon the focus of the campus community that year. As the program grows, so too will students' abilities to effectively communicate, grow intellectually, self-evaluate realistically, and appreciate diversity through their own self-esteem enhancement.

To accurately record and remember all that they have done over the four years, students in our Leadership Certificate Program will be required to create and maintain a portfolio and/or reflection journal—a reflection of the Sweet Briar mission!

¹ Mr. George Dehne of GDA Integrated Services, the firm selected to conduct market research for the SOF Committee

Members of the Leadership Program Task Force

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Professor of Spanish/Director, Latin American Studies Program

Valdrie Walker

Former SBC Vice President and Dean, Co-Curricular Life (Valdrie left SBC in August '05 to become Vice President for Academic Affairs at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL)

April 2003: Chartering Ceremony with first group of SBC initiates in Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the National Society for Leadership. Students, faculty, and staff may be inducted into this honor group. Kelly Kraft-Meyer facilitated SBC's membership in ODK as part of the leadership program.



Volunteer Day at Amherst Presbyterian Nursery School, SBC Orientation, August 2004
L-r, six members of the Class of 2008: Jessica Poore; Fatima Ibdia; Shanna Ryan; Tegan Cohen; Bridger Davis; Aicha Haki; Associate Professor Bonnie Kestner (Physical Education/Athletics)

Career Development: A Lifelong Process

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The Sweet Briar College Career Services Center views career

development as a lifelong process and provides comprehensive career services to students through a four-year Career Development Plan. This integrative co-curricular plan grooms students for success through a strong corpus of assessment, career exploration, leadership, workshops and events.

Experiential education opportunities, an important part of the four-year plan, are emphasized through a strong internship program. Our SOF process has led us to commit to a guarantee that the *College will ensure that every eligible student who wishes to seek an appropriate internship has the opportunity to do so.* By working one-on-one with a career counselor, and with a wide array of internship resources, students gain internships that complement and augment their academic studies and career goals, and bridge the gap between their academic fields of interest and the world of work.

Internships traditionally have been important to our students; over the past few years the internship program has grown significantly in the resources and support offered to students. According to the *National Survey of Student Engagement* (NSSE), Sweet Briar students participate in practica, internships, field experiences, or clinical assignments at a rate of 74%, compared to the 56% participation rate posted by the other NSSE schools, and the less-than-50% rate that NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) lists as the national average.

The Career Services Center staff, with the support of faculty, alumnae, and other SBC administrators, provides students

with an array of excellent resources to help locate internships that interest them. Students, trained developmentally to engage in a successful internship search, are counseled on how to get the most from an internship experience once the position is secured. Career Services helps explore options and resources, but students make their own travel and housing arrangements, often large considerations as many internships are unpaid and offer no housing.

In today's world, internships are increasingly important for students wishing to explore career possibilities and gain work experience, and are *viewed very highly by potential employers.* Through hands-on experience students discover, expand, and explore academic and career skills, gain experience and confidence in the working world, and learn first-hand from experienced professionals the demands and rewards of a particular career field.

Goals of a Sweet Briar Internship:

- To support and be closely related to academic offerings and classroom learning;
- To provide an opportunity to apply and evaluate academic experience in a professional field setting;
- To provide a link between the academic community and various professional/career communities, improving knowledge and effectiveness of given organizations;
- To provide an opportunity to explore possible career choices;
- To gain useful experience, improving employment potential upon graduation.

A Sweet Briar Internship which receives academic credit:

- Is defined as a work experience related to a student's academic program. An on-site supervisor and a Sweet Briar College faculty sponsor are needed for direction of such an internship.
- Consists of a minimum of 120 hours

of work, either at the workplace or in related field work; receives three semester hours of credit.

- Exposes Sweet Briar students to the realities of the workplace. Internships are designed to be an integral part of a coordinated effort to relate a liberal arts education to the multitude of career opportunities in government, business, and nonprofit organizations.
- Requires:
 - A written report of assigned readings which are related to the academic discipline in which the internship is taken and to the internship itself;
 - A journal which provides a detailed description of what the intern did;
 - A paper in which the intern attempts to relate her experience to her academic discipline and to any assigned literature;
 - A form signed by the on-site supervisor verifying the satisfactory completion of the internship.

Where Students Intern

The range of internships pursued in any given year is as broad as the many different majors offered in the general liberal arts curriculum at Sweet Briar. A large number of students serve political, legal, governmental, or public service internships in nearby Washington, D.C. Economics and Business Management students look for internship possibilities in banks, brokerage houses, other financial institutions, and the private sector. Biology or Psychology students seek out hospital, mental health, or veterinary settings. Art History, Arts Management, and Studio Art majors are interested in internships with museums, galleries, auction houses and advertising firms. Students locate and pursue internships locally, nationally and, helped in part by Sweet Briar's international population, all over the world.

Collaboration Creates New Opportunities

Over the last several years the Career Services Center has worked to strengthen the collaboration and partnering of faculty, alumnae, companies and organizations to increase the number of internships

available to students and to enhance the experiential value of the students' internships. We continue to develop and create many varied opportunities for Sweet Briar students, on campus and in the local communities, as well as regionally, nationally, and internationally. The addition of the MonsterTrak database also helps us to quickly post and update internship opportunities which students can access 24 hours a day. These efforts and other accomplishments of the Career Services Center have contributed to its reputation of excellence. The Center has been recognized by an outside consultant as "one of the best Career Centers he has seen" and the staff are regularly involved with professional organizations, presenting both state-wide and regionally. It is from this strong base that staff from the Career Services Center joined the SOF Internship Task Force.

The SOF Internship Task Force

The Internship Task Force met regularly during Spring 2005, with the mission of ensuring that every eligible student who wishes to complete an Internship is guaranteed the opportunity to do so. The group, comprised of faculty and staff, has actively considered and adopted several key points regarding Sweet Briar's Internship Program.

The task force revisited the option of offering zero-credit internships, which would appear on a student's transcript, but decided against this, noting that each student has the opportunity to showcase such experiences through a resume and the newly-designed portfolio system.

The task force also recommended the removal of the summer fees which students were required to pay for a summer intern-

ship receiving academic credit. As many internships are unpaid, and often incur additional expense such as housing, the fee was a deterrent to many students seeking the academic credit component of their experiences. This action was approved.

The task force reviewed and approved the booklet provided by Career Services, which includes guidelines for internships; the revised forms which students need to complete; and evaluation forms to be completed by the student, the faculty sponsor and the on-site supervisor, which must be turned in to the Dean's Office for evaluation before any credit is awarded. Career Services acts as the central administrative hub for all internships.

What the Future Holds

With the ongoing work of the Internship Task Force, dedicated faculty, and the support and resources of the Career Services Center, the future shines brightly for Sweet Briar students pursuing internships during their college years. We especially look forward to our continued growth, building upon the collaborative and administrative foundation of internship opportunities for all Sweet Briar students.

Alumnae Internships

Students who have the opportunity of interning with alumnae not only gain valuable hands-on experience from top professionals in their fields, but gain the added value of both lifelong networking and friendship.

Please contact the Career Services Center at (434) 381-6151 if you are interested in developing or sponsoring an internship within your company or organization for Sweet Briar students.

MonsterTrak Opens New Doors for Sweet Briar Students

The Career Services Center is proud to introduce its involvement in MonsterTrak, a Web site dedicated to helping college students and graduates find internships through online networking. Sweet Briar students can log onto MonsterTrak through the Career Services Web site at <http://www.ccl.sbc.edu/csc> to access an area reserved specifically for Sweet Briar students. Alumnae and other affiliates of the College can post jobs and internship opportunities targeted specifically for Sweet Briar students. While internships can be opened up to any site visitor, the internship poster has the option of limiting viewing to students from one or more specific schools. When students log on, they are able to search for internship listings by career field, geographic locale, and by other search criteria such as company or organization. Director of Career Services Wayne Stark is very excited about MonsterTrak. He believes it represents an "important addition to an already strong array of internship resources." Joan Lucy, head of Sweet Briar's internship program, will be working most closely with the new system. Joan is "excited about the opportunities MonsterTrak presents to the students, and about how many students are successfully using the program already!"

If you have a job or internship opportunity that you would like to advertise to the Sweet Briar student body, please contact the Career Services Center at (434) 381-6151.

—SBC Student Relations Committee



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The Shape of the Future: Teacher Education at Sweet Briar College

JAMES L. ALOUF

PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT



Sweet Briar's 96th Commencement, May 2005, was truly a pivotal moment in the College's history. Four Master of Arts in Teaching candidates became the first students to receive master's

degrees from Sweet Briar, stepping into the pages of institutional history and shaping the future for generations of prospective teachers. Although Julia Ambersley '02, Anne Benham '04, Ellen Phillips, and Angela White are the first to receive their master's through this new five-year program, there are currently 10 candidates for the MAT and six candidates for the M.Ed. who may receive degrees in May, 2006. Three males will earn the distinction of being the first of their gender to graduate with a degree from Sweet Briar, another historic moment.

Discussion of the College's history causes one to reflect on the development of this innovative program and why it seems so attractive to people who are serious about becoming teachers. The teaching profession has long argued about the best curriculum for professional preparation. In the last 20 years, colleges and universities have responded to research suggesting that an additional year of professional preparation beyond the baccalaureate gives prospective teachers opportunity to focus on becoming a teacher. The additional year makes it feasible for undergraduates to pursue their academic majors without competition from professional studies and helps them to gain extensive experience in real classrooms before they student teach during the fifth year. This professional year, research shows, helps to improve teacher retention.

Since 50% of new teachers may leave the profession within the first five years

of teaching, this improvement in teacher retention is significant. At Sweet Briar, we have also added our own philosophy of teacher preparation which we feel will provide for greater retention in the profession and for greater gains in student achievement. That philosophy is *differentiated curriculum and instruction*.

Do you remember those times in school when teachers taught with a one size fits all approach? It may have seemed that the teacher was focused more on what s/he needed to accomplish rather than on what students actually learned! *Teachers who differentiate curriculum and instruction approach teaching with a different concept. They focus instruction on the interests, readiness levels, and learning styles of the students, helping them to reach learning goals by recognizing that individual students can succeed, despite their differences. The culture of the classroom becomes success-oriented and the teacher becomes the principal organizer of that success, with the assistance of the students. In the MAT program, prospective teachers learn how to differentiate curriculum and instruction so that all students can learn. Our Education Department faculty model this philosophy, and prospective teachers are required to develop and teach differentiated lessons in their field experiences and in student teaching. Does this sound challenging? It is. But what could be more rewarding than finding teachers and students working together so that everyone learns?*

The MAT and M.Ed. programs at Sweet Briar are strongly committed to improving student achievement through differentiation. As Ellen Phillips said: "To have Sweet Briar professors modeling this approach and actually using it in our classroom and knowing I could teach children that way was really great. I loved that focus. We see how it works because it worked with us as grad students."

Practicing teachers who want to earn an M.Ed. experience the same philosophy. Since they have classrooms of their own, these candidates have opportunities to apply differentiation and develop a new sense of professional competence in their classrooms. At Sweet Briar, the MAT and M.Ed. candidates share many of the same classes, creating opportunities for practicing professionals and prospective teachers to share their ideas, expertise and aspirations.

The Sweet Briar program has received program approval visits from the Virginia Department of Education and a regional accreditation visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS). Both of these visits occurred within five weeks, but were very gratifying for the Education Department and for the College. Our program received accolades for the quality of the curriculum and for the expertise of its faculty.

We were exhausted but elated at the recognition and we continue to evaluate and revise the program with the feedback received from our graduates, from their employers, and from the evaluation visits per se. The accreditation team from SACS felt that our master's programs have great potential for continued growth, tying us more closely to the mission of the Shape of the Future initiatives by helping to increase the size of the student body. While the future is promising, there is still work to be accomplished.

Education Department faculty will be establishing a new licensure endorsement in Gifted Education this academic year and are carefully examining the possibility of adding Special Education licensure to our program offerings. Both possibilities involve continued assessment of the current program and curriculum revision to establish new courses to fulfill licensure requirements from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Campus School faculty expertise has been crucial to the development of the Special Education proposal. The Campus School and its faculty continue to be an excellent source of firsthand experience with children and with teaching practice in a real classroom setting.

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The first to receive their master's through the five-year program, L-r: Ellen Phillips, Anne Benham, Julia Ambersley, Angela White.

We are also interested in assessing the results of our efforts. Our graduate students are researching the effects of differentiation in their own classrooms and Education faculty will be assessing how well our degree candidates continue to differentiate instruction once they have their own classrooms. We want to focus our research on the impact of differentiation on K-12 student achievement so that we can refine our program and continue to prepare quality teachers who are grounded in a solid liberal arts education.

While celebrating the accomplishments of the past year, we are committed to the mission and goals of the Shape of the Future: to prepare highly-qualified professionals for the real world of teaching and learning while providing a sound liberal arts education. *There is no better place for teacher education than a liberal arts college.* Sweet Briar College is demonstrating that principle in its program and practice.



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Sweet Briar's BFA Program

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One of the most distinctive new programs at Sweet Briar is the interdisciplinary Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. In this program students integrate the study of two different art forms taken from Music, Dance, Theatre, Studio Art, Creative Writing, and Art History.

Sweet Briar is the only college in the United States with a residential artist colony on its campus, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), which also happens to be the largest year-round artist colony in the United States and one of the premiere artist retreats in the nation. We designed the BFA to better use this incomparable resource. The degree centers on a workshop populated by faculty and students from all of the fine arts along with visiting artists, many of whom are Fellows from the VCCA.

Creativity is problem solving. It is finding the hidden answer and, sometimes, the hidden question. The intellectual process that leads to artistic revelation or scientific discovery is one that embraces all realms of thought, which is why the stellar figures of our society often excel in many fields: Leonardo was a painter, an engineer, even a chef; Michelangelo, known for his paintings, architecture, and sculpture, was also one of the greatest poets of his age; Mendelssohn was not only a composer, but also a poet, painter, and educational reformer.

Students in the program complete a major in one field of the arts and a minor in another, and these disciplines are unified in a culminating senior project designed by the student and her faculty.

By working in more than one medium, our students have an opportunity to better understand creativity. Accepting the premise that the heart of creativity is problem solving, including the problem of how to effectively communicate elements of

personal expression in one's art, working in a second medium provides students with an opportunity to be more objective in evaluating their own creative processes.

The program encourages students to develop a clear understanding of the techniques, traditions, and challenges incumbent in each branch of the arts through hands-on experience and by continually observing the work of others. This regular interaction with student and professional artists in diverse media forces our students to constantly examine the many facets of artistic expression. It also provides a forum to generate feedback from an informed group of people outside of a student's specific field. A dancer's response to a poem may be very different from a classroom of other poets. The workshop creates a heterogeneous pool of critiques. It is a very exciting program in which to teach, and we believe our students are finding it equally rewarding.

The first three graduates of the BFA program have each achieved a high-profile placement for continued study in the arts. This fall, Samantha Angus, '05 will be attending Sam Houston State University as an MFA candidate in dance, Brienna McLaughlin, '04 is beginning the MFA program in studio art at Savannah College



**Samantha D. Angus, Amherst, VA,
2005 BFA Dance**

of Art and Design, and Erin Coleman, '04 is continuing her theatre training at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

The BFA workshop received important seed money from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation to underwrite weekly workshops with visiting artists from the VCCA and the region as well as providing a number of two-week residencies at the VCCA for artists selected by our faculty to be coordinated with a series of educational sessions with our students. The Jordan Family Foundation (Louise Corrigan Jordan, '39) has given a \$120,000 endowment to provide support of these critical components of the BFA program in perpetuity.



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New Business Management Program

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It is 9:30 a.m. sharp and four students stand at ready in the front of the Fletcher Conference Room to present their marketing research findings and recommendations to the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce. It has been a long semester—learning the marketing research theories and methodologies while actually doing the hands-on work of a full-scale marketing research study. However, as power point after power point is projected on the screen, they know that they have achieved something that very few undergraduate students would be given the opportunity to learn at this level. They also feel good about being able to provide a valuable service to organizations and departments who could not otherwise afford to gather this type of data. At the end, a round of applause breaks out from the Chamber members present. Several enthusiastic questions follow, emphasizing that the client has taken their recommendations seriously, and proving that their research project will actually be used instead of ending up on a dusty shelf.

At the same time across campus, Instructor Lynn King's human resource (HR) students are screening resumes, reviewing videos, and conducting interviews of students in Bill Hostetler's Marketing class who are applying for an internship position in a small company. The simulation provides the HR students with real-life experience in designing a job, screening candidates, and coordinating the selection process. Simultaneously it offers the marketing students experience in marketing themselves, via video, resume, and

in an interview setting. "Oh my gosh," one student was heard to exclaim, "this is like a real interview!" In addition to providing experience in key business skills, the simulation offers students in both courses valuable insight into the employment process, which will benefit them in their own job searches.

Meanwhile, students in Professor Hostetler's Management class are coordinating college-wide projects to benefit charities such as Oxfam and Habitat for Humanity. Senior-level students function as the management team, providing general direction to the introductory class, who generate fund-raising ideas, plan events, coordinate marketing, and manage the project's accounting. Along the way, they develop a critical understanding of organizational structure, the need for planning, establishment of controls, and inevitably some awareness of conflict management.

These are just a few of the examples of the real world projects that students in Sweet Briar's new Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management work on as they complete their degree. The new degree clearly exemplifies the hands-on, career-building component of the Shape of the Future vision set forth last year. Previously students could only complete a Business Management Certificate.

Chair of the Economics/Business Department Bill Hostetler has designed the curriculum around three major components: having students read and learn the history, practices, and ethics of business;

apply what they have learned in group projects, simulations, and/or case studies; and connect their learning to the business world through internships aimed at acquiring experience and career management skills. Much of the course work is also interrelated between business courses to help students see the vital connections between subjects. Entrepreneurial skills are strongly emphasized, as well as the ethics of conducting business. A new ethics component will be phased into the program this year. Most colleges try to teach ethics in one course. However, Bill Hostetler feels that one course just does not do it. "You can't change anyone, but you can make them aware of what they can and can't do," Hostetler says. Therefore, the Business Management degree will feature short ethic study sessions throughout the student's tenure in the program. The short evening sessions each semester will focus on case studies of ethical situations from a variety of business perspectives such as marketing, management, and human resources. Thus, ethics will be an ongoing part of student learning, versus just a course.

One thing for certain, young women have a strong interest in business, and the department has already had to add additional sections of several courses in the curriculum. If current enrollment in the degree is any indication, the program will have strong growth over time.

L-r: Jane Mackenzie, Dr. Linda Shank, Laura Hanson lean down to pick up a completed marketing report weighing over 10 pounds!



Study Abroad and International Initiatives at Sweet Briar College

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The Offices of International Studies. Junior Year in France and Junior Year in Spain, as well as members of the Study Abroad Task Force and International Studies Advisory Committee,

have been busy providing study-abroad opportunities and brainstorming about the development of new initiatives for international learning. Most importantly, the International Studies Advisory Committee awarded over \$50,000 for study abroad for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 academic years. These awards are derived from various funds including: Donna and Jack Josey, Helen Smith Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall Acuff, Anne Lauman Bussey and Adelaide Boze Glascock funds. As donations to these funds are increased, more scholarships will be available for study around the world. Over the past four years Sweet Briar students have studied or will study in France, Spain, United Kingdom, South Africa, Ireland, Austria, Italy, Kazakhstan, Russia, Panama, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Cyprus, Turkey, Guam, Netherlands, Poland, Mexico, Brazil, New Zealand, Namibia, Germany, Kenya, China, Canada, Australia, Greece, and Czech Republic.

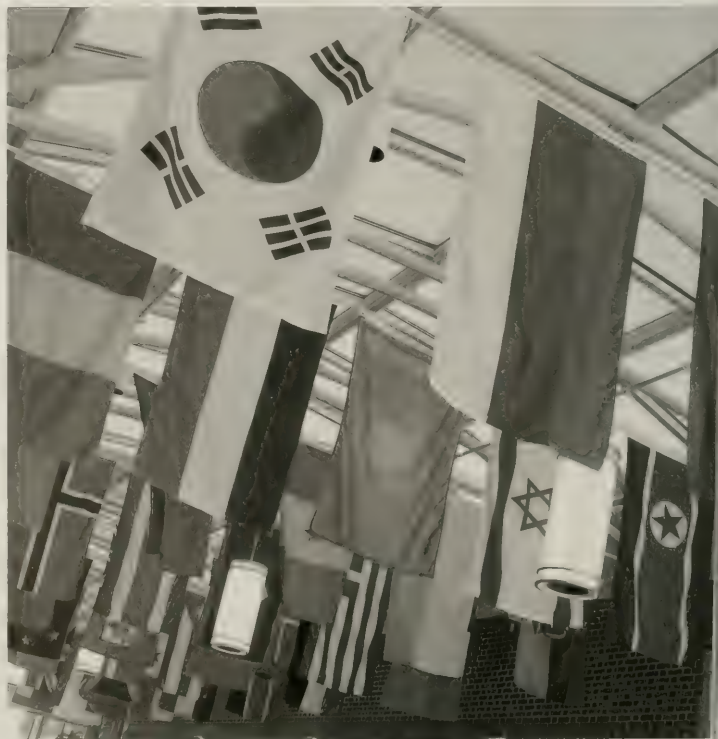
The new Study Abroad Task Force has been charged with developing more opportunities for funding study abroad. My colleagues, Drs. Margaret Scouten and Lynn McGovern, directors of our Junior Year in France and Junior Year in Spain Programs, have been working hard to develop innovative summer programs that will appeal to a new market of Sweet Briar and other college students. Some additional ideas generated by the committee have included seeking affiliations with study abroad organizations that will offer automatic scholarships

to our students, as well as scholarships to match those given by Sweet Briar. With the help of my very talented student assistants, I have prepared and presented to the Task Force a spreadsheet listing all of the programs our students have used over the past five years. The spreadsheet includes cost and duration of program. By studying past student interest, we are hoping to find new ways to make study abroad available to any eligible student, regardless of cost. We recognize and look forward to the fact that there is still much to be done.

Closer to home, the Nations United Club International Banquet was voted "Program of the Year" in 2003-2004.

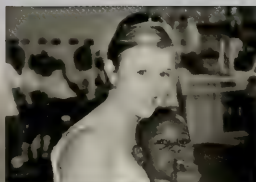
We were even more honored in 2004-2005 when members of the SBC Board of Directors joined more than 200 other guests at the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center Wailes Lounge and Boxwood Room for the function. We hope that they and other readers of the *Alumnae Magazine* will join us in 2005-2006. The club was additionally revitalized this year by a surprisingly successful fund-raiser: handmade earrings made and sold by members of the club! In addition to on-campus sales our jewelry is offered on a consignment basis at two different gift shops in Amherst. Over \$2,000 was raised for trips for international students, who traditionally do not have cars on campus. We also have added 25 new flags to our Student Center Atrium—which now displays more than 60 flags. Each of these flags is the result of a \$40 donation by a member of the Sweet Briar community.

More exciting news: Sweet Briar College faculty, staff, and students will



continue to enjoy the benefits of the multifaceted Fulbright Program. We currently offer two languages, Arabic and Chinese, which are fully sponsored by the Fulbright U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This particular program is administered by the Institute for International Education, an organization with which Sweet Briar has maintained a long-standing relationship. I presented at the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) conference with an Institute of International Education (IIE) representative in 2004-2005 regarding this program. Next year, Professor Claudia Chang (Anthropology/Sociology, Archaeology Program) will benefit from a Fulbright Award to study in India and Karlena Sakas '05, who majored in German with a minor in Sociology, has received a Fulbright Grant to study in Germany. In the spring of 2004 I was selected to participate in the Fulbright U.S. Germany International Educators Administrators Program. Each year, when speaking with faculty, staff, and students, I encourage and remind them that, "The only way to get a Fulbright, is to apply for one." This tactic seems to be working: word has gotten out. I have advised several members of our community on the program in the past few months. Dean Green and I are looking forward to seeing the results of many more successful applications in the future.

Overall, as I enter my sixth year at Sweet Briar, I am honored to be part of, and astounded by, our accomplishments in the development of new opportunities in International Learning for the Sweet Briar community.



Small photos, from top:
View of Rio de Janeiro from homestay apartment
Sara visiting child care facility in favella Ciudad de Jesus, City of God
Drumming class, Guga'sthebe community center, Langa, South Africa
Delaire Vineyards, South Africa
Cities in the 21st century, International Honors Program, outside Boston U. facilities, Paris, France

Large photo:
Sara (r) & classmate Erin Fenner (Barnard College), Capepoint, South Africa

"I have lived with five different families in Brazil, South Africa and France over the course of the semester. I have been to City of God and about 15 other favellas and informal settlements. I have spent the morning with a leopard and her cub and...gone swimming with penguins...been to the southwestern most point of Africa and to a secluded island off the coast of South America. I lived with a Xhosa family in one of the oldest townships built during apartheid, who gave me the name 'Lindewe' (one that smiles). I have danced the samba...during carnival...hiked in the Amazon, the African bush and to the top of the Eiffel Tower. I have listened as international students in my group told me about their homes...a South African who witnessed first-hand the injustices of the apartheid regime...a Hungarian who explained what it is like to live in her post-communist country...a Chinese student who this summer will research North Korean nuclear warfare. I have debated the future of the European Union at UNESCO and spent hours laughing with a 40-year-old man dying of AIDS. Through it all I have grown as a person and been a part of the most intellectually stimulating group of my life."

—Sara Coffey '06



Sara Coffey participated in the International Honors Program "Cities in the 21st Century: People, Planning and Politics," which took her on an odyssey from Washington, D.C. to Curitiba, Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town and Paris.

The Center for Civic Renewal and the Shape of the Future

KRIS OGDEN

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CENTER FOR CIVIC RENEWAL



The Board of Director's Shape of the Future recommendations encouraged a review of programming by the Center for Civic Renewal (CCR), particularly in the areas of leadership and personal

development and the forging of new collaboration between the College and diverse partners, including alumnae, community organizations, and other higher-education institutions in the U.S. CCR provides unique opportunities for Sweet Briar students, in civic involvement outside of the classroom and in participation in important programs for leadership, as well as in personal and professional development. A chance to meet Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during a visit to the U.S. Supreme Court in Spring 2005; a visit to campus by General William K. Suter, clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court; and

the establishment of the Tomlinson Law-Related Education Program are just a few of the recent opportunities for students that further the mission of CCR, while contributing to the College's newly-defined Shape of the Future goals.

United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor graciously welcomed a group of Sweet Briar College students to the Court on March 23, 2005. Thanks to the efforts of Professors Barbara Perry and Steve Bragaw, students were given the opportunity to attend a lecture series hosted by the Supreme Court Historical Society. Drs. Perry and Bragaw helped to plan the series, were each selected to deliver a lecture, and were introduced by a Justice: Bragaw by O'Connor and Perry by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Government students heard Professor Bragaw's lecture, "Native American Sovereignty and the Court," in the awe-inspiring Supreme Court Chamber. Later each student was personally introduced to, and engaged in conversation with Justice O'Connor. They all were impressed with her attentiveness and graciousness toward them.

Senior Government major Katie Niemeier '05 was star-struck by the presence of Justice O'Connor. "Meeting her is a dream come true for me. I wrote a paper about her in 8th grade, and she has been a role model for me ever since." Katie begins teaching social studies this fall at Deep Run High School in Henrico County, Virginia.

Dr. Perry delivered a lecture titled "Jefferson's Legacy to the Court: Freedom of Religion" on April 4, 2005. The five-part lecture series, proposed by Perry and Bragaw, was titled "President Thomas Jefferson, Chief Justice John Marshall, the Supreme Court, and the Constitution." Dr. Henry J. Abraham, member of the Virginia Law-Related Education Center (VALREC)

Advisory Board, also participated, presenting a lecture on "Jefferson's Trio of Appointments to the Court," February 23, 2005.

On April 14, a packed audience on the Sweet Briar campus witnessed the presentation of the 2004-05 CCR Public Service medal to General William K. Suter prior to his public lecture. The CCR recognized Suter for his distinguished military career, including service as an Army judge advocate, major general, appellate judge, deputy staff judge advocate of the U. S. Army (Vietnam), staff judge advocate of the 101st Airborne Division, commandant of the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) School, and assistant judge advocate general of the Army. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Parachutist Badge. Today, he is the 19th person to hold the position of U.S. Supreme Court clerk, a position he has had since 1991.

Suter shared with the audience an insider's view of the Court, including anecdotes about current members of the bench and facts about their decisions, including the statistic that over 40 percent of their decisions are unanimous, despite the popular misconception that the current Court is ideologically split.

The Wade H. and Teresa Pike ('87) Tomlinson Fund awarded CCR & VALREC a \$10,000 grant for the establishment of the Tomlinson Internship-in-Law, and a Tomlinson Alumna-in-Residence in Law, as well as a part-time coordinator for the program. These awards promote CCR & VALREC's missions while contributing to Sweet Briar College's goal of "fostering a fully engaged student" through internships and links to alumnae, especially in the law field.

The mission of the Tomlinson Fund is to promote social progress through education, community revitalization, and environmental preservation. With the Tomlinson programs, CCR & VALREC are able to provide opportunities for students to acquire the practical skills and career information they need to apply their college education beyond the classroom to our civic communities.



Sweet Briar visitors to the U.S. Supreme Court, Spring 2005, l-r: Sheena Belcher '05; Kathryn Niemeier '05; Savannah Humphrey '05; Kristin Ogden '04; Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Professor Barbara Perry; Christina Marchetti '05; Rebecca Martin '05; Catherine Sobke; Page Napier '05; Professor Stephen Bragaw holding son Quentin Bragaw; Ellen Ashley Ruffead '05

Steve Ruffead Photography



Mary Dance '08

Mary Dance '08 has been awarded the first Tomlinson Internship-in-Law grant. The Richmond, VA native served as a summer intern in the Office of the Attorney General in the Commonwealth of Virginia, work-

ing in the Computer Crimes Unit of the Technology and Transportation Division.

Plans are already underway to continue unique opportunities. In 2005-2006 CCR will be joining with the Environmental Studies program to bring Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., a nationally-known environmental lawyer and author, to campus on April 27, 2006. He will present a public lecture and meet with students for discussion. Mr. Kennedy will be awarded the 3rd CCR Public Service Medal.

To learn more about the Center for Civic Renewal and its programming, please visit our Web site at www.lrvirginia.org or call 434-381-6583.

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Kris Ogden's Internship: Sweet Briar's Office of Finance and Administration

When Kris Ogden '04 pursued an internship opportunity in the Office of Finance and Administration at Sweet Briar College in the spring of 2002, she had no idea how helpful that experience would be to her as she embarked on her new job in November 2004 at the College's Center for Civic Renewal (CCR).

With the full support of then-Vice President Mary Lou Merkt, Kris worked as assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Administration, while taking classes parttime toward obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, with a minor in Law and Society. In spring 2002, the Office of Finance and Administration became involved in several projects that required interaction with interest groups, lobbyists, and state government officials. Mary Lou recognized the opportunity this would provide Kris and volunteered to supervise the internship along with Dr. Barbara Perry, Carter Glass Professor of Government. These projects provided first-hand experience on topics discussed in Kris's government curriculum.

A Virginia Senate bill was presented on January 9, 2002 that would create dramatic changes in the way sales and use taxes were administered by nonprofit organizations, particularly in private educational institutions and medical facilities. Another bill would have decreased the amount of the Virginia Tuition Assistant Grant (VTAG) funds available to Virginia students who chose private colleges. Kris learned to track these bills using the General Assembly's online system. Mary Lou reported in her final evaluation that "Kris researched progress of the bills throughout the legislative period and kept me up-to-date on the outcomes. This was very helpful to me, as discussions of these issues arise frequently at professional meetings I attend." Kris accompanied Mary Lou to a reception hosted by lobbyists for General Assembly members in Richmond during the legislative term and a breakfast for local government officials hosted by the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Kris was responsible for planning and implementing the annual Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) conference that was hosted by Sweet Briar College in June 2002. The CICV is an association of 25 Virginia independent colleges and universities. Founded in 1971, CICV works to promote the interests of non-profit, independent higher education in Virginia. The project required assisting with program development, establishing a Web site for conference information, inviting guests and speakers, making all logistical arrangements, coordinating food services with the Catering Department, preparing agendas, and organizing mailings.

When Kris joined Professors Barbara Perry and Stephen Bragaw on the CCR staff in November 2004, she was immediately able to draw on her internship experiences in tracking House Bill 1769, which established the Virginia Commission on Civics Education. Drs. Perry and Bragaw were instrumental in the successful progression of the legislation and have been named to the Commission.

Kris also has been successful in planning CCR events such as the seventh Henry J. Abraham Lecture featuring Theodore Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States; the presentation of the CCR Public Service Medal to William K. Suter, clerk of the United States Supreme Court; the dedication of and reception for the Henry J. Abraham Law and Civics Library; and the six-day Institute for Advanced Civic Studies.

Recently Kris observed, "Working and studying at Sweet Briar College has been an excellent opportunity for me. The practical experience I gained in my internship enabled me to take on new professional responsibilities with confidence." Barbara Perry is grateful for Kris's expertise, noting that "Kris was instrumental in the CCR's successful work with the Virginia General Assembly to pass the Civics Education bill."

The Fully Engaged Student

REBECCA MASSIE LANE

DIRECTOR, ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DIRECTOR, COLLEGE MUSEUM AND GALLERIES

In reviewing President Muhlenfeld's recent online newsletter which outlines Sweet Briar's Shape of the Future goals, I was particularly inspired by our intent of "fostering a fully engaged student, who learns in many ways and many venues, in and out of the classroom, working independently and in community service settings."

Art History major and Arts Management Certificate student Louisa Meeks '05, working with me as her faculty sponsor, organized an exhibition with catalogue, that resulted from a year of deep immersion in research and planning, and a study of photography that extends back to her adolescence. The exhibition, "The Madness of Paradise: Photographs of Gregory Crewdson, Annabel Elgar, and Justine Kurland" opened September 1 and was on view through October 1, 2005 in the Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery.

The College's emphasis on participatory learning has resulted in many student-led projects. Exhibition curator Louisa Meeks joins a distinguished group of student curators at Sweet Briar College, one of whom, Stacy Sharpes '98, received support from the Virginia Commission for the Arts for her exhibition, "Visions of the Apocalypse: The Work of Myrtice West and the Reverend McKendree Long," in 1998. Another student curator, Gwen McKinney '03, was granted loans of works of art for her 2002 exhibition on Japonisme from the National Gallery of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the New York Public Library, and the Maier Museum of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Through her exhibition research, Louisa linked her interests in studio photography and art history. She selected the works for her exhibition from a field of hundreds of international photographers and ultimately focused on new photography which is linked by the themes of (a) a cinematic approach to still photographs, (b) an interest in creating images of Utopia, and

(c) an interest in the transitional time of adolescence.

Louisa wrote formal loan request letters to a number of museums and received loans from the International Center of Photography and the Mitchell Inness and Nash Gallery in New York City; the Columbus State University in Columbus, GA; the Margulies Foundation Collection in Miami, FL; and the University of Florida's Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville.

Louisa wrote a grant proposal to the Virginia Commission for the Arts and attended the Arts Panel Review at which her grant was discussed, among some 20 other proposals. She returned from this experience with a new understanding of the process by which governmental grants are evaluated. The grant review panel was highly impressed by Louisa's proposal and recommended it for funding; her exhibition proposal was granted funds at the Virginia Commission's meeting in June.

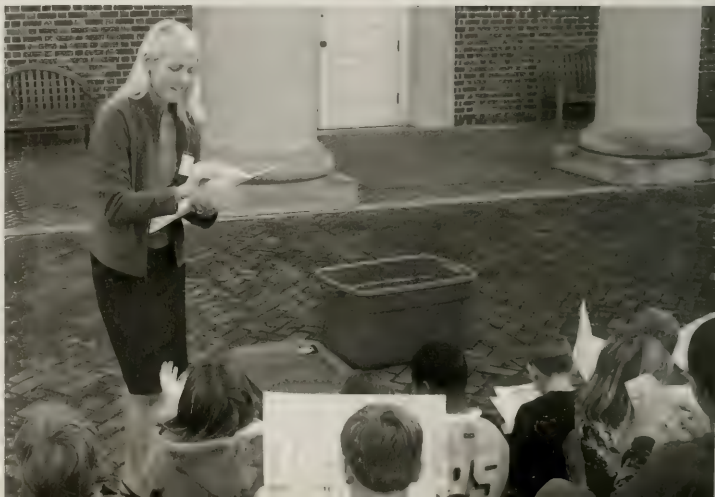
Over the summer, Louisa wrote a catalog essay for the publication that will serve as the lasting documentation for the exhibition. She wrote letters requesting permission to publish the photographs in

the catalog, thus learning about artist's rights legislation. She participated in the graphic design decisions for the catalog and the exhibition announcement, and sent the published catalog to organizations and schools, as an outreach from Sweet Briar. The catalog will become a major part of Louisa's college portfolio, an opus she will include with her applications for future employment and graduate programs.

Louisa presented a public gallery talk at the opening of her exhibition on September 1. Her past experiences as a Pannell Gallery docent and as a docent at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate prepared her for poised public presentations, but this was her first experience of speaking as the curator of an exhibition. She also assisted with audience development by writing a press release and contacting area photography organizations and college and high school art departments. She is training our 2005-2006 Pannell Gallery docents to enable them to give tours to interested visitors, including the many high school students and their families who tour the gallery during Admissions visits.

Through this project, Louisa grew from a student interested in photography into a young curator realizing her ideas through the creation and interpretation of an exhibition.

As a Pannell Gallery Docent, Louisa Meeks led a Fall 2004 Architectural Treasure Hunt for Amherst County third-graders



Project Description: The Madness of Paradise**Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery****September 1–October 1, 2005****Louisa Meeks**

Cindy Sherman, with whom this technique is most closely associated, do not just take their photographs; they create them. They want to expose the objectivity of the camera as an illusion and stress the barrier between reality and photography. Crewdson, Elgar, and Kurland are known for their staged images, images that prey on the weaknesses of our minds and the idea that we think we know what is normal. Their photographs display an eerie look into our own world, but with a bizarre twist.

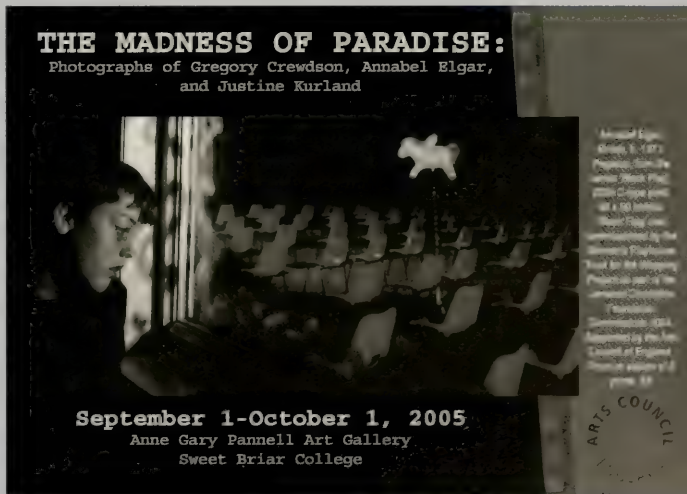
Contemporary photography of this nature is about representations of representations, symbols whose meanings are difficult to decipher. These images do not reflect who we are and what we know, as much as they comment on who we think we are and simultaneously shape how we understand ourselves. These images play upon our psyches, probing the deepest, most hidden recesses of our minds, our dreams and our subconscious thoughts. They trick us, in the same way that twilight plays tricks on our eyes as we drive, making us believe something is there when it is not, or is there when it should not be. The work of Crewdson, Elgar, and Kurland is not necessarily disturbing in its content; nevertheless, the images are jarring because while the people and places in them may seem familiar, we sense that something is not quite right—the atmosphere is alarming; something does not make sense.

These images reflect upon human adolescence; the liminal time between childhood and adulthood, where we are transforming, passing from one stage to the next. During this time, we are confused by our bodies, our sexuality, and our relationships; we are struggling to form our own identity, when we truly do not know who we want to be. The work of Crewdson, Elgar, and Kurland encompasses the split between fantasy and reality, relying on childhood memories, dreams, created narratives, the familiar yet alien environment, and the difficulties and triumphs of adolescence and the entrance into adulthood.

—Louisa Meeks '05

Sweet Briar College's Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery presented the exhibition, "The Madness of Paradise," including the work of three contemporary photographers, Gregory Crewdson, Annabel Elgar, and Justine Kurland, all of whom use staging and/or cinematic techniques to probe the mysteries of suburbia and the transition from adolescence into adulthood and beyond. The artists selected for the exhibition are all practitioners of "staged photography," an art form that emerged in the 1970s and heralded contemporary photography's continual questioning of the supposed "realism" of the medium. Staged photography abandoned the decades-old aesthetic of "straight photography" in favor of staging, airbrushing, artificiality, and the merging of our realities and our fantasies.

Photographers such as

**Good News Flash!**

Louisa Meeks has accepted a position as Licensing Assistant, Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Mount Vernon, VA

The Honors Summer Research Program

JULIE HEMSTREET

ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, HONORS

For the most part, the Sweet Briar campus is a quieter place during the summer months. The pace of work is different, slower, not driven by class schedules and committee meetings, clubs and sports. For serious scholars, it's the ideal environment for generating ideas, questioning theories, analyzing data, and rethinking assumptions.

This year, as in summers past, a group of Sweet Briar students, serious young scholars in the arts, sciences, and humanities, spent part of the summer working on research projects of their own design with support from faculty mentors. The Honors Summer Research Program (HSRP) is a competitive program, awarding eight to 10 fellowships each summer to support student-faculty teams from all disciplines who wish to conduct research here on campus. The program allows students the opportunity for an intensely-focused research experience not possible during the academic year. It also provides students the opportunity to use their faculty mentor as a research role model and to learn how to engage the appropriate mode of research for their discipline.

For many of the student fellows, this research internship ignites a scholarly interest the student will pursue the remainder of her college career and beyond, influencing her choice of major, her commitment to a senior thesis, her decision to attend graduate school, even her career choice. One of this year's students, Erica Kennedy '07, is a returning fellow. She received an Honors Summer Research Fellowship the summer after her first year at Sweet Briar. Erica, from Chapmansboro, TN, worked as an apprentice to Ana Ciric '05 (a former HSRP Fellow), on the synthesis of carbon dioxide reduction catalysts and also assisted Dr. Robert Granger in the design of anti-cancer molecules. Her work last summer was sufficient to earn her a

co-authorship on a scientific publication.¹ She expanded the project this summer as a returning Honors Summer Research Fellow. Her experience during her first summer gave her the confidence to make the project her own and she has recently discovered a new catalyst that rapidly converts carbon dioxide into other organic molecules. By August, Erica had added another scientific publication² to her resume. The fact that she will be a published research scientist before she completes her undergraduate degree will certainly give her an advantage when applying to graduate school. She has already set her sights high and hopes to get into a top-ranked pharmacy or Ph.D. program. Her former research partner Ana Ciric accepted a position at UC-Riverside for fall 2005 where she will pursue her Ph.D.

According to Dr. Hank Yochum, director of the HSRP and assistant professor of physics: "Clearly, the Honors Summer Research Program provides unique and invigorating academic opportunities for Sweet Briar students. Student researchers leave the program with more confidence and with the increased analytical skills that are critical for success in graduate school and the workplace."

For other students, such as two of this summer's research fellows in the

humanities, Nell Champoux and Denva Jackson, the summer research fellowship provides the means for an emerging scholar to pursue and expand a research endeavor as she transitions from undergraduate work to graduate studies. Nell, from Northfield, MA and Denva, from Darlington, SC, are 2005 graduates. Both were awarded Honors Degrees and received highest honors on their senior Honors thesis projects. Although in different academic departments, each completed a thesis on the writings of a 14th-century French monk, John of Morigny. The text, titled the *Liber Visionum*, was only recently discovered; mention of it in academic journals is limited to the past few years. Both Nell and Denva are doing groundbreaking research on this obscure manuscript. There is no doubt that the research they continued to do this summer at Sweet Briar will make a significant contribution to the understanding of this text and bring each of them to the attention of noted scholars in the field.

Nell Champoux was first awarded an Honors Summer Research Fellowship in the summer of 2003. Her project examined "the nature and change of the imagination in the Medieval Ages and in the Renaissance, focusing on Medieval mystics and the Renaissance humanists." She pursued her interest in the imagination during a year abroad at the University of Amsterdam and received highest honors for her senior Honors thesis, "From Cognition to Creation: An Examination of the Imagination in the Middle Ages and Renaissance" in the Department of Religion. She describes her summer project:



Summer Honors Fellowship Students, l-r: Natalie Pye; Shaheen Moosa; Farzana Sekander; Nell Champoux; Erica Kennedy; Denva Jackson; Carlina Muglia; Margaret Loebe; Brandy Stinnette; Brittney Lambert

I am interested in re-contextualizing work I have already done on John of Morigny's prologue to the Liber Visionum and researching manuscripts contemporary to his text which might be viewed as similar to the Liber Visionum. In the prologue to the Liber Visionum, a magical and visionary text composed by the French monk, John of Morigny (active 1304-1323), sculptures of the Virgin Mary provide a means by which he could interact with the divine. These statues, in effect, elevated John, both by the teachings he received through the many manifestations of Mary related to these statues and through the bare fact of his personal contact with the mother of God. In architecture—a key element through which John's visions were mediated—John found, not so much a path to elevate himself towards the divine, but rather a means by which his own life could be understood in terms of divine patterns and symbolism. I have already completed some work on John's relation to images and architecture. By giving a complete account of John's magical practices and the magical milieu from which he emerged, my work this summer will provide a more nuanced context in which to frame my interpretations of John's relation to images.

Nell is well on her way to having this research published, having received a recommendation for publication by a leading scholar in the field of Medieval studies based on an earlier paper she wrote on this subject.

Denna Jackson, like her colleague and friend Nell Champoux, is working on the *Liber Visionum* from a different disciplinary perspective. Denna completed her senior Honors thesis in Art History, "Envisioning the Virgin: John of Morigny's *Liber Visionum* and the Memory of Chartres Cathedral." She will be analyzing the imagination and visual devotion in Medieval monasteries, working from material that has only recently been translated and made available to her by the translator. Denna describes her project and explains the goal of her research:

Benedictine monasticism is characterized by its three-fold vow of obedience, stability, and fidelity to monastic life. The vow of stability often confined the monks to the

*monastery, a cloistered area secluded from worldly indulgences. But increasingly in the Medieval period, devotion took place in sites removed from the insular location of the monastery. To experience the religiosity of this outside world Medieval monks had to embark on imagined voyages. Imagined pilgrimage—one of the ways a monk could breach the confines of the monastery—began through the performative act of reading. I see Matthew Paris' *Chronica Majora* and John of Morigny's *Liber Visionum* as providing two examples of 13th- and 14th-century imagined pilgrimage. Both texts trigger mental imaging, and thus the reader's ability to visually recreate verbal descriptions in the imaginative space of their minds. The borderless mind provided the ideal space for monks to participate in the rich experience of pilgrimage. By placing these texts within the larger context of monasticism, memory, and the visual monuments of pilgrimage, I plan to increase our understanding of how Medieval devotional practices took visual form."*

One indication of the level at which Denna is working is her established rapport with the translator of the *Liber Visionum*, who has given her access to unpublished, translated sections of the manuscript with which to work.

Erica Kennedy, Nell Champoux and Denna Jackson exemplify what is best about the Sweet Briar Honors Summer Research Program: the unequalled opportunity it provides for students to immerse themselves in the processes of research and discovery. The camaraderie shared by experienced research faculty and emerging young scholars, and the spirit of inquiry that reaches across the full academic spectrum are hallmarks of the program and of a great liberal arts education.

FOOTNOTES

¹ A new cis-platin analog? The Synthesis, characterization, selective cytotoxicity and DNA binding studies of Tetrachloro[Pt(1,10-phenanthroline-5,6-dione)platinum(IV)], X-ray structure analysis of Dichloro[Pt(1,10-phenanthroline-5,6-dione)platinum(II)] Robert M. Granger, Il. Robin Davies; Kimberly Anne Wilson; Erica Kennedy, Brieanna Vogler, Yen Nguyen, Eric Movies, Regan Blackwood, Ana Citic, & Peter S. White. JUCR 2005, 2, 47.

² Formation of Oxalic Acid and Formic Acid from Carbon Dioxide Homogeneous Electrocatalytic Reduction of CO₂ with Copper and Platinum compounds containing the ligand di-2-pyridyl ketone: Robert M. Granger, Erica Kennedy, Ana Citic, Nicole Crowder In preparation for Inorganic Chemistry

Ten students received Honors Summer Research Fellowships for the summer of 2005:

Nell Champoux '05

Vision, Not Visionary: Discourses of Sanctity in John of Morigny's *Liber Visionum*. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Cathy Gutierrez, Religion.

Denna Jackson '05

The Geography of the Imagination: Understanding Place in John of Morigny's *Liber Visionum*. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tracy Hamilton, Art History.

Erica Kennedy '07

CO₂ Reduction Chemistry. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Robert Granger, Chemistry.

Brittany Lambert '07

The Mechanisms of Jaw Protrusion: a Kinematic Study of the Creek Chub. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jeff Janovetz, Biology.

Margaret Loebe '06

Combating Misogyny with Morality: Christine de Pizan and the *Querelle de la Rose*. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Lynn Laufenberg, History.

Christina Moosa '06

The Director's Process: A Dramatic Analysis of *Metamorphoses* by Mary Zimmerman. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. William Kershner, Theatre Arts

Carlina Muglia '07

The Effects of an Ecologically Relevant Auditory Stimulus on the Behavior of Male and Female Japanese Quail. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Cusato, Psychology.

Natalie Pye '07

Defining Delusion: Conceptions of Madness in the Early Roman Empire. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Eric Casey, Classics.

Farzana Sekander '07

Extraction, Isolation and Characterization of Bioactive Compounds from the Cleome Species. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. John Beck, Chemistry

Brandy Stinnette '06

John Powell's Sonate Noble: The Impacts of Racial Identity and an American Musical Identity. Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Nicholas Ross, Music and Dr. Kate Chavigny, History.

Girl Scouts (and Prospective Students!) at the Sweet Briar Museum

CHRISTIAN CARR

DIRECTOR, SWEET BRIAR MUSEUM/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ARTS MANAGEMENT



Beginning September 2004, the door of the Sweet Briar Museum swung open with increasing regularity to admit hordes of excitedly-chattering girls. Not our students, or even our alumnae, but Girl Scout troops, a new facet of our audience identified in conjunction with the Venture Programming initiative. Bedecked in regalia that identified them as Daisy, Brownie, or Junior Girl Scouts, they came to take part in one of the four programs developed specifically for them based on the collections of the Sweet Briar Museum that count toward various badges they are trying to earn. To date, more than 300 girls have participated in the “Daisy’s Day,” “African-American Heritage at Sweet Briar Plantation,” “Museum Magic,” and “Japanese Culture” programs, many returning more than once.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the most popular of our offerings was “Daisy’s Day.” Over the past few years, student workers at the Museum have been transcribing additional volumes of Daisy’s diaries, and the activities the troops are introduced to during their visit are based on things that Daisy did in her everyday life. Daisy’s story provides a natural bridge to reaching these young girls. After a brief introduction, the troops are divided among student workers who give them a botany lesson, teach them to make a silhouette, trim a bonnet, and make lemonade and meringues from scratch. This last can prove a revelation for girls who are used to mixing up lemonade from a powder. Throughout the activities we emphasize how different life is now from the time when Daisy was a child, which attracts a number of troops interested in local history.

Also popular with history-minded troops is the program “African-American Heritage

at Sweet Briar Plantation.” Thanks to the work of faculty members, showcased during last year’s Sweet Briar History Series, we have discovered much about the individuals who were in servitude here. This walking tour begins at the Museum with an overview of their story, and includes a visit to the slave cabin behind Sweet Briar House where aspects of their daily life are discussed. This is followed by a tour of the surrounding grounds highlighting the difference between the lives of those who lived in Sweet Briar House and those who worked for them, and ends at the Plantation Burial Ground also called the “Slave Graveyard.”

Scout troops working toward their multi-cultural badges are avid participants in “Japanese Culture,” which utilizes the Japanese decorative arts collected by Daisy’s family. During the late 19th century, the display of Japanese goods in the home, from parasols to porcelain, marked the inhabitants as people of taste and culture. Beginning with a short lesson in Japanese phrases, the troops learn about the importance of nature in Japanese life, make fans depicting birds and flowers like those on the porcelain in our collection, try their hand at making an origami box, and cap their visit by participating in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony while wearing a kimono and silk slippers.

This initiative is really win-win, for the museum, for the Girl Scout troops, and ultimately for the College. It has also been a valuable learning experience. I’m used to teaching college students, so it was a bit of a challenge to tailor the programs to a much younger audience, but through these programs, we are able to fulfill one of the primary missions of any museum—public outreach—using the existing resource of our rich collections. The objects lend themselves well to interpretation on multiple levels, so where I might focus on the style and construction of Daisy’s desk with my Arts Management class on “Curating, Collecting,

and Connoisseurship,” I can bring Daisy to life for the Girl Scouts by telling them that this is the desk where she wrote the diaries that help us understand what it was like to be a little girl in the late 19th century. This has been a real process of give-and-take on both sides, and each troop fills out an evaluation form as it prepares to leave. Part of this form asks what sorts of programs they would like to see offered; as a result, we will add three new programs in fall 2005, “Ghost Tours,” “Art Appreciation,” and “May Day at Sweet Briar College.”

I believe we’ll see the real benefit in the future, when these girls who’ve visited Sweet Briar as Scouts and had a good experience, think of SBC when choosing a college. I also think they’ll have plenty of encouragement from their parents, since we tend to have a lot of adults accompanying visiting troops and staying during the programs. Sweet Briar students lead the programs, which gives them confidence in addressing groups and assuming a leadership role in an educational capacity, but I make it a priority always to be present, and to introduce myself to the troops and parents. At some point during their visit, one or more parents tell me how delighted they are that the College is welcoming their troops, and confide that they hope their daughter will attend Sweet Briar. They have also said that many colleges offer one or two Girl Scout programs annually, but that they tend to be large, “cattle-call”-type events, and that they appreciate the individual attention the girls get at SBC. I tell them that this is the hallmark of the Sweet Briar experience for our students, too.

Many people have said that if you can get prospective students to campus, the beauty of the surroundings and the warmth of the people they encounter here does the rest. I see the programs we offer as raising the visibility of the Sweet Briar Museum and letting these visitors see the wonderful resources we have here for our students. But we don’t want to confine them to the Museum, though that may be the reason for their visit. Before they arrive, each troop receives an information packet which includes a map of campus and an invitation to spend time exploring before or after the program. The Dining Hall offers a special

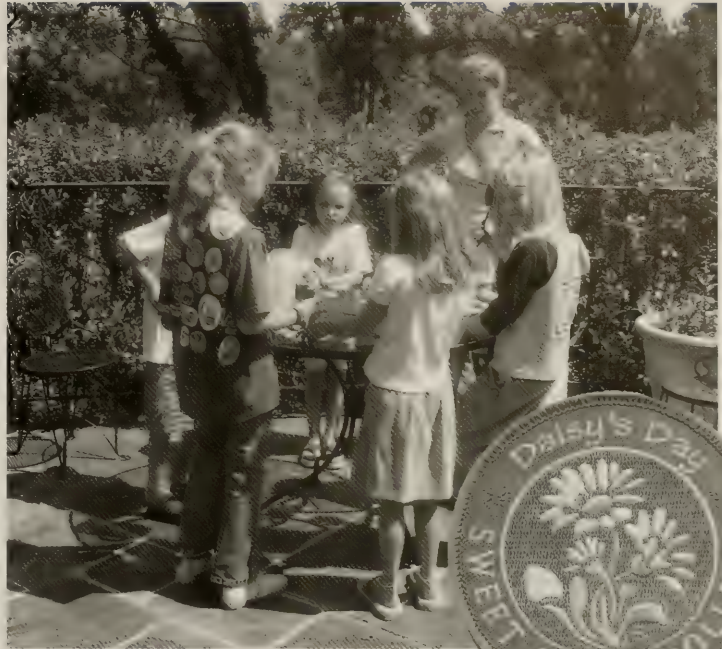


rate for Scout troops, and the Café at the Book Shop is another attractive option for lunch or an early dinner.

The success of these programs, which is based on identifying and attracting a niche audience interested in what we have to offer, has relevance beyond our gates. I've shared our success story at the Virginia Association of Museums annual conference and at the American Association of Museums annual meeting this past spring, where it was enthusiastically received. The Girl Scouts are such a natural audience for us to cultivate. I opened these sessions by asking audience members to raise their hands if they had ever been involved with Scouting, either as a troop member, leader, or parent. Every hand in the room went up. The session at the Virginia Museum conference was the most highly-subscribed session of the meeting; it is exciting that initiatives at our little museum, which lacks many of the resources common to the field, can impact educational programs at larger, well-funded institutions.

Equally gratifying has been the reach of our programs, which were publicized through listings in the area Girl Scout program guide. We were heartened to notice strong participation from troops attending local elementary and middle schools. What was most interesting to note, however, is that the average distance traveled by troops attending our programs was 80 miles from Sweet Briar. These troops come from Charlottesville, Roanoke, Staunton, and many points in between, and we're already taking calls from interested troops for the upcoming year. We're going to start stocking admissions materials along with maps of campus. Parents are certainly eager to find out more about us, and the girls, many of whom have returned for multiple visits, will undoubtedly think of us when college application time comes.

While a number of my student workers are interested in working with the troops because they have fond memories of their own scouting days, it's really going to be an exciting day when I hear one of my student workers tell a visiting troop that she remembers visiting the Sweet Briar Museum as a Girl Scout, and that was how she got hooked on Sweet Briar College!



During the Daisy Days Program, Scout troops create silhouettes and make lemonade following a recipe from Daisy's diary

Arts Day 2005

A Primary Outreach Program

REBECCA MASSIE LANE

DIRECTOR, ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DIRECTOR, COLLEGE MUSEUM AND GALLERIES

The year 2005 marked the 19th annual Amherst County Arts Day program, a program with goals to provide enrichment in arts education for area fifth-graders, create goodwill between county residents and the Sweet Briar community, and develop arts audiences of the future. Arts Day began as a simple tour program in which fifth-graders visited Sweet Briar House, Sweet Briar Museum and the Sweet Briar Art Gallery. It evolved into one of SBC's primary outreach programs to the surrounding community, presenting not just the Museum and historic properties, but also the performing arts, creative writing, and visual art-making. Arts Day engages some 90 faculty, staff, and student volunteers in the presentation of workshops and performances, and in service behind the scenes as campus hosts and in other functions. We estimate that more than 6,500 students over 19 years have participated in Arts Day, the oldest of whom will now be 30- year-olds. Arts Day also has resulted in the recruitment of Amherst County students as Sweet Briar students. This year, the College hosted 348 fifth-grade students, 17 classroom teachers, and 20 additional specialized faculty, school staff, and school principals who attended the event with the children.

Arts Day planning, coordination, implementation, and evaluation is led by an ad hoc steering committee comprised of faculty, staff, and students, who meet from January through April. This year, Areej Abuqudairi '06 completed an Arts Management Practicum Project in association with Arts Day planning. She coordinated the activities of the steering committee and was especially instrumental in recruiting students to help with Arts Day. Co-Chairs of Arts Day were Jackie Dawson (College Relations Office) and Rebecca Massie Lane (Arts Management/

Art Gallery). Other committee members were Shelby Filson (Dean's Office/Babcock Season), Tey Stiteler '06, Gwen Reyes '06, and Didi Robinson '06.

Arts Day began at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, April 8, with an assembly at Babcock Auditorium, a welcome by Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jonathan Green, Superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools, Dr. John Walker, and Elementary Supervisor, Ms. Evelyn Woodruff. Sweet Briar College Theatre performed a scene from Aristophanes' *"THE FROGS"* which featured Caitlin Cashin '07 as Dionysus, Rosanna Louise Hawkins '07 as Xanthias, Tess Drahan '08 as Aiakos, and Didi Robinson '06 and Katie Beth Ryan '08 as Officers. Fifth-graders then dispersed to participate in two of 19 workshops, ranging from tours of the Art Gallery, Sweet Briar Architecture, Sweet Briar House, and Sweet Briar Museum; to several dance workshops, hands-on arts workshops, and theatrical and open mic improvisation.

Workshops were presented by faculty, students, and staff:

Eleven Faculty participated: John Gregory Brown (creative writing); Mark Magruder (Dance); Lynn Rainville (Anthropology/Archaeology); Loretta Wittman (Theatre); Joe Malloy (Library), Laura Pharis (Studio Art); Tracy Hamilton (Art History); Christian Carr (Arts Management/Art History); Bonnie Kestner (Athletics); Anna Moore (Classical Studies); Rebecca Massie Lane (Arts Management/Art History).

Thirteen students participated: Katie Barker '05 (Paint 'n' Patches); Courtney Kiel '05 (Sweet Briar House Tour); Maureen McGuire '06 and Rebecca Clark, British Exchange Student (Celtic Dancing); Gwen Reyes '06 (Open Mic); Areej

Abuqudairi '06 (Jewelry Workshop); Denva Jackson '05, Janie Glen '05, Natalie Pye '07, and Erin Rogers '08 (Architectural Treasure Hunt); Ploy Pritsangkul '07 (Thai Dance); Caitlin Cashin '07 (Opera Workshop); and Karlena Sakas '05 (Wonderwoman, Superman and You).

Four staff participated: Guy Brewer, Chaplain (Liturgical Art and Music); James McGhee, Co-Curricular Programming (Open Mic); Tiffany Cummings, International Programs (Jewelry Workshop); Laura Staman, Outdoor Programs (Natural Art).

The fifth-graders were led through the day by 14 campus Tour Guides/Hostesses: Paulette Tinsley and Juanita Elliott (Housekeeping); Paulette Porter-Stransky (Human Resources); Shelby Filson, (Dean's Office/Babcock Season); Donna Nixon Dodd, (Physical Plant) Cindy Sale (Business Office); Mary Woerner (Grants Office); Donna Meeks (Grounds Superintendent); Bonnie Seitz (Alumnae Office); and Cyndi Fein, Anita Muglia, Gloria Higgenbotham, Cathy Mays and Allison Banton (Development Office).

Now we look forward to Arts Day 2006!





Photos by Pat Richeson, Chaplain's Office



We estimate that more than **6,500** students over 19 years have participated in Arts Day!



Campus School Summer Program

DENA LOWMAN

INSTRUCTOR OF EDUCATION

DIRECTOR/KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, CAMPUS LAB SCHOOL

Even though it's a warm summer morning at Sweet Briar, the sound of young children's voices is heard from the play yard at the Campus Lab School. The summer program is in full swing. The children are on the playground enjoying free playtime in the warm summer sun.

Once back in the classroom, students get busy with one of the many learning activities designed to meet their individual learning needs. Due to the differences in ages and abilities of the children, the program is designed to meet the developmental needs and learning styles of each student.

On a typical day, Head Teacher Melissa Shelton works with a group of six- and seven-year-olds on a spelling activity while Jessica Wooten, teacher assistant, monitors an art project with the four- and five-year-olds. During the course of the day the students will have opportunities to work on one of the Apple computers in the school's computer lab, play outside on the playground, have fun at one of the school's many learning centers (sensory play with many stimulating materials, such as sorting living and non-living objects), and participating with others in a summer unit theme activity. Making and enjoying snacks related to the weekly themes helps reinforce their learning. After this busy schedule younger students have a rest time and older students a quiet time. Later in the afternoon, Lindsey Cline replaces Jessica as the teacher assistant to read stories, supervise play, and help students prepare to leave at day's end.

Special weekly events add extra fun to the program. Students swim twice a week at the College pool and make music with Melody Makers once a week. They visit the College Book Shop where Dianne Hunt Williams '68 reads special books to them and shares surprise gifts. They enjoy

library visits as well, and walking tours of the campus.

The summer program curriculum is organized around summer themes. For example, in the two-week camping unit, students learn the safety rules of camping and have opportunities to practice them. They take nature walks, learn about differences between wild and tame animals, bring their flashlights to share ghost stories, and sing campfire songs. They learn about Smokey the Bear and forest fire safety. Making and eating s'mores is a delicious and enjoyable concluding activity for this theme.

Another special theme is summer fun. The children learn all about the sun and its special job of warming the earth. They see their shadows and discuss how the sun is blocked by their bodies and other objects to create shadows. They learn about the sun's heat and its effects on materials; for instance, they talk about melting and absorption of the sun's rays, about how harmful the sun's rays can be to human skin and why it is important to protect themselves with sunscreen. They also learn about its beneficial properties in helping plants grow, and enjoy summer fruits and vegetables that have grown in the summer sun.

The program, serving children from four to seven years of age, has been in operation since 2001 when it was started

by Campus Lab School Director Dena Lowman. Some of the students are SBC employees' children; others are from the local community. Each year several of the children have also attended the Campus Lab School during the school year, while others are new and still others are return students from previous summers. The full day program is flexible, allowing parents to send children two, three, or five days a week from early June to mid-August.

The program provides fun learning activities for the young students and also offers important hands-on opportunities for Sweet Briar students to hone their teaching skills and develop their expertise in an actual classroom. An important program goal is to hire Sweet Briar education majors and graduates to staff the classroom. Volunteers are also critical to the program's success. This summer, Molly Brown (age 13), a former Campus Lab School student, volunteered twice a week to assist in the classroom.

The program provides an important service for parents by offering a rich learning environment and care while parents work. Children benefit from the opportunity to enjoy a structured learning experience over the summer months.



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The Saturday Enrichment Program

CATHY GUTIERREZ

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CLASSICS, PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Even if the weather is gloomy, on campus there's no month more fun than February, at least for local elementary school children. Now in its second decade, the Saturday Enrichment Program (SEP) provides fun-filled learning every weekend in February for Amherst county fourth- and fifth-graders. This year, 144 children enrolled in the entirely student-run activity, taking mini-courses in 12 subjects ranging from exploding physics to music to bugs. This year's favorites included meeting the legless lizard in the biology lab and playing Twister in Spanish, and, of course, there was plenty of snack time.

The Saturday Enrichment Program began in the early '90s as part of a grant to support local schools by providing educational outreach. The program has always been run by Sweet Briar students in charge of all aspects of organizing the events and teaching the classes. This year's student coordinator was Sarah Kidd '05 who, with the help of her assistant Tamra Scott '06, made the arrangements with the county school system, reserved classrooms and labs for the month, and hired a dozen student teachers from across the disciplines. The county busses children in for three hours Saturday afternoons; classroom activities take place primarily in Babcock's Murchison Lane Auditorium and the Guion Science Center.

As in the past, this year's SEP met with overwhelming success, with the maximum number of elementary school students enrolling in the program, which is free to parents and to the county. A stroll through the grounds Saturday afternoons might reveal fourth- and fifth-graders creating African masks, making and then playing their own wind and percussion instruments, learning to cook outdoors, and digging for history in an archaeology class. The classes offered must be inventive and inspirational, and the children get hands-on experience

in a college setting. For many children, this is their first time on a college campus; the impression it leaves can be a lasting one.

The Saturday Enrichment Program is one of many ways that Sweet Briar gives back to the community. Alongside the summer programming for Kids in College and the free tutoring Education majors provide local children, SEP is part of a long tradition of the College educating not only Sweet Briar students but the community at large. Saturday Enrichment is administered by the Academic Resource Center and financially supported by a grant and supplies provided by the Honors Program.

Natalie Pye '07, a Classics major, taught in the SEP for the first time this year, selecting Greek Mythology for her course. Natalie reported that her experience with the program was very successful and she thought her students' experience was, too: "The kids are at that stage where they're becoming more aware of the world around them and they were genuinely curious about the ancient world. I tried to bring up similarities between the Greeks' world and ours, particularly how mythology is part of religion. I emphasized that if their religion seems strange to you, whatever your religion is, it would probably sound strange to the ancient Greeks." Natalie noted that many of the children knew versions of the stories and could describe, for instance, Medusa with her hair of serpents. She continued, "I was very pleasantly surprised by how much the kids already knew about Greek mythology, and they were really excited about it, which was really rewarding. It was a great experience and I look forward to doing it again."

Denva Jackson '05, a double major in Art History and Italian, taught the African Mask class using a newly-acquired set of masks from the Pannell Gallery. "It was lots of fun and I would definitely recommend it. There's not much of a time when you can breach the gap between

the academic world and the community. I spent a lot of time getting responses from them and this allowed us to discuss ideas of beauty and performance. And I didn't stick to the aesthetic appeal, either...we talked about ritual and contexts. Initiation rites are not as much a part of our culture as they are in Africa, but the kids really got it. Some of the students in the classes were performers themselves and we had the opportunity to talk about the stage and the place of masks as creating a role separate from the actor. Some of the kids were already doing a project on West African dance at their schools and they brought a lot to the table."

After touching on the artistic, performative, and anthropological aspects of masks in Africa, Denva asked the students to create their own masks. Some created masks that very closely resembled those in the collection while others made very different ones. According to Denva, all of the students understood the importance of expressing a particular emotion in their masks. Denva was excited about the prospects of the kids using the resources Sweet Briar can provide, particularly in the arts: "They can always come back to campus and see the original masks; this is great outreach for the gallery and helps establish a rapport between the kids and Sweet Briar."

The exit polls from the parents show an unmitigated success, thanking the students for their exceptional organizing talents and the offbeat and exciting content of the classes. Many parents commented that they were particularly pleased to have their children get excited about learning something outside of the traditional elementary school offerings.

The College hopes to one day expand the program, but for now Saturday Enrichment has all the business it can handle, giving our students a chance to teach a subject they love and showing the children that at Sweet Briar, nothing is more fun than learning.



Top left: Everyone wins in this Spanish Class!

Bottom left: Making friends with lizards and bugs

Bottom right: SEP Director Sarah Kidd Burchett '05 (left) with Assistant Director Tamra Scott '06



SEP is part of a long tradition of the College educating not only Sweet Briar students but the **community** at large.



KAREN SUMMERS, OFFICE MANAGER, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
PAM SIMPSON, DIRECTOR, KIDS IN COLLEGE PROGRAM
SHANNON WELLS, FORMER MEDIA RELATIONS COORDINATOR, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

"I wanted to take a minute to thank all of those who made Kids in College possible. I operate a group home in Madison Heights and am always on the look out for opportunities to involve the children. Positive opportunities are hard to find these days especially for those who have had mostly negative things come their way. Thanks again for the service you provide to our community."

—RICH JOHNSTON,
MILEJ COORDINATOR,
BRDGES VA

he third annual Kids in College (KIC) Program, held on campus in early June 2005, offered an in-depth, fun-filled educational experience to more than 100 local third- through eighth-graders. Students participated in two classes of their choice each morning for a week, selecting courses from science to outdoor adventures to art, to Chinese and Spanish. Recent alumna Samantha Angus '05 taught "Creative Choreography and Dance."

KIC is a campus-wide community effort: SBC faculty and staff members and their spouses teach the courses and their teenaged children volunteer to assist instructors. Professor Pam Simpson (Chemistry) is the program's director, and Karen Summers in the President's Office is the assistant coordinator.

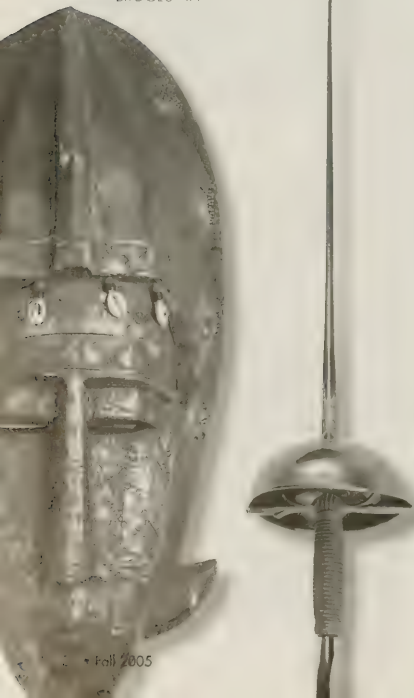
The program has grown from the initial offering of 12 classes in 2003 to the 21

offered this summer. It began as a result of Professor of Chemistry Jill Granger's desire to start a program at Sweet Briar after the cancellation of a similar program, "New Horizons," in Amherst County. Seed money was provided by President Muhlenfeld. Lucy Kimbrough '77 of Farmersville, Texas, has given nearly \$1,000 for need-based scholarships. Inquiries are now coming in for next year's program from surrounding communities and the home school network.

It was a pleasure to see a high enrollment of girls in the two science courses offered. In "Yucky Chemistry," students made a naked egg, invisible ink, and learned about worms and their jobs in nature. "The Art and Science of Sword Fighting," where students learn the sport of foil fencing, was the most popular course.

2005 KIC courses to select from:

- Science Investigations (Jill Granger, Chemistry)
- Yucky Chemistry (Tina Beck, Institutional Research)
- Chinese (John Goulde, Asian Studies)
- Español para niños (Celeste Delgado-Librero, Spanish)
- Act it out (Loretta Wittman, Theatre)
- Creative Choreography and Dance (Samantha Angus '05)
- Art and Architecture (Christian Carr, Arts Management)
- Pinhole Photography (Nancy McDearmon, SBC Art Gallery)
- Outdoor Adventure Skills (Joan Lucy, Career Services)
- Beginning Golf (Wintergreen golf pro Peter Stransky)
- The Art and Science of Sword Fighting (Chris Beazley, Fencing)
- Athletic Training (Shelly Taylor, Athletic Trainer)
- Chess (Kevin Phelps, Dining Services)
- Scrap-Booking (Pat James, Human Resources)
- Germs (Arlene Dubiel, Chemistry)
- Introductory German (Ronald Horwege, German)
- Beginning Music (Nicholas Ross, Music)
- Poetry Adventures (Lynn Martin '95)
- African Masks (Rebecca Massie Lane, Arts Management Program)
- Project Citizen (Kris Ogden, Center for Civic Renewal)
- Fun with Sign Language (Susan Bennett, LPN, Health Services)





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Senior Class gathers for Commencement in front of Benedict

Sweet Briar's 96th Commencement: A History-Making Event

May 14, 2005, Sweet Briar bestowed its first master's degrees and celebrated the "very special" Class of 2005. One hundred and thirty graduates from 28 states and Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Nicaragua, Peru, Serbia, and Thailand received degrees (108 A.B.; 21 B.S.; 1 B.F.A.). Suzanne J. Petrie '91, Director for Latin America, Department of Homeland Security, delivered a memorable Commencement address, "Paths Change, Values Define".

In her Charge to the Class of 2005, President Muhlenfeld noted:

As a Sweet Briar woman,
you have lived by an
honor code. As you leave
Sweet Briar, you must decide
how to translate our Honor
Code into an honorable life,
one of the highest integrity.

"We have come to the end of our ceremony, and of your Sweet Briar years... You are such a special class. Most of you entered Sweet Briar in 2001, our Centennial Year. You arrived on a campus in a festive mood, but within little more than three weeks, the ground shifted beneath our feet, when the tragic hijackings on September 11th wreaked death and destruction. A whole nation lost its innocence, just as you were beginning to become Sweet Briar women. That was a time of so much heartbreak, fear and uncertainty. But as happened all over the world, we came together here, in the Chapel and across campus, in mutual support and comfort, and all of us realized how much we treasure this college community, and how profoundly we rely on one another. Your bonding with your classmates was a little bit different, and a lot more necessary than with most classes.

"This has been a festive week, a joyous time for you and your families. But it, too, is a moment that bears real weight—an important decision point... Exactly *how* your future unfolds depends on some underlying decisions you must now make that speak not to career or locale but to your character. As a Sweet Briar woman, you have lived by an honor code. As you leave Sweet Briar, you must decide how to translate our Honor Code into an honorable life, one of the highest integrity. Decide now that under no circumstances will you deviate from what is honorable, honest and trustworthy, that you will do what is right even when it costs you dearly. Too few people in the world are willing to do that.

"You belong to the future. Our expectations for a graduating class have never been higher."



Seniors turn their tassels!

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2005.

Casey Dineen Knapp, Mequon, WI

The Presidential Medalist

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Denva Edelle Jackson, Darlington, SC

Casey Dineen Knapp, Mequon, WI

Karlena Mariel Sakas, Springfield, VA

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Mary Katherine Page Napier, Pawleys Island, SC

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Nancy Elizabeth Kirbo, The Woodlands, TX

The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Susanna Price Knouse, Washington, D.C.

Samira Hossain, Dhaka, Bangladesh

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, actively participating in the College community, and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Elizabeth Brentz Basten, Lynchburg, VA

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Kathryn Massie Strong, Beverly Hills, MI

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Katie Bird, Bishop, CA

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Ana Ciric, Belgrade, Serbia

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Mary Katherine Page Napier, Pawleys Island, SC

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Krystal Rene Dean, Charlotte Courthouse, VA

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Cousin Augusta Jones Dunstan '88,
Virginia Tripp



Charlotte Spielman, sister Laurel '03



Karen Dennehy, grandmother Marjorie Short '4

Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Casey Dineen Knapp, Mequon, WI

The W. H. Overly Award in Spanish

Jennifer Elizabeth Woodson, Altavista, VA

**The Juliet Halliburton Davis
Environmental Studies Award**

Leah Kathleen Reedy, Altavista, VA

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

*Laura Townsend Howard Denson,
Houston, TX*

The Jean Besselièvre Boley Award

*Savannah Elizabeth Oxner, Madison
Heights, VA*

The German Embassy Book Prize

Award for an excellent academic record
and significant contributions to the German
program at Sweet Briar.

Hannah Jeanmarie Silva, Tomball, TX

The Goethe-Institut Buchpreis

Award to the outstanding student major-
ing in German or German Studies.

Karlana Mariel Sakas, Springfield, VA

The Mathematical Sciences Award

Jamie Lynn Jensen, South Bend, IN

**The Jean Taylor Meyer Memorial
Poetry Prize**

Mercedith Miranda Nuesca, Honolulu, HI



Commencement Speaker Suzanne Peterie '91

**The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor
Award in History**

Elizabeth K. C. Eager, Managua, Nicaragua

The Maxine Garner Prize in Religion

*Nell Guenna-Beatrice Champoux,
Northfield, MA*

**The George H. Lenz Excellence
in Physics Award**

*Mariana Spasova Lazarova, Plovdiv,
Bulgaria*

The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Denva Edelle Jackson, Darlington, SC

The Shakespeare Prize

*Savannah Elizabeth Oxner, Madison
Heights, VA*

**Tye River Elementary "Big Sister"
Award**

Diane Hundley Lotz, Haymarket, VA

PHI BETA KAPPA 2005

*Diana Rumenova Boncheva, Samokov,
Bulgaria*

*Nell Guenna-Beatrice Champoux,
Northfield, MA*

Ana Ciric, Belgrade, Serbia

Elizabeth K. C. Eager, Managua, Nicaragua

Elizabeth Jane Glen, Charlotte, NC

Denva Edelle Jackson, Darlington, SC

Jamie Lynn Jensen, South Bend, IN

Sarah Elizabeth Kidd, Dakota, IL

Casey Dineen Knapp, Mequon, WI

Heather Link, Roanoke, VA

*Savannah Elizabeth Oxner, Madison
Heights, VA*

Robin Lynn Parkinson, Robeson, PA

Ashley Jean Rogers, Loveland, OH

Karlana Mariel Sakas, Springfield, VA

Charlotte Leigh Spielman, Lovington, VA

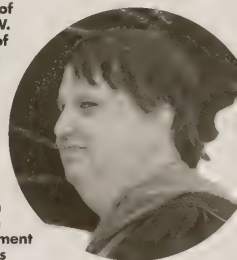
Amanda Morgan Swan, Garrison, NY

Melinda Katherine Wolfrom,

Coeur d'Alene, ID

**Assistant Professor of
Economics Eugene W.
Gotwalt, Recipient of
the 2005 Excellence
in Teaching Award
from the SBC
Academic Affairs
Committee**

**Thelma B. Jordan,
Inter-library
Loans Supervisor,
received the Shirley
P. Reid Excellence in
Service Award from
the Student Government
Association, but was
unable to be present.**



Sister Grace '04, Elizabeth Farnsworth



Kathryn Davis, sister Leah '04



Sister Monique '02, Michelle Moshier

CUM LAUDE

Claire Edison Anderson, Great Falls, VA
Heidi Ann Benson, Sterling, VA
Laura Townsend Howard Denson,
Houston, TX
Offra Elmkiez Jeri, Lima, Peru
Elizabeth Lynn Farnsworth, Grafton, MA
Susanna Price Knouse, Washington, D.C.
Erin Gail Mays, Fairfax, VA
Mary Katherine Page Napier, Pawleys
Island, SC
Leah Kathleen Reedy, Altavista, VA
Veronica Ray Richards, Palmdale, CA
Meredith Katherine Richel, Zionsville, IN
Amanda Morgan Swan, Garrison, NY
Virginia Harrison Tripp, Richmond, VA
Elizabeth Tustin, Adams, MA
Lynsie Annabel Watkins, Clifton, VA
Jennifer Elizabeth Woodson, Altavista, VA
Heather Nicole Wright, Princess Anne, MD

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Katie Bird, Bishop, CA
Ana Ciric, Belgrade, Serbia
Kathryn Kay Davis, Moberly, MO
Elizabeth K. C. Eager, Managua,
Nicaragua
Amanda Renee Evans, Gladstone, VA
Elizabeth Jane Glen, Charlotte, NC
Samira Hossain, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Jan Marie Jennings, Lafayette, IN
Mariana Spasova Lazarova, Plovdiv,
Bulgaria

Kerry Elizabeth Martin, Mechanicsville, VA
Adriana Louisa Meeks, Alexandria, VA
Barbara Christine Merk, Forest, VA
Mercedith Miranda Nuesca, Honolulu, HI
Savannah Elizabeth Oxner, Madison
Heights, VA
Robin Lynn Parkinson, Robeson, PA
Joyce Marie Scott, Cottonwood, AL
Hannah Jeanmarie Silva, Tomball, TX
Catherine Helen Sobke, Wycombe, PA
Charlotte Leigh Speilman, Lovingson, VA
Lauren Michelle Wade, Clinton, MS
Melinda Katherine Wolfrom,
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Lindsey Grace Wydner, Amherst, VA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Bulgaria
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Heather Link, Roanoke, VA
Ashley Jean Rogers, Loveland, OH
Karlena Mariel Sakas, Springfield, VA

THE HONORS PROGRAM, CLASS OF 2005

High Honors in Chemistry
Ana Ciric, Belgrade, Serbia

High Honors in English
Charlotte Leigh Speilman, Lovingson, VA

High Honors in Psychology
Melinda Katherine Wolfrom,
Coeur d'Alene, ID

**Honors Degree with
High Honors in History**
Elizabeth K. C. Eager, Managua, Nicaragua

**Honors Degree with
High Honors in Mathematics**
Elizabeth Jane Glen, Charlotte, NC

**Honors Degree with
Highest Honors in Art History**
Denna Edelle Jackson, Darlington, SC

**Honors Degree with
Highest Honors in Religion**
Nell Guenna-Beatrice Champoux,
Northfield, MA

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Sister Lisa '03, Alexandra Lussier



Sister Megan Meighan '07, Brianna Meighan

2005 Outstanding Alumna Award To Norma Patteson Mills '60

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT REUNION CONVOCATION, MAY 28, 2005
BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LINDA DEVOGT '86

It is my great pleasure and privilege, as President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Norma ("Butch") Patteson Mills of the Class of 1960, recipient of our 2005 Outstanding Alumna Award. This award, one of the highest that Sweet Briar College can bestow, was founded in 1968 to recognize alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity. All who know Norma will agree that she is the *quintessential* volunteer. Her efforts and generosity on behalf of Sweet Briar College have been unremitting. President Muhlenfeld expressed the sentiments of all of us when she wrote to Norma: "Your sustaining support and enduring belief in Sweet Briar's present and future is a gift for which all who love and work for this very special place will ever be grateful."

We are delighted that Norma's husband, Olan Mills II, himself a staunch Sweet Briar supporter, is here today for the festivities. Let me extend a warm welcome too to her family and to Norma's classmates, celebrating 1960's 45th Reunion as well as Norma's honor.

Born and raised in Amherst, Norma attended Sweet Briar from 1956 to 1959, then left to marry Princeton graduate Olan Mills, owner of the eponymous Chattanooga-based national photography studio chain. But moving to Chattanooga and completing her degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee in 1960 did not diminish Norma's ties to Sweet Briar. She quickly became involved in the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Chattanooga, of which she remains an enthusiastic participant. She sold bulbs in the days when the Alumnae Association ran the "Bulb Project." Her trips home to visit family and friends always included a

drive to the campus and Olan, who courted Norma at Sweet Briar, enjoyed accompanying her—and still does!

Norma is among the strongest contributors to her alma mater. "Sweet Briar made a big difference in my life, and I want to make sure young women will continue to have that type of experience," she explained. As a member of the College's Board of Directors, she played a vital, guiding role during those years when the College was in the midst of a strategic planning process, a master planning process, and preparations for the current, major fund-raising campaign, ***Our Campaign For Her World***. During the campaign, she has served as Co-Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee and in the crucial position of Chair of the Development Leadership Council. With her husband, she has made a magnificent pledge to the campaign and in 1999 the

two of them made a landmark gift of \$3 million to spur the implementation of the College's master plan.

Norma's personal generosity is matched only by her efforts to encourage others to support Sweet Briar. She has played a leading role in every major fund-raising effort of the College and is a member of the Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will.

Norma is also a recognized leader in her adopted state of Tennessee and hometown of Chattanooga. Indeed, Chattanooga honored her as the Chattanooga Woman of Distinction and in April, she was named the 2005 Tennessee Woman of Distinction. To mention just some of her contributions: She was vice chairman of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's 21st Century campaign. For the University of the South (Sewanee), she served on the Board of Regents and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree. She was also Vice Chairman of the Campaign for Sewanee and Co-Chairman of the Visiting Committee of the School of Theology. She was Chairman of the capital campaign of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. In 2003, she and her husband won a Life Achievement Award for their commitment

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RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:
Anne Cumnock Miller*;
Eugenia Griffin Burnett*;
Louise Hooper Ewell*;
Frances Murrell Rickards*;
Annie Powell Hodges*
1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and
Helen H. McMahon '23*
1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
1977 Martha von Briesen '31* and
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwell '35*
1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*
1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stohman '34
1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucet Neill '41
1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46* and
Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34*
1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and
Sarah Adams Bush '43*
1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*
1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43 and
Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47*
1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and
Mildred Newman Thayer '61
1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63
2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
2001 Nannette McBurney Crowds '57
2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34* and
Ann Morrison Reams '42
2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58
2004 Elizabeth Smith White '59
2005 Norma Patteson Mills '60

* DECEASED



"...I am confident that Sweet Briar has a rosy future."

to the A.I.M. Center (a mental health center providing the only psychiatric rehabilitation day program in Chattanooga). Norma has been active in the Junior League, and has served on the boards of the Hunter Museum of American Art, the Tennessee River Gorge Trust, the Tennessee Aquarium, the University of Chattanooga Foundation, T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Girls Club, and the Bright School. She was the recipient of the Pilot Club of Chattanooga's Women's Community Service Award, and the Y-Me group's Women of Valour Award. When Norma and Olan together won the Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club, the *Chattanooga Times/Free Press* wrote, in December 2003: "The warm, unselfish personalities of both Olan and Butch have been expressed in great service to many people and contributions of millions of dollars to the betterment of our community."

We are immensely proud of Norma for being such a shining example of a Sweet Briar alumna. I am thrilled to present to her the Outstanding Alumna Award, along with a framed copy of a resolution passed in her honor by the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association Board.

Norma Mills '60 Accepts the 2005 Outstanding Alumna Award

Life is full of wonderful surprises and this honor is one of the most wonderful ever to come to me. When I received the letter from Linda telling me that I had been chosen by the Alumnae Association as this year's Outstanding Alumna, I was shocked, overwhelmed, and humbled. Sweet Briar has enriched my life beyond measure and it has been a joy to try to give something back. This recognition puts me in the company of a group of women who have dedicated their time, talents, and resources

to our alma mater. Specifically, I would like to mention my classmate, Ginger Newman Blanchard, who received this award in 1994 with her sister, Bee Newman Thayer '61. That my name is being added to those of Ginger and Bee and the rest of these



Olan Mills in the
Convocation audience

distinctive women is indeed very special to me.

Several of my family members are here today and I would like to introduce them to you.

First is my mother, Judith Whitehead Patteson. She recognized that Sweet Briar was a strong school and encouraged me from a young age to consider applying here. She has consistently supported me in whatever I undertook and I want to thank her.

Next is my husband, Olan. He is a Sweet Briar enthusiast, too. We started dating while I was a student and he has always enjoyed coming to this campus with its beautiful women. Also here are my brother, Wayne Patteson and his wife Gwen, my niece, Denny Patteson Tome, and my cousin, Betty Phillips Lupton, Class of '58.

My association with Sweet Briar is somewhat unusual in that it has been a part of my life for more than 60 years. As many of you know, I was born in Amherst and grew up there. I think my first

exposure to Sweet Briar was when my mother entered me in the Healthy Baby Contest when I was about a year old. It was part of Amherst County Day which was held annually for many years on the Sweet Briar campus. I won the contest. Back then, a fat baby was considered a healthy baby. You can deduce for yourself what the title meant. My mother has the pictures to prove it. A few years later, as a Girl Scout, I remember coming to the campus and selling poppies on Poppy Day. I recall being in awe of the students and daydreaming that one day I would be like them. Well, that dream did come true.

In the community and in my church there were many people associated with the College: professors, staff members, and alumnae. One Sweet Briar alumna, Lucille Cox Jones '36, a Latin teacher by profession, was my Sunday School teacher for many years and tutored me for the SAT. Another alumna, Eugenia Ware Myers '32, taught me in high school. In fact, one year she was my teacher for English, French, and Latin. It is no surprise, is it, that a Sweet Briar alumna would be qualified to teach all three subjects. Both of these women had a strong influence on me and were a big part of my coming to Sweet Briar. We all know what differences good teachers can make, like the two I have just mentioned. And, of course, a talented and dedicated faculty has always been a part of this college. Here they taught us, nourished us, and left indelible marks on us.

Since my family still lives in Amherst, I have returned several times every year since 1960. On those visits, I usually took the time to drive through the campus. That adds up to numerous trips over the course of the years to this very special place. What a privilege it has been to watch the changes and what a pleasure to see the beauty retained.

When I moved to Chattanooga as a newlywed, it was the Sweet Briar alumnae who helped welcome me to the city and I might add, enlisted my aid in selling bulbs. Many of you will remember when Sweet Briar alums throughout the country sold Dutch bulbs to endow scholarships. That was my introduction to raising funds for Sweet Briar and that has continued.

Our latest venture in fund-raising is *Our Campaign For Her World*. To date more than 90 million dollars has been raised in gifts and pledges and we are well on the way to the goal of 102 million dollars. However, we still need everyone's help to achieve this goal. If you have not made your best gift to this campaign yet, please consider doing so. Sweet Briar is training the next generation of women leaders. Others invested in us and now it is our turn to help today's students. As you well know, they are the future.

While you are here this weekend, you will see that Sweet Briar is thriving. With President Muhlenfeld's vision and leadership, our beloved college has been revitalized with a focus on students' professional and personal achievements here and beyond Sweet Briar. Our students, faculty and boards are the strongest ever and I am confident that Sweet Briar has a rosy future.



Norma and Olan at Saturday night
Cocktail Buffet

My experiences here played an important part in the formation of the person I am today. My feelings for Sweet Briar are of love and gratitude. It has been my privilege to enjoy a long association. May all of us dedicate a part of ourselves to this school where young women are imbued with a focus on life and inspired to make their places in society, our economy, their family and in the world.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 16, 2005, acknowledges with gratitude the extraordinary record of devoted service that our 2005 Outstanding Alumna, Norma Patteson Mills of the Class of 1960, has shown to Sweet Briar College. Norma was a member of the College's Board of Directors from 1992 to 2000 and for two years held the position of Alumnae Fund Chair on the board of the Alumnae Association. She spearheaded the current *Our Campaign for Her World* and in the College's previous campaign in the early '90s, she and her husband both served on the President's Campaign Advisory Council. Though the Mills name is a household word in the fields of international business and philanthropy, the hallmarks of Norma's leadership are personal humility, coupled with graciousness and charm. She is a powerful force in the world of volunteerism and we are grateful that she keeps Sweet Briar central among her interests.

A charter member of the Keystone Society, that group of donors who have made lifetime commitments to Sweet Briar of \$1 million or more, Norma is also a member of the Williams Associates, having named the College in her will. A leader also in her class, she is a member of the Class Reunion Gifts Committee, indeed she has served on that committee for every Reunion since 1985, and was committee chair for the 30th Reunion in 1990. Sweet Briar is also proud to recognize Norma's very positive impact upon the educational, religious and environmental institutions of the state of Tennessee and the city of Chattanooga.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Norma for the splendid ongoing stewardship she exercises on behalf of her alma mater. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Linda DeVogt '86
President, Sweet Briar Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

reunion scrapbook



"We salute Evelyn Ware Saunders ['30] who returned for her 75th, yes, 75th Reunion...that is the right blend of perseverance andchutzpah that should make every Sweet Briar alumna proud!" (Quoting Beverly Crispin Heffernan '75).



Rushton Haskell Callaghan '86, National Reunion Giving Chair, congratulated and thanked every Reunion Class, from the 5th to the 50th and beyond, for their incredible fund-raising effort. Total for 2005 Reunion Giving: \$656,491, including gifts from the classes of 1925-2000; Participation Rate 45%! **GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL GIFTS BY 2005 REUNION CLASSES: \$896,523.**



A spirited trio turned up to mark 1950's 55th. Virginia Luscombe Rogers, Catherine Clark Rasmussen, Lola Steele Shepherd joined the party with 2 husbands, 1 guest. RG: \$19,075; Part: 39%; TG: \$406,843.



Alma Simmons Rountrey and Dorothy Barnum Venter were back for 1935's 70th celebration.



1945: 10 alumnae and 3 husbands came on 10-strong for the 60th: RG: \$49,021; Part: 41%; TG: \$576,249. "A fine time was had by all!"

Photos © David Abrams. Note: All names read l-r.

ABBREVIATIONS

CP: Class President

RGC: Reunion Gifts Chair

Sec: Class Secretary

Each class made three announcements at Convocation:

Reunion Gift to the Annual Fund (RG);

Class Participation: (Part);

Five Year Total Giving (to all funds): TG



**The Fabulous Class of 1955:
Happy 50th!**

They were everywhere, generating excitement with nonstop revelry, including a performance of Dorothy Parker's "The Waltz" by '53's actress Jane Felts Welch.

Co-CP Amanda McThenia Iodice and husband Don produced perhaps the best-ever Reunion Scrapbook; 45 alumnae, 18 husbands, 2 guests set the beat for all-out enjoyment at being "Back at The Patch." RG: \$115, 016; TG: \$870,598

'55 won the Participation Award for Classes celebrating the 25th-50th Reunions with 77%! (RGC Didi Stoddard).



'55 reminisced: "'Remember the flap when General Douglas MacArthur was fired by President Truman? We were all fascinated! Remember Mr. Caldwell filling in for late-night Bridge in the senior smoker...Hurricane Hazel and the water shortage that preceded it? Only members of the hockey team and girls who had a date were allowed to take showers on most days—an interesting set of priorities...' And they sang—with gusto! 'Oh we'll be back when the wind stops blowing in March; And we'll be back when the laundry forgets to use starch; And when the fire bell rings at a quarter to three, We'll be back at SBC!' Ginger Chamblin Greene leads '55 in song.



1960 at the 45th, besides celebrating classmate Norma Patteson Mills as the Outstanding Alumna honoree, reveled in Reunion awards! With 69% participation, they won the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest Reunion Gift, \$160,927 (which also is the largest gift ever given by a 45th Reunion Class), and the Centennial Award, representing the largest Total Giving amount over the 5 years since the last Reunion (\$3,355,640); 22 alumnae, 13 husbands experienced A Reunion To Remember.



President Muhlenfeld hands the Nancy Dowd Burton Award to Patti Powell Pusey, RG Co-Chair.



1965's 40th brought 24 alumnae, 1 husband to join the festivities. Did they have fun? Yes! RG: \$69,936; Part: 53%; TG: \$350,901.

reunion scrapbook



Philip Sparrow prepares to drive the Saturday Hayride with a cargo of delighted children!



Six alumnae were here for 1970's 35th: Kris Herzog; Mary Kelley; Betty Glass Smith; Becky Mitchell Keister; Jane Davenport; Corbin Kendig Rankin. They noted that, as in their SBC days, once again we are in troubling times—Iraq! RG: \$46,682; Part: 41%; TG: \$239,495.



1975's 30th drew 21 alumnae, 2 husbands, 3 daughters to take a look at SBC's campus changes—they roamed, examined, enjoyed. They laughed over streaking, which made news in their day. CP Bev Crispin Heffernan noted that "It's true that the professors who taught us are getting a little harder to find...but it was great to see [those] who stopped by to say hello...and if the Van Treeses can still dance like THAT [Saturday Night Buffet] all these years later, there is hope for our future!" CG: \$64,812; Part: 40%; TG: \$186,144.



1980 congratulated themselves on "a huge turnout for the 25th—a group of remarkable women!" They were joined by 8 husbands, 8 children at The Farm House, campus home of classmate Louise Swiecki Zingaro (Director of the Alumnae Association) and husband Scott. In their Convocation skit, they sang that "In 25 years, we've never stopped having fun!" RG: \$66,588; Part: 41%; TG: \$219,810.



1985's 20th was a whopper: 27 alumnae, 14 husbands, 28 children came to frolic through the weekend, enjoying a picnic at the Boathouse on arrival Friday night. They dedicated their Class Reunion Gift of \$21,209 in memory of Lynne Toombes and daughter Rebecca. They won the Participation Award for classes celebrating the 5th through the 20th (34 %) TG: \$63,779.



1990 at the 15th (14 alumnae, 3 husbands, 10 children) noted "Many changes—but one thing is constant—our devotion to SBC." RG: \$10,055; Part: 27%; TG: \$35,002.



2000 was feted for the fifth at the Deanery, with a special Welcome Back! Reception pre-Friday Night Picnic—a happy beginning to their first official Reunion. RG: \$3,990; Part: 24%; TG: \$23,095.



1995 had tremendous fun reconnecting, checking the status quo at the 10th; 22 alumnae, 6 husbands, 5 children, 2 guests participated. RG: \$8,928; Part: 20%; TG: \$34,214.



Noreen Parker receives warm thanks from the Reunion Convocation audience and the Alumnae Association as she retires after 21 years on the Alumnae Office staff.



1980 Briar Photo

Dr. Phyllis W. Stevens

We are saddened to learn of the death of Phyllis W. Stevens ("Stevie"), retired Professor of Psychology at Sweet Briar for nearly 25 years. She died at her home in North Carolina on August 27 at age 86.

Before her teaching career at Sweet Briar, Professor Stevens was head of the Department of Psychology at Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina. She had received both her M.A. and Ph.D. at Queens, and in the course of her graduate work, was a Veterans Administration trainee and acquired several years of experience in clinical psychology before completing her Ph.D. The Department Chair in Psychology for several years at Sweet Briar, she completed numerous computer programs to be used in statistics courses for psychology students. During a sabbatical in 1971-72, Professor Stevens worked as a psychologist at the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital and spent time in London, England working at the University of London, focusing her studies on the role of lifestyles in the development of cognitive styles.

She was a member of the AAUP, EPA, CAUSE, Psi Chi, Association for Women in Psychology, and the Academy

of Science, and also coordinated the Lynchburg chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women).

Professor Stevens' family held a reception on September 5 in the lounge of the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel. A memorial service followed in the Chapel with interment immediately following at the Monument Hill Columbarium.

Letters and notes of condolence may be sent to Professor Stevens' nephew: Dr. Thomas Frazer, 1102 Country Club Road, Wilkesboro, NC 28697.



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Edith Davis Whiteman 1925-2005

We are sad to share the news of the death of Edith ("Deedie") Whiteman, loving wife of Sweet Briar's late former president, Harold Bartlett Whiteman, Jr. She died of natural causes at the age of 80 August 15, 2005 at the Richland Health Center in her hometown of Nashville, TN.

Deedie was born January 20, 1925 to Maclin and Edith Davis in Nashville, attended Parmer School, Ward Belmont School and Vanderbilt University. A month after graduation from Vanderbilt in 1946, she married Harold B.

Whiteman, Jr.; they moved to CT, where they worked at the Taft School and later to New Haven, to spend 16 years at Yale University. Deedie volunteered for many organizations, and was especially involved in the Red Cross, a family tradition since her grandfather had been head of the American Red Cross under Franklin Roosevelt. Another move in 1964 took them to New York, where Harold was vice chancellor at NYU.

Nineteen-seventy-one began "the Whiteman Years" at Sweet Briar, when Harold was appointed president. During his presidency (1971-1983), Deedie dedicated herself to participating fully in every facet of campus life. Her special enthusiasms centered on enhancing the Arts Program and student life. She will be remembered for her flair and zest for life.

Deedie's last visit to campus was to attend the memorial service for Harold, who died in 2002. She is survived by her brother, Maclin Davis, Jr. and sister, Norma Davis Owen, SBC '56; by three children, Bart Whiteman, Maclin Whiteman, Priscilla Whiteman Kellert; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held August 29, at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville. The family has asked that any contributions be made to Sweet Briar College or to the Nashville Humane Association, 213 Oceola Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.



Mary Anderson Bowley '44

With sorrow we report the death of Mary ("Sally") Anderson Bowley, who died at the Hartford, CT hospital April 14, 2005 at the age of 82. An International Relations major in Sweet Briar's Class of 1944, she continued to further her education throughout her life, traveling and making a home in many distant places with her husband, the late Freeman W. Bowley, Jr., a Major in the U.S. Air Force and graduate of West Point.

After Freeman's retirement from active duty, the Bowleys "came home" to the Amherst area, and Sally volunteered her time for the College and the Alumnae Association, a much loved and admired member of the Sweet Briar community from 1979 until 1985.

An avid horticulturist, she was manager of the College's Ames Greenhouse, offering non-credit courses in horticulture as part of Sweet Briar's continuing education program. She assisted the Biology Department in the preparation of laboratory materials and engaged students' interest in learning about plants. An expert on the propagation of the Sweet Briar Rose, she presented one graduating class with tiny Sweet Briar Rose

plants on Commencement Day, and at other times had Sweet Briar Boxwood plants available for alumnae returning to campus for Reunion and other occasions.

Sally retired to Hartford, CT, where she was a volunteer for the blind, taping information for blind listeners for the Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind. She became committed to helping the visually impaired after suffering optic nerve damage, which made it difficult for her to read or drive. Her vision improved enough for her to read again and she began projects for the agency at home. In a class questionnaire for her 50th Reunion in 1994, Sally noted: "In the course of 50 years, there have been 21 'permanent' changes of address—some better than others, all challenging. Among the most interesting was a three-year tour in Warsaw, Poland from '46-'49. Certainly the most delightful was our move to Amherst, whither, it being 'my turn,' Freeman followed me as I took a job managing Sweet Briar's greenhouse. It was a real homecoming for me." Sally is buried in Amherst Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Greater Hartford Chapter, American Red Cross, 209 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06032 or to the Office of Development, Box G, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1924
Elizabeth Guy
Mrs. W. Parke Tranter
April 19, 2005

1927
Kathryn Reid
Mrs. J. Irvine Emmott
April 29, 2005

Ruth Lowrance
Mrs. Gordon P. Street
May 17, 2005

1928
Elizabeth Hurlock
Mrs. Allison S. Mills
June 22, 2005

1929
Sue Tucker
Mrs. F. Ogburn Yates
March 18, 2005

1931
Eda Bainbridge
Mrs. Harold G. Kolbe
March 25, 2005

1933
Hetty Wells
Mrs. Hetty Finn
August 27, 2005

Anna Willis
Mrs. Willis S. Elkins
May 25, 2005

Glen Worthington
Mrs. Boine T. Johnson
Date unknown

1934
Helen Bean
Mrs. Natt M. Emery, Jr.
March 8, 2005

1935
Florence Crane
Mrs. Charles C. Goodfellow
Date unknown

Virginia Morgan
Mrs. Paul R. Mowry
Date unknown

Pauline Langford
Mrs. Polly L. Payne
July 18, 2005

1939
Janet Trosch
Mrs. Robert J. Moulton
August 24, 2004

Virginia Hartman
Mrs. Virginia Hartman Sorensen
May 29, 2005

1940
Clara Call
Mrs. Charles W. Frazier, Jr.
July 1, 2005

Evelyn Williams
Mrs. Evelyn Williams Turnbull
April 23, 2005

Cynthia Noland
Mrs. Karl Young, Jr.
March 29, 2005

1941
Josephine Harlan
Mrs. Kenneth C. Darby
June 2, 2005

1942
Grace Bugg
Mrs. Grace Bugg Muller-Thym
September 28, 2005

1943
Mary Lee
Mrs. Frederick S. Aldridge
April 22, 2005

Nancy McVay
Mrs. F. J. O'Neill
May 16, 2005

Anne Williams
Mrs. Thomas Tuley, Jr.
March 21, 2005

1944
Eleanor Goodspeed
Mrs. H. Lawrence Abbott
April 21, 2005

Mary (Sally) Anderson
Mrs. Freeman W. Bowley
April 24, 2005

Helen Crump
Mrs. John Cutler
June 20, 2005

1947
Jacqueline Schreck
Mrs. Lane K. Thompson
February 21, 2005

1948
Betty Ann Warner
Mrs. Terry H. Keith
June 5, 2005

Betty Johnson
Mrs. William M. Ragland
March 30, 2005

1950
Helen Missires
Mrs. Richard J. Lorenz
June 24, 2005

Donna Wunderlich
Mrs. Royal McCullough, Jr.
May 8, 2004

1953
Mary Kimball
Mrs. E. Bosworth Grier, Jr.
July 10, 2005

Eugenie Pieper
Mrs. William Massie Meredith
April 21, 2005

1955
Elizabeth Rector
Mrs. Ross F. Keener, Jr.
June 8, 2005

1957
Patricia Johnson
Mrs. Patricia J. Brockman
July 24, 2005

1959
Susan Glass
Mrs. Susan Anne Glass
March 2, 2005

1961
Roberta Wawro
Mme. Georges Bataillon
May 16, 2005

1964
Nancy Arni
Mrs. Charles M. Briggs
August 2003

1969
Marie Madeleine Lane
Mrs. Frank T. Hamilton III
December 7, 2004

1973
Lida Franchot
Miss Lida Franchot
Date unknown

NEW ALUMNAE BOARD MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2005

Natalie Brown Adee '96
Product Development, Dynalloy
Incorporated
San Jose, CA
Region 10 Chair

Sheena Belcher '05
Assistant Director of Admissions,
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, VA
Student Relations Co-Chair/
Member-at-Large

Gigi Collins '84
GGC Financial Ventures LLC
Short Hills, NJ
Region 2 Chair

**Kathleen "Kelly" Meredith
Iacobelli '88**
Manager, Advertising &
Marketing Communications-
Earthlink-Atlanta
Marietta, GA
Region 5 Chair

Vikki Schroeder '87
Business Analyst-Energy
Operations, Target Stores
Saint Michael, MN
Region 7 Chair

Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel '87
Independent Consultant/District
Manager, Arbonne International
Chagrin Falls, OH
First Vice President, Chair of
Alumnae Clubs and Regional
Committee

Cecilia Moore '88
Assistant Professor of Religious
Studies, University of Dayton
Dayton, OH
Nominating Chair

CURRENT ALUMNAE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE MOVED INTO NEW POSITIONS, JULY 1, 2005

Diane Dalton '67
Milwaukee, WI
Alumnae Nominated Member to
the Board of Directors

Mary Beth Hamlin '76
Winnetka, IL
National Reunion Giving Chair

RETIRED FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD, JUNE 30, 2005

VM Del Greco Galgano '64
Harrisonburg, VA

Victoria McCullough Carroll '84
Albuquerque, NM

Shirley Pinson '03
Boling Springs, SC

Frances Root '80
New York, NY

Rushton Haskell Callaghan '86
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL



Sara Shallenberger Brown
Professor Of English
Lee Piepho, June, 2005

Professor Lee Piepho Retires

Lee Piepho (B.A. cum laude with honors, Kenyon College; M.A. Columbia University; Ph. D., University of Virginia) began his distinguished teaching career in Sweet Briar's Department of English in 1969. His primary interests in teaching, research, translations and published works range from modern literature to Shakespeare and English Renaissance literature.

Recipient of many fellowships, grants and awards, in 1991-92, he was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award, established by the Student Government Association and determined by student members of the Academic Affairs Committee, to encourage and recognize outstanding teachers. In 1994, he was named Sweet Briar's Sara Shallenberger Brown Professor of English.

Lee's respect for the College, its students and alumnae, is well known. At the conclusion of his 1991 Opening Convocation address ("Getting Milton 'Right': Ways of Reading in the Late Twentieth Century," he spoke directly to new students: "Those of

you who enter this institution as students tonight are about to join a remarkable community...I have grown increasingly impressed, not only by the intelligence, curiosity and sheer energy of its graduates, but by their deep wisdom, their sympathy, kindness and compassion. All these qualities abide at the College—in the students drawn to her, in what they learn here, and in the spirit that, after graduating they bequeath to the College...so long as they do, I have faith that Sweet Briar can continue to fulfill its educational role in the years to come."

In his May 2005 Baccalaureate address ("Trust Your Sweet Briar Moxey: The Importance Of Integrity"), Lee noted: "I've taught in the English Department for 35 years...students here and graduates of the College almost to a woman are endowed with what I call Sweet Briar Moxey...Sweet Briar Moxey has to do with a strong sense of self-identity. Its deeper reserves spring, however, from an integrity of character that I very much admire in the College's graduates."

This admiration is warmly reciprocated by generations of the College's graduates.

Catherine Row, SBC College Reunion Office

Class Notes

1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohlman

(Martha Lou Lemmon)

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Martha Lou Stohlman gave to the Alumnae Office a 1913 yearbook, and the sheet music for "Sur la Glace à Sweet Briar," a waltz she played when she was about 10 and had never heard of Sweet Briar. Martha Lou wrote, "News of classmates sadly diminishes annually. ...I'm settling on my foundations too. A 21-year-old hip replacement's coming unstuck so I'm on a cane, etc. My Seattle daughter's giving me a lovely fortnight's visit.

It sounds as if SB were on a surf board at the top of the wave. Congratulations to all!"

1937

Marion Leggett Whyte writes: Although I attended only 2 years at Sweet Briar—alas—I have very fond memories. My younger sister followed me (**Yvonne Leggett Dyer-Sanford** '39) and she has kept in touch with several of her classmates. I am now spending the spring and summer months here in beautiful Lee, MA in the Berkshire Mt. area in an assisted-living setup and am fortunate to have my home in FL when the cold weather sets in. I truly count my blessings. Can hardly believe that in August I will be 91. Last year, for my 90th, my dear sons chartered a yacht in Kingston, NY and we cruised on the Hudson River on a beautiful, sunny day with wonderful sightseeing of beautiful estates. When we returned to Kingston, there was a beautiful table setting for 17—with lobster and all the trimmings.

1942

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Joanne Oberkirch Willis writes: "I never know what to write for Alumnae Notes. I only travel for 'occasions'—like a grandson teaching in Japan, another getting married in Italy—all few and far between. This year it was for a

granddaughter graduating cum laude from Fordham Law School. My daughter Karen Barmmer is retiring this year after over ten years as recreation director for the women's prison of the state of Connecticut. Somehow my days fill up—some volunteering—some reading—some just being with friends."

1946

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There is very little news this time, but I am grateful for what I did receive. **Bowdre Budd Poer Richardson** writes that she has 2 great-grandsons who live in Greensboro and 2 great-granddaughters in IN. Last summer 27 family members gathered under one roof. "I loved it." **Ade Jones Voorhees** went to SBC to meet **Flo** and **John Chrichton**. Flo was being honored for her generous gift for the new Student Commons Student Government office. "Flo and SBC looked great." **Ade** and **Coerte** are well and she and **Arena** are already talking reunion in 2006. **Ariana Jones Wittke** writes from the Strawbridge Retirement Home 5 miles from Princeton, her old home. She had both knees replaced last summer and is now a new woman! She went to AZ this winter to see her son and his family in Flagstaff and friends in Phoenix. **Candy Green Satterfield** writes from her lovely apartment in Norfolk that she turned 80 in July. (This is our year for that milestone. I still can't believe it—ladies in their 80's are supposed to wear long black dresses, a neck band to hide their wattle and carry a cane.) Candy's only request for her birthday was that her family visit one at a time, which they did, and it worked well.

Ellen Robbins Red does volunteer work with the Houston Audubon Society and with the Presbyterian Church. Sometimes she gives talks to garden clubs about ways of attracting birds to their gardens. **Cholly Jones Bendall** writes "nothing exciting" but she does have 2 adorable grandchildren living across the creek there in Yanceyville, NC (I love Cholly's lovely pun when her pharmacist husband moved to the country to become a pharmacist) She says she is fully recovered from colon cancer surgery with a good progress—wonderful!—and

looks forward to our 65th! **Joan Morse Gordon** is in print! I missed the write-up about her book in the April issue—maybe you did too. See "In The Spotlight," Spring/Summer issue—there she is! Congratulations, Joan! **Bea Dingwell Loos** and Dick took their annual FL trip when they visited **Betsy** and **Tom Hewson** at their lovely condo in Vero Beach. "Betsy never changes and stays upbeat and friendly to all." **Bea** still plays tennis, golf, and swims in the ocean. None of her children or 14 grandchildren live in the D.C. area but 4 of them have beach homes in the Outer Banks, so they have annual reunions. I am sorry to report **Murch**'s husband Ed's death in July '04. Part of an obituary reads: "As with many of the greatest leaders his work, and gifts to the community were most often quiet and unsung. Yet through his actions and guidance many North Florida institutions are immeasurably stronger." These accomplishments are too numerous to list here but I do want to include his son's remarks about his father: "His good qualities include humility and a constant kindness particularly to more less fortunate." **Murch** and Ed were married for 56 years. I have been living at the Chesapeake Retirement Home in Newport News for almost 2 years. I live in Assisted Living after I had a fall in my apartment here. My room looks like an art studio up here on the 3rd floor. My granddaughter counted my pictures—over 100 of them! The worst thing in all of this was having

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to give up my precious dog "Scottie"—half scottie and half schnauzer. This is a very nice place to live but it was quite an adjustment. My son Rob and wife Melissa bought my house and have made some fine changes. These changes are great for them and their children, Joe and Grace. I must admit it's strange to sit in what was my kitchen for 50 years and now their den! (Time and change are quite a challenge for me.) I am sorry to report **Moe Christian Schley**'s husband's death in late '03. Somehow I missed that and I am so sorry. Dick was a beloved pediatrician in Savannah for 40 years. He called his patients his "little people." He retired in 1988, joined the National Guard and retired there as a Brigadier General. He was an active participant in many civic and church organizations. When I talked to Moe last night she said she has moved to a retirement home a few miles outside of Savannah and like me is living in assisted living. One daughter lives in Houston, one in Jacksonville and one in NY state near the Canadian border. They are all married to doctors or lawyers or are doctors or lawyers themselves. (One is a kayak champion!) Son Dick III lives in the Savannah area. **Rosie Ashby Dashiell** is a faithful wagon on wheels volunteer, a faithful alter guild volunteer and a faithful "Battle of the Books" volunteer. The latter involves reading a certain number of books to an elementary class thru the school year. At the end of the

year they compete with other elementary schools in taking a quiz on these books. A footnote to Rosie: she dined at a WHRO (PBS) event at the same table with none other than Jim Lehrer! She said he was delightful. **Wheats Young Call** continues to spread her cheer to all of us. She still plays a mean game of tennis and gives credit to glucosamine with chondroitin for her joint movements! Too bad we don't have news from our other classmates. Maybe next time. Good luck, and love to you all and happy 80th!

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1947

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This is the year when many of us celebrate our big eight-oh birthday... undeniably an impressive milestone! **Evie Whyte Spearman** celebrated her big 80th August 7 with an all-out fiesta at Huntsville's Monte Sano Lodge. Just family and friends so we must assume the attendance numbered in the thousands. Apart from a misbehaving knee, Evie remains the same fireball that we all remember with a smile. **Katie Street Sharp** is bragging—rightly so—about two brand new great-grandsons. She's also weighing the yea and nay of staying in her country home or moving closer into town. Katie, at least half of us are in exactly the same quandary.

This past fall **Isabel Zulick Rhoads** and husband Wayne spent a week at Nags Head with all four Zulick sisters. She also visited with **Nancy Cofer Stacy** who still enjoys her House Beautiful beach house. During the always fabulous Philadelphia Flower Show she met with **Jane Warner Williams** in the Quaker city and states that Jane is still active in her Fort Smith, AR realty company. **Billie Jenkins Stallings** reports from Moorestown, NJ that she's active with the Colonial Dames and manages to keep in touch with her roommate **Maria Gregory Tabb** in Richmond, VA. This past summer she attended a moving commemoration honoring her Confederate great-grandfather. It was complete with re-enactors, muskets and cannon, a memorable occasion indeed! From **Joan McCoy Edmonds** comes word that she and Bill were in Lexington, VA last spring for their VMI class reunion. While there she was able to spend some time with **Stu McGuire**

Gilliam who lives in Lexington. Stu provided Joan with a grand garden tour of Lexington. Joan keeps in touch with **Evie** who gets to Birmingham frequently thanks to a daughter who lives there. Joan also passes along the happy word that **Pat Hassler Terrell** and Edgar Terrell are remarried and live contentedly in Charlotte, NC. Both Joan and Bill continue to break par on the golf course and regularly sweep to victory at the bridge table. **Stu** confirms Joan's glowing account of their reunion in Lexington this past spring. At last count, Stu has one great-grandchild and another on the way.

Finally, our class now numbers 78 of which 23 of us are users of e-mail. Unfortunately, the days are over when the SBC alumnae office generously mailed postcards to each of us to harvest our class news. In the absence of those mailings, I'm wholly dependent on e-mail: one message to all with the touch of a key on my laptop. It certainly beats all those postcards, stamps and handwritten scribbles. So my thanks to everyone who took time to respond to my *cri de coeur*! My news is scarce. I had a total knee replacement May 13th (fortunately neither my surgeon nor I were superstitious). I'm still doing rehab but may not be back in time to play in the 2005 U.S. Open. That makes me sad but the Williams sisters are very relieved!

1948

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Due to changes in the Alumnae Office or to **Maddin McCallie's** mental processes the August class notes are being done in a day. We have called in the troops from the Washington area so **Martha Mansfield Clement**, **Liz Barbour McCrea** and **Audrey Lahman Rosselot** are writing their news with this news from the deep South, hastily e-mailed by your official class secretary. First we must add our congratulations to our new Class President **Martha Mansfield Clement** being chosen as the Outstanding Alumna for service to the College to be bestowed at Reunion Weekend in 2006. Mark your calendars for May 26-28, 2006. We have long since recognized her sincere dedication to our college and are pleased that she is being so honored.

Snippets of news from across the South: **Maddin Lupton McCallie** and

David thought about **Nancy Vaughn Kelly's** work with the Kelly Foundation for the Crow Indians as we drove through the Crow Reservation on our way to vacation in Story, WY. We have had good trips in the last year, up the Hudson River through the Erie Canal by boat and to other parts of the USA by car. We are thankful that we are still mobile and "with it." **Martha Owen Thatcher** lives nearby and can report on bridge games twice a week and she sings in the choir at her big downtown church. A chat with **Martha Davis Barnes** in Atlanta tells us that her son is moving from there to Nashville to be CEO of Packaging Resource Group, so she will have to keep on traveling. A trip to California to see two granddaughters in school at USC and UCLA is planned, especially to congratulate the one who has launched her career in dramatics by acting in a recently finished comic horror story film. **Martha** keeps in touch with her SBC roommate **Kay Fulton Alston**, who is in poor health in Henderson, NC. **Peggy Sheffield Martin** has had a rough summer with daughter Lisa Martin Tunnel's serious illness. **Peggy** welcomed her to her downstairs bedroom when she recovered enough to go home. **Peggy** spends time in Highlands, NC when she can, and also reports that her granddaughter, Cameron Martin, has illustrated with her mother, Laura Martin, a delightful new book, *Fairy Island, An Enchanted Tour*. **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy** is in New Orleans and has been quite ill this summer. Her husband Kenneth died this past year.

Wayne Stokes Goodall made a most dramatic move from Charlottesville, VA to Fearington, NC last summer. **Wayne's** 15 years of volunteer work with the botanical center at Tufton Farm outside C'ville has brought accolades which describe her management skills in running the office and knowledge of plants so that the board has recorded, "We deeply miss her lively spirit, her humor, her energy and her presence among us." Did you all know that two books were published and reviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* about **Patty Traugott Rouse's** late husband Jim, developer of housing projects all over the country? Big heavy book was interesting reading for **Patty's** former roommate **Maddin**. **Patty** goes to work everyday at the Enterprise Foundation which Jim founded to relieve the housing problems of low income people. She has had a 1997 hip operation re-done and feels good. **Patty's** fun times are focused on the Baltimore Orioles baseball games and

getting to see children in Annapolis and Baltimore.

Audrey Lahman Rosselot has taken a giant step and moved to northern VA from Bethesda, MD. The time was right for her to sell her condo and move into Goodwin House, an Episcopal retirement community, in Alexandria. She tells us that she wakes up happy every morning that the move is completely and she is contented to be among friends, both old and new. We northern Virginians are delighted to have her among us now. **Ginny Wurzbach Vardy** also is living at Goodwin House.

Meon Bower Harrison and Arch have moved to an apartment at Westminster Canterbury in Charlottesville. They are happy with the security and new friends, and particularly still to be independent! **Meon** reports that the first annual Harrison Family Reunion took place in Avalon, NJ this June. They had all of their children and grandchildren under one roof for the only time since 1990. It was a loud and happy success. **Liz Barbour Beggs McCrea** had to rent a Beggs Annex at the beach this spring to accommodate the 21 people who came to celebrate the season.

In June **Nancy Vaughan Kelly** and her husband, Dan, went back to Garryowen, MT to visit their daughter, Susan, who is a co-founder of the Center Pole Foundation. This organization was recently ranked in the top 50 grass roots organizations by The Ford Foundation out of 850 reviewed for their leadership. The foundation provides business skills to 5-18 year old Indian youth and has a college access program that has resulted in graduations from Dartmouth, Brown, Stanford, and Guilford College just to mention a few successes. While in MT, **Nancy** participated in a "Sundance" and worked with the children. She is on the Board.

Earlier this spring, **Nancy, Audrey**, and **Martha** spent a delightful afternoon with **McCall Henderson Revercomb**. They met at McCall's favorite restaurant and laughed over old times at Sweet Briar and celebrated 60 years of friendship.

Liz heard from **Polly Rollins Sowell** and learned that she had retired in May 2005 and she loves it—"putting off everything until tomorrow." **Polly** reports that **Wayne Stokes Goodall** is visiting friends in Galveston, TX and she is looking forward to seeing her during this visit.

This ends **Maddin's** part except to beg that each of you send me your news items in the middle of December because the next deadline is January 20, 2006.

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Here are a few gleanings from the internet. The more of you who can communicate by computer, the better, so please do if you have the equipment (that includes the brain power, which I KNOW you all have!). Otherwise, please mail me a card (see the address above) with your latest news and doings.

Preston Hodges Hill came on line to give us a cheery spring update of doings of the Hill clan, in Denver and other points west, all good and busy. However, a bit later she called **Katie Cox Reynolds** to say she had fallen in Aspen and broken a hip! This meant lying flat for a time and made her computer inaccessible. We wish her a quick knit, and also hope Gene's ongoing cancer treatments continue to keep him up and running.

Katie, herself, sent an enthusiastic report on an Elderhostel trip she and Phil took to Prague and then down the Elbe on a river boat to Berlin. They are looking forward to their annual week at Squam Lake with all the offspring. Phil recently had a second cataract operation and hopes for good results.

Judy Easley Mak also had cataract surgery last spring, and was having some discomfort (which I trust was short-lived).

Mary Fran Ballard Brown had word in June that Kasper Gorter, **Beth Jansma's** nice husband, had died. He surely enjoyed Sweet Briar when they came for our 50th (I think) Reunion, and charmed many of us with his enthusiasm and wit.

My peripatetic roomies **Alice Trout Hagan** and **Patsy Davin Robinson** enjoyed a Tauck Tour of the Canadian Rockies last summer, while the rest of us sweltered during the July heat wave. Alice needed a rest after the wedding of her youngest daughter, Kitty (my second cousin and godchild). **Mary Louis Stevens Webb**, my other roomie, has moved with husband Rutledge to a smaller house in Charleston, a few miles from Tradd Street and quite likes the easier living.

Walter and I are in the process, as I write, of selling our home of 45 years and will move to a smaller condo/town house nearby, hoping we, too, will like the easier upkeep. As to our Florida golf cottage, we had little or no damage during the 2004 hurricane season (though daughter Becky

had quite a bit), and we are now warily watching the new 2005 season as it gets off to a roaring start

Carolyn Cannady Evans says she went to Sicily for three weeks, partly a walking tour, and was looking forward to three summer weeks in the mountains of North Carolina with her family. She had lunch with **Jean Taylor** (who is having some back problems) and **Flip Ann Eustis Weimer** (who had a nice trip to Nova Scotia last spring).

Libby Trueheart Harris emails me frequently from Richmond and Irvington, and seems to be happy and healthy, still getting around independently and enjoying activities at Westminster Canterbury.

1950

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Another milestone—our 55th REUNION! Although we may have slowed down a bit, our class is still very involved with family, travel, volunteer work and for some careers. Reunion will be over by the time you read this, but those who are planning to attend are: **Lola Steele Shepherd** and **Deedee, Dolly Clark Rasmussen** and **John, Ginger Luscombe Rogers, Elsie Landrum Layton** and **Ann Preston Vick**. Ann called from Deland, FL and told me that her twin sons, Tal and John, are fine and that she goes to Jacksonville, FL often to visit.

Helen Missires Lorenz has resumed her career, filling an unexpected resignation at the Hockaday School in Dallas. She is serving as Interim Director of the International Program, which entails teaching three ESL classes and one French class, as well as taking students on discovery trips to Washington, DC, San Antonio and Austin. Helen works part-time at the University of Texas at Dallas. She says she has "failed Retirement 101 miserably!" She adds, "At the expense of a seeming lack of modesty, I would like to mention an honor I have recently received. I have been made a Knight in the Order of the Palmette Academics. This is given by the French Government to recognize an individual who has promoted the French language and culture." Congratulations, Helen!

Lucy Kreusler Carey continues

teaching Polish and Russian language classes at the Community College of Baltimore County, MD and she is enrolled in French classes. She has stayed in her big house in Lutherville, but enjoys traveling to Poland to visit old friends. She is happy to see Poland free and joining the community of European nations.

Those of you who attended our 50th reunion will remember seeing the exhibit of beautiful sculptures of **Beverly Benson Seamans**. Bev continues to enjoy her career and feels very lucky to be active, healthy and busy. She received a great commission to do a five-foot Harbor Seal, which she recently completed and took to the foundry to be cast. It is a memorial for a child who died and will be dedicated to all children for their enjoyment. She adds that another project which gives them great joy is their poodle pup who has been certified as a therapy dog. Bev and Don take her twice a week to a hospital and nursing home where she delights patients and staff. In October they found time to travel to France for a walking trip in the Champagne country. Bev sums it up: "Fun! Life is not dull!"

Fan Lewis Jackson is involved in continuing education, finishing a four-year course, Education for Ministry offered by the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South at her church. She and Joe are participants in a national peace group called Tikkun started by a Jewish rabbi with the goal of bringing peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. In September, 2004 she and Joe enjoyed an exciting cruise up the Columbia River from Portland as part of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. They travel often to see their seven grandchildren in California and Virginia.

Two members of our class who are enjoying the world of music are **Susan Tucker Yankee** and **Jean Probeck Wiant**. Susan and Dick spent an opera weekend in New York where they saw *Don Carlo*, *Der Rosenkavalier* and *Samson and Delilah*. They attended Lorin Maazel's 75th birthday celebration with the NY Philharmonic. **Jean Probeck Wiant** is an enthusiastic supporter of the Cleveland Institute of Music and is on their Board working on their Capital Campaign. She enjoys attending the symphony, ballet and opera. Jean is again editing a cookbook for the Children's Guild and is chairing the Mission Committee for her church. In September, 2004, **Bonnie Loyd Crane** visited Jean and they attended a concert that Jean had won at a silent auction,

followed by an enjoyable dinner together.

On the subject of music, our enthusiastic song leader from SBC days, **Mim Wyse Linsky**, sends news that they have been spending winters in Vero Beach, FL for 10 years. Their son Don and family live there. The rest of the year they are in Massachusetts near their daughter Faith and son Ned and their families. She reports that so far they are in relatively good health except for recovery from a broken wrist incurred in a fall. But as far as the 55th reunion is concerned, she says, "Je n'ai pas la force!"

Our sympathy is extended to **Kata Crain Edwards**, whose husband died in October, 2004, and to **Stokie Kyle Kimpel**, whose husband died in January, 2005. Stokie is in a nursing home in Atlanta and mail sent to her old house will be delivered to her by her son.

Some of you are undertaking the task of downsizing, i.e., trying to get rid of all the stuff you have spent all these years collecting! **Betsy Markgraf Waring** and Jim did this monumental task in six weeks and learned to make instant choices of save or discard. They are now residents of a retirement home in Richmond, VA. In Greenwich, CT, **Diana Dent** has moved to a retirement home. Several of us have talked to her and she reports that she is very happy, not missing those household chores at all! Guy and I had a good visit with **Nancy Storey White** in her attractive retirement apartment in Sarasota, FL in February. We enjoyed Spanish cuisine at the Columbia Restaurant. **Nell Greening Keen** is living in Tampa near her daughter and two grandchildren. Our visit with her was cancelled when Nell went to the hospital for a pacemaker. **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer** has relocated into a retirement community in Raleigh, NC. Another downsizer, **Henrietta Hill Hubbard**, has moved into a garden home in Montgomery, AL where she and Charles are enjoying flower and vegetable gardening. Her husband has recovered from recent surgery and they plan to spend the summer in Highlands, NC. Their eldest son, Clark, is an Episcopal minister in Tonawanda, NY. Son, Lister, is a lawyer in Montgomery. They have two married grandchildren and can't wait to become great-grandparents!

Our newsletter would not be complete without news of grandchildren—and for some of us, great-grandchildren! **Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson** writes that their ninth grandchild, Lisa, arrived on March 18, 2005. She wants to know if

she is setting some sort of record being the "oldest new grandmother." It seems to her that the rest of the class of '50 talks about grandchildren's graduations from college and of great-grandchildren activities. Waller says, "My family obviously has been very slow in the reproduction line." Their oldest grandchild is 11 and they spend their time going to grandparents' days at various schools and summering on the Chesapeake Bay.

An e-mail from Henry Randall, husband of **Yvonne Worley Randall**, relating that they met at Emory U. in Atlanta when he was in Medical School and she was in the first class to get a B.S. in Nursing. They have lived in Marietta, GA for 43 years and have five children and 18 grandchildren; 12 of the grands and three of their children live nearby. Their 54th wedding anniversary was May 4, 2005. They are in good health and enjoying life and hope others are equally blessed.

Joan Teotor Marder in Tucson, AZ has a combined family of grandchildren as she and Steve each had families before they married. They stay busy, either hosting children and grandchildren, or visiting them often. Joan's daughter, Emily, is still in show business and starred this past season in a show in Walnut Creek, CA.

A snowy Christmas at their Ranch House near Bay City, Texas, brought almost all the family together for **Margaret Lewis Furse** and husband Austen who, because of a spinal cord injury in 2000, is in a wheelchair, but is doing well. The reunion included the families of daughter Mary from Austin, daughter Janie from NYC, and son Austen from Houston. All the little children were ecstatic over the deep snow. Margaret is working on a family memoir of the older members of the family who moved to Texas in the 1800's. She comments, "I need to ask the older people in the family how things used to be and all the older people turn out to be only me!" She says she stays busy because it takes longer to run through her to-do list, which is easy to write down, but more time-consuming to accomplish!

The Great-Grandparenthood Award may well go to **Betsy Sawyer Hodges** whose tally is three great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren. She says, "It really keeps us young!" Betsy and Allen's oldest granddaughter is in Thailand with Mission to Unreached Peoples. The other two sisters are in college, one at UNCA and the other at Baylor U. in TX. Betsy and Allen have

downsized to a smaller new home in Port St. Lucie, FL where they weathered the hurricanes in good shape. They had more storm damage at their home in the Green Mts. of N.C., where they had to saw their way out with four big trees down and the power out. A happy occasion for their family was the wedding of their daughter Pam in Canton, PA.

Another special wedding at Thanksgiving, 2004, was **Dolly Clark Rasmussen** and John's daughter Cathy to Chris Packard in Dallas/Ft. Worth. The reception was held in an old meeting hall and theater, the Lancaster Theater, which was decorated like a fairland. Music was provided by talented family members. Dolly and John are still having fun with sing-a-longs at four retirement homes with a group of friends and both enjoy playing golf. They visited **Edie Brooke Robertson** and Peyton in Norfolk in March. Dolly told Edie she was coming for a christening. Edie thought it was a baby, but it was a ship! Our thanks to Edie for serving as Class President for the past 5 years. A new president will be chosen at the 55th Reunion. Edie and Peyton have also downsized, moving from their large home to a condo with a gorgeous view of the river. Lots of company, mostly children and grandchildren, have kept them busy. Their grandson will be attending the U. of Michigan in the fall. The Robertsons, along with **Lola Steele Shepherd** and Deedee, are planning to attend a Shepherd family reunion near Williamsburg in June. Then they will move for the summer to their rustic Waterloo house at Virginia Beach where they have been going for 40 years.

Lola Steele Shepherd and Deedee have been up to their ears in planning Deedee's 55th VMI reunion. According to Lola, "Deedee is the only one here with ears, eyes and functioning heart." Lola still rides her little mare every other day and goes to the chiropractor every few months! Their grandson is going to Colorado College in the fall. She sent news of other classmates: **Louise Moore** was excited about leaving in April for a tour of Sicily and **Mary Morris (Moe) Gamble Booth's** husband's health keeps her at home a lot. Later this year Lola is planning to stop by **Bill Bailey Frintzinger** in Vermont and **Nancy Drake Maggard** in NYC.

Our class continues to enjoy worldwide travel. **Pat Owens Purvis** and family will return to England and Wales in June, meeting their daughter, Lisanne (SBC '78). Pat and Lisanne flew to England for a weekend in March for a

friend's surprise 70th birthday party and last year attended a wedding in England. An Alaskan cruise is next on their agenda. **Bonnie Loyd Crane** spent Christmas in Berlin with daughter Melinda, who lives there. She traveled to Germany three times last year. In February, Bonnie took the SBC trip to Sicily, having been there 50 years ago. After 20+ years in the art gallery business, she may close her shop, but continue as a private dealer, or with a summer gallery. In November she visited daughter Amanda, traveling to San Francisco and Sonoma.

Ginger Luscombe Rogers is an avid traveler. She and **Dotsy Wood Letts** had a reunion in Palm Beach in February. Ginger says Dotsy's life in Palm Beach is much more glamorous than hers and they had a wonderful time. Unfortunately, Ginger overdid swimming in the ocean and hurt her back so had to cut the trip short. She is hoping for a speedy recovery so she can play tennis and golf. She also has a trip planned to Oslo to visit the American ambassador, followed by travel in England with her daughter and grandson. Her comment on her accident, "If I had listened to Miss Rogers when she told me to stand up and sit up straight on the horse, I probably wouldn't be in this state now!" Her daughter and 7-year-old grandson live close by, her other daughter lives south of Annapolis and her son is in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Her back willing, she hopes to attend Reunion in May.

Another classmate who has been recuperating from an accident is **Merry Moore Lynn** who took a fall off of her front porch and ended up in the bushes with a fractured arm and a large gash on her leg. During her six weeks recovery, Jim gave her lots of TLC and did everything, so she has decided he is a keeper! Merry is planning to resume working in her brother's office.

Pat Halloran Salvadori had an enjoyable trip to London in March. She took her grandchildren to spend Easter with Mario's family. She and Mario will spend Memorial Day in Toronto with their daughter Sharon before she leaves for Spain, where she will be teaching. In a telephone chat with Pat recently I learned that she had lived in Italy for 23 years after she was married. She said that her children speak better Italian than she does!

In spring of 2004 **Guy** and **I** had an interesting trip to Japan. In the fall we toured the Dordogne region of France. The beautiful countryside, the picturesque villages, and the delicious cuisine and

wine made for a great trip. In Paris we visited French pen pals, then took the Eurostar to London. After a visit with friends in the Cotswolds, we attended the annual meeting in Bath of the Quimper Club (French pottery). The reception was held on the terrace overlooking the Roman baths! In February 2005, we vacationed on Captiva Island which was devastated by Hurricane Charley which, along with two other hurricanes, hit central Florida depositing a tree on our roof and knocking out power for a week.

Anne Peyton Cooper and husband, Jim, spend a good part of the year in their home on the island of Eleuthera, Bahamas. They had a good trip in June, returning to London and on to Bath (an English Major's dream!). Rereading Jane Austen, they found she didn't like Bath very much, but they were charmed. Their return trip was on the QM2, a magnificent ship, but so large that they got plenty of exercise so there was no need to visit the ship's gym to work off calories! **Anne McNeer Blanken** lives in NJ near Annie P. She went on her first cruise last November with family and friends and had such a good time that she is going on another one this fall to the other part of the Caribbean and Mexico. She is still playing lots of tennis several times a week. She and Sally Bianchi had lunch together in February.

Saving one of the best for last... **Sally Bianchi Foster!** Sally writes about **Peachey Lillard Manning**: "I heard from one of Peachey's daughters, Julia. I tracked her down because she is a lawyer in the Philly area, as is my son. Actually, he tracked her down and I sent her a copy of the Peachey tribute. She thanked us all for our sympathy and added that 'the Manning girls remain close and strong' in spite of losing our stellar Mother," Ellen, (the eldest) has a daughter at UVA. Susan #13 has an athlete-scholar daughter at Ohio State and Army, the youngest, has two boys in private school near Philly. Julia and her husband are currently in China adopting their second daughter. Her name will be Catherine Peachey.

Latest update on **Bianchi**: As reported in last year's newsletter, she had her right knee replaced so now she sets off bells and whistles at airport security checks, but she is walking, not limping, through them. Undaunted, she had her second knee replacement so thinks she is set for the next 20 years. Only problem is that she wishes her friends would stop calling her the bionic woman! Bob's 80th birthday was

celebrated with a gala dinner with their extended family of 3 generations. In May they attended graduation ceremonies at SUNY-Buffalo where their daughter, Kate, as department chair, gave out the diplomas. July marked the celebration of Sal and Bob's 50th Anniversary. With family living nearby, they stay busy attending grandchildren's activities. In October, to prove her agility and stamina, Bianchi and her girlfriends took a 4-day hiking trip in the mountains.

I would like to especially thank **Bianchi** for her class spirit and enthusiasm through the years and for the many contributions she has made to our class letters. It has made my job not only easier, but much more fun! Her sense of humor is fantastic! But, when she is serious, she shares special thoughts such as the lovely tribute she wrote to **Peachey Lillard Manning**

After 5 years, I am retiring as Class Secretary. I would like to thank all of you who have shared your post SBC lives with us. I've enjoyed hearing from you! As Bianchi observed, "News of old friends seems to mean more each year." **Pat Halloran Salvadori** will be our next Class Secretary. Her contact information is above. Please give her your support!

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Warm winter greetings to all! The days lengthen to allow us to pursue all our interests, family and friends.

Some of us have moved. **Chloe Lansdale Pitard** and Dave hope to complete their slow move to their retirement home in the Easton, MD area this year. Last March, Chloe attended a lovely dinner party given by **Molly Owens Parkinson** when **Willia Fales Eckenberg** and Lennett visited New York City from Washington. Joining in the fun were **Molly Haskell** and Andrew Sarris and Ross and **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton**. Chloe and Molly enjoy opera together several times a year in NYC. Dick and **Faith Bullis Mace** have made their FL home their permanent one. They sold their home in Potomac, MD, where Faith lived for 50 years, and bought one in Gettysburg, where her daughter and brother live with their families. They've "downsized", 4 acres to 3, and their pool's down from 800 to 648 square feet. Last August they fished

in AK. In September, a mini re-union of Dick's family, and in October another with her family. **Julie O'Neil Arnheim** and Bill have a new house in Princeton, and **Martha Chandler Romoser** and William are still in VA, now in Fort Valley. **Winifred Storey Davis** and Tread moved to a townhouse, still on Peachtree Road, and "love having our own front door again."

It's my sad duty to tell you of the death last May of **Robin Wawro Bataillon** in Caen, France. Another unhappy event was the Christmas week, 2001, stroke which has **Susie Prichard Pace's** George using a wheel chair much of the time. His speech keeps slowly improving, but their travel is limited. "Every day is still a learning experience, so my brain stays young" and she takes care of their small rental business.

Kitty Carter Nelson, '62, is an occasional tennis "opponent", and "my 4 kids and 6 grandkids live within 8 miles and keep me in trouble."

Margaret Storey Wasson has lots of fun with her grandsons, 3 and 1, but misses her daughter who's moved near Colorado Springs after building a "great" house there. She and Ed had a good summer—a theater trip to NYC, visits to friends in ME, and time in the mountains in Cashiers, NC. Ed had his 50th high school re-union in September. Both Storeys and **Nancy Coppedge Lynn** and Jerry entertained **Nancy Hall** and **Suzie Philon Babcock** after Nancy came down to visit Suzie and the two of them drove to Atlanta for a "wonderful visit." Tread arranged for them to tour the Jimmy Carter Library "and it was all lovely" to be with old friends. Suzie and Huston enjoy their 6 grandchildren and live a quiet life. Nancy and Jerry spend summers in ME, with visits from the children and grandchildren and lots of water sports. Nancy played more golf last summer than ever, and continues to practice conversational French.

These days, **Claiborne Smith Jones** commutes from the San Francisco area to Los Angeles where Trent and his wife Cindy have a new baby girl. Claiborne's first grandchild, **Susan Cone Scott** traveled a lot last summer. First, a godchild's wedding in Lake Forest, IL where she had a delightful four days, connecting with one friend she'd not seen in 44 years, and with whom she now converses regularly by phone. She had some "not fun, but helpful" surgery. Three weeks later, she spent a month in New Orleans taking care of daughter, Alexandra, who had knee surgery and

used crutches. On her way back from New Orleans, she visited her son and his significant other near Austin, TX. She "got suited up and went riding with him on his motorcycle." In July, she drove back to New Orleans to pick up Alexandra and they spent three weeks on Afton Mountain enjoying cool VA air. Another godchild's wedding took her to ME, then back home to drive Alexandra back home. In autumn she resumed "a lot of volunteer work" back in Charlottesville.

From Prague, **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** writes that the city is full of tourists. She and Bill enjoyed seeing Ted and **Sally Mathiasen Prince** and Parker and **Adele Vogel Harrell**, '62. They also spent a weekend in Vienna with Lee and **Alice Cary Farmer Brown**. **Sue Bell Davies** from Cardiff, Wales is "busy as ever, that's how I like it!" When the tsunami struck Sri Lanka, she was there (inland) on holiday, and in July camped in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Along with her skiing, orienteering and tutoring, she continues to sponsor girls through Plan, a British charity know as the Foster Parents Plan in the States. Last spring, she stood for election to Parliament on a party seeking to get the U.K. out of the European Union, which is a "corrupt organization, never having audited its accounts. Our fishing waters have been stolen, our borders are wide open." She got more than the national average of votes for her party and was well pleased. She "would have been horrified if I'd gotten in and had to be sensible." Midst all this, she enjoys her 4 nearby grandchildren and counts her blessings, including a "fine new hip" and friends.

Suzanne Seaman Berry and Fritz were also in Sri Lanka in early spring, and also inland; the devastation was on the tips of the island and the east coast. She reports that damage was minimal, "as was the loss of life. Many who had gone to the beaches for the Christmas holidays were still in bed. Some fishermen were out on the sea early, so they could not see the strangeness of the water. They were o.k. Those who started late, stayed home and their boats were destroyed. Sri Lanka did suffer, but they were fortunate because the tsunami hit early—not like in Thailand. We also went to Tunisia, a lovely country, lovely sea." They enjoyed Roman Carthage and the desert, the carpets and ceramics.

John and **Alicia Laing Salisbury** spent most of the summer in Grand Lake, CO., returning to KS for commitments there. She also went to the Republican National Committee meeting in

Pittsburgh. Last January they attended inaugural events, and ran into storms each way. In the fall, they spent a week in Paris and the South of France before a Mediterranean cruise. In November, they flew to Maui to watch KU play in a basketball tournament, then on to Kauai to spend Thanksgiving with friends there. They both enjoy their volunteer work; Alicia is finishing up her second year as Chairman of the Topeka Community Foundation. **Lou Chapman Hoffman** happily cared for her 2 Bethesda granddaughters, 3 and 1, for a couple of weeks in July. Back home in New Orleans, she tends to an old house and continues research on a New Orleans artist, Josephine Crawford, who worked in the 1920s through the 1940s.

Fran Brackenridge Neumann travels as National Program Chairman for the Garden Club of America, to places like New York quarterly, Washington and Kansas City, and Denver come spring. She's learning to judge horticulture exhibits in flower shows, and is a novice judge for camellias. The Club's "mandatory" judging workshop last year was in Honolulu, and Rick joined her after class. Back home, she's on the board of Descanso Gardens and the historic Old Mill. Also gardening is **Laura Conway Nason**, trying to make the desert bloom in Sedona, AZ, a few miles north of Phoenix and a bit cooler.

The Nasons have lovely vistas of the Sedona red rocks from their living room and bedroom windows. She recently joined the Catholic Church, singing in their choir and also in the Canyon Singers—"lots of fun." Her Mother, **Eleanor Conway**, '32 lives nearby in a nursing home, having developed both Alzheimer's and congestive heart failure. Laura visits her almost every day. Last spring she had a recurrence of breast cancer after 13 years, so had a mastectomy in April, and, after trips to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale for check-ups, she's doing fine now. They miss their friends back east, and try to get to NH and PA yearly. Their neighborhood has a Red Hat group with whom Laura finds out more about her new state and makes more friends.

Bee Newman Thayer's note featured a composed and very clear photograph of their summer view toward the Franconia Range of the White Mountains. The Thayer gardens look mighty nice. Last year, Bee saw **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton** and **Judy Greer Schulz**. The Thayers usually enjoy some beautiful snow and cross-country

skiing with NH daughter Emily's children, Hannah, 10, and P.J., 8, before leaving in mid-January for the Palm City, FL home they bought in 2003, renovated and moved into in 2004. In late May, they head for VA, since Bee is still on the SBC Board of Directors, and *enthused* about the College. Then north to their NH mountains.

Rue Wallace Judd stays busy with her projects for Bright Sky Press. In Houston, she sees **Polly Chapman Herring** often, and also **Anne Allen Symonds** and **Betsy Pierson Griffin** as well as her son-in-law, Barclay Armstrong and daughter Nancy and John, 8, Alston, 6, and Juddy, 1. Her other daughter, Sallie, Mrs. Justin Abelow, and their toddler live in NYC. In Washington, Rue sees **Willia Fales Eckerberg**. In the summer of 2004 her family spent a month in Sweden with the Eckerbergs, renting a house in their neighborhood and playing with their combined grandchildren. **Diane Stevens** extols the weather in Seattle, and is an active volunteer with the Seattle Chamber Music Society, the Pacific Northwest Ballet, the Seattle Opera, and the Stevens Elementary School. She hikes with a group in the majesty of the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Last fall she ventured to the Galapagos Islands.

Possibly our champion traveler is **Simone Aubry**, who leaves her cats for voyages to the Antarctic, to Baja with **Patti Anderson Warren** in 2004, then back to Norway and the Arctic. Last spring, she visited the Atacama Desert in northern Chile, then boarded a ship to sail up the coast of South America visiting wildlife and indigenous peoples. After passing through the Panama Canal, she snokeled amidst sponges, corals, fishes and grasses. On Trinidad, at sunset, hundreds of scarlet ibis flew to one small tree island to roost for the night. Soon the trees seemed decorated for Christmas. Later, in a moonless night and in silence her party watched huge leatherback turtles come ashore to lay eggs on the same beach where they had hatched and gone to sea. She loves the beauty and wonders of the ice, and last June/July, she and Patti spent a week in Denmark, including the solstice on the beach with bonfires and singing, exploring Copenhagen, and boarding a ship. They sailed up the coast of Norway, touring fjords and islands and up to the Svalbard Archipelago, where they got close and personal with polar bears, walrus, myriads of miniature Arctic botany, fabulous birds and welcoming people.

Simone does admit that she came home to a leaking roof, neglected gardens, and her aging, forgoing and well-loved cats.

Up in ME, **Mary Gellerson Adams** heads a grassroots citizen petition drive to put a Taxpayer Bill of Rights on this year's ME ballot. This would limit increases in local and state spending to the rate of inflation and population growth. Mary and the group campaigned at local fairs, balloon fests, and the Festival de Joie. **Mary Denny Scott Wray** has resigned from the Board of Poplar Forest and finished a chairmanship job with Historic Garden Week so she has free time. Her youngest son and his family are in Mystic, CT, and another son and family are in NY, so she spent more time on Fishers Island in Long Island Sound last summer. She's happy that one son and family are in Richmond. **Zanne Carr Fitzgerald's** granddaughter is now a freshman at Sewanee, despite liking pink and green. Retired **Louise Cobb Boggs** spent a month last winter in Australia and New Zealand with two cousins. They went paragliding, which required a running start off the top of a 3,800 foot mountain, hot air ballooning as well as more normal sightseeing. In July she and John visited their son in law school in FL, and their son-in-law and daughter and their 3 sons, 6, 3, and 9 months in Ponte Vedra Beach. The Boggs spend a lot of time at their Chesapeake Bay home, and enjoy their Richmond grandchildren both places.

In this New Year, let's resolve to spend Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, back at Sweet Briar, catching up and having a splendid time with each other. Those whose plans are advanced include Louise Cobb Boggs, Susan Cone Scott, Bette Hutchins Sharland, Bee Newman Thayer, Mary Denny Scott Wray, Margaret Storey Wasson, and probably many more. Do make a contribution of any size to the Annual Fund, visit <http://www.sbc.edu/alumnae/reunion.html>, which is updated regularly, and then show up at Sweet Briar for our fun and festive Re-Union!

1965

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Twenty-four members of the Class of 1965 gathered in May to renew their acquaintance and update their friendship, and to take joy in Sweet Briar's lovely campus once again. I believe **Beverley Sharp Amberg** came the farthest—from vacation in Morocco—but **Alice Perry-Park** always deserves accolades for coming from Guatemala. Other attendees include: **Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger**, **Suzanne Fancher Berndt** (with brave soul and much appreciated husband Mike), **Sarah Porter Boehmle**, **Blair Both**, **Jean Shaw Byrne**, **Eugenia Dickie Caldwell** (has she changed at all?), **Alice Mighell Ficken**, **Pryor Hale** (too briefly), **Linda Schwaab Hodges**, **Betsy Benoit Hoover**, **Barney Walker Lutsk**, **Nancy MacMeekin**, **Susan Strong McDonald**, **Laura Haskell Phinizy**, **Milbrey Sebring Raney**, **Whitney Jester Renstrom**, **Carol Reifsnnyder Rhoads**, **Magda Salvesen**, **Saralyn McAfee Smith**, **Elvira McMillan Tate**, and **Katherine Weinrich van Geel**. We are all sizes and shapes, our hair is many shades of gray, and by the next one, our 45th, ye gods, we'll be on Medicare and Social Security! How can that be?

For me a highlight was a talk by artist/teacher **Jill Steenhuis** '80 about her life and painting in Aix-en-Provence. Jill was born in Atlanta but studied in Aix, and has made it her home for 20 years. My new Sewanee home will be graced by her signed print of a colorful Van Gogh-esque rooster.

Four of us joined in the choir for the Sunday service. One of the litany prayers caught my fancy: "For those who have succeeded mightily, for those who have lived in blessed ordinariness, and for those whose lives have been marked by weakness, pain, or failure, we praise you, O God, and bless your name." Much of my life has been blessed ordinariness! But there has also been mighty success, pain, and failure. Maybe most of us would say the same. What fun to get together and realize our commonalities and differences.

I was delighted to be asked to be your scribe until our 45th. Send me your news at any time, and I will collect and submit it for the *Alumnae Magazine's* three issues. Remember—cards are no

longer sent out! It's up to you to get in touch with me at the above address. Blessings to all. I'll enjoy hearing from you whenever you have news to share.

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Greetings all! "Holla holla!" to **Carol Remington Fogelsson** who has organized an effort to get everyone back in touch in anticipation of our 35th reunion in May 2006. Since we tend not to write letters often, and we're not always home for phone calls, it will be particularly helpful to have everyone's current e-mail addresses. If you haven't been e-mailed, called, or otherwise contacted yet by another classmate as part of this project—or if you're lying low and haven't yet replied to one you've received—here's your chance! Please send your current e-mail address to Mim and Carol so that we can keep you current on Class of 1971 happenings.

In the meantime, many thanks to everyone who's helping make those connections. We've made a great deal of progress so far—and we all owe you big time for this batch of notes!

As an example of how outdated some of our e-mail information is, received a great e-mail from **Dorothy Wetzig Brand** of Elmira, NY several months ago begging us to finally get her records corrected. "...my father-in-law is getting the 'notices' from SBC. That's one way to get me to respond! Our son, JB, is going to law school after four years in NYC. Our daughter, Laura, has been in NYC for two years. I've taken up golf, do some community work, and work for a friend who does estate sales. It's a great way to interact with people and furnish apartments!"

SuSu Schmidt has outstanding news. We recall that in the summer of 2002, she set out with her sailboat to recreate the voyage of Captain John Smith up the Chesapeake and spent 100 days on the bay. In January 2006, Johns Hopkins University Press will publish her account of the adventure: *Landfall along the Chesapeake: In the Wake of Captain John Smith*. You can pre-order the book by calling 1-800-537-5487. The pre-order ISBN number is 0-8018-8296-6. Bring a copy with you to Reunion for her autograph!

Nan Glaser LaGow travels regularly with 11 Sweet Briar friends "...every 18 months or so for a long weekend to various places. Most of them are from the class below ours. We really have fun, just as if no time has passed since our time at school... Our two girls are moving along as well. Elizabeth, our oldest, will graduate from William & Mary in May, and Caroline is in her first year at UVA, and loving it, of course. We hate being empty-nesters, but we are grateful that our girls are so close. Elizabeth plans to move to D.C. after graduation and try to apply her Art History/French education. I continue in my Interior Design business and Chris is still hard at work being an Attorney/Lobbyist. We wish for good health for all and a happy Spring/Summer." Nan is looking forward to our 25th reunion in May 2006.

Lynne Manov Sprinsky reports that she has turned pro. "People now pay me to help them improve their seats on a horse." She has recently become involved with an organization called Equestrian Education System based in Bozeman, MT, that incorporates the work of a German kinesiology and sports motion mediator named Eckart Meyner. His methodology is being incorporated into the curriculum of the national federation that regulates the education and licensing/certification of professional horsemen in Germany. She's started attending a series of symposia and seminars to learn more about the system and will be a demo rider for one such symposium in MD in August of this year. In September, she will spend a week in Germany with a group for more intense exposure. "Mastering all this information will likely take me a number of years, at the conclusion of which I will be certified to teach it." Lynne missed our last reunion because of husband Bill's hip replacement surgery but plans to be with us in May 2006.

After taking the early retirement option from EDS, **Martha Roton Terry** took a new data processing position with a firm in Mobile which she hopes will help cut down on her traveling, her stress, and provide more job security. Her son is due to graduate in May. Both she and **Frances Barnes Kenamer** plan to come to our 25th reunion.

Susan Sellers Ewing has retired from teaching and is enjoying having fewer responsibilities. Her two children are grown and out of town, which means she doesn't get to see them as often as she would like. Susan says that reunion was the first thing she put on her 2006 calendar.

Sally Uptegrove Lee teaches math at 6th grade level at Harpeth Hall School in Nashville where she received an award for her teaching last spring. She enjoys her work and doesn't see herself stopping any time soon. Her daughter, Rachel, graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio in 2001 and is married to Nathan Roche (Trinity alum). "The problem with sending kids off to college," says Sally, "is that they often then stay away." Rachel teaches ballet full-time and Nathan owns Litigation Dynamics, a firm that gets all the information together for trials. Her 85-year-old dad lives in St. Louis and has been taking Sally on various cruises. Isn't that cool? Last year they went to Italy and this spring they are going for two weeks to Africa. Sally wants to reconnect with **Mary Lou Skinner**.

Ann Webster Sanford teaches 3rd grade. Her two sons are 25 and 29, and her last child is scheduled to graduate from college in May. Three years ago after not having ridden since college, Ann bought herself a horse, Rocky. She says that she needs to get up on a stepladder to mount him, since she's not as agile as she used to be.

Jill Minnema Worth and husband Larry have finished renovating their house in Irvington, VA and are very happy there. Jill's mom stubbornly remains in NJ which gives rise to some traveling—and worry—on Jill's part. Larry's health is much improved. Until falling and breaking her ankle recently, Jill had been substitute teaching in the Lancaster County Schools. The district is "...so desperate that they've called regularly to ask after my health and well being. When I consider that many of the subs are the County's school bus drivers and that only a GED is necessary to be a sub, I'm not likely to have a swelled head about my popularity. Hopefully I'll be back to full speed in early May but it's been a long 3 months with no driving. I'm taking my god-daughter to SBC for a visit in the next few weeks. I also have an 8-year old granddaughter who I'd like to see attend, but my step-daughter is a Mount Holyoke grad and I expect she'll push Abby to go there."

As a result of helping to track down classmates, Jill reconnected with her former roommate, **Martha Bickham Singleton**, with whom she'd lost touch years ago. They communicated via e-mail and then Martha and her husband, Tom, met Jill and Larry for lunch on their way to a golf week in Williamsburg. "We sent the husbands on an hour's tour of our area's golf courses so that we could

chat about a variety of things that didn't interest them. Such fun...hadn't seen her for more than 20 years!"

Through **Carol Remington Fogelsong**, we received our first-ever update from **Karen Webber Foster**. She had been an account executive with Xerox for about 6 years and then moved to a sales position with Prudential Financial. For the past 5 years or so, she's been with Caesars Entertainment, Inc. as a supervisor of table games (poker, blackjack, etc.) She oversees the dealers and the players, making sure the money count is accurate (watching for card counters or dealers who are stealing money). She reports a certain amount of culture shock from watching the money moving, the drinking, and the losing. Karen's dad died when she was in her senior year at SBC and she promised him that she would graduate. Her mom is fine both financially and physically. Karen was married at 22 and divorced in 1985, with no kids. However, she's been a surrogate mother to her four nieces and nephews. In speaking with Jill, Karen talked about the lost art of letter writing. She'd like to leave a legacy for her nieces and nephews of the words she's written to them on birthdays, various graduations, holidays, etc. When her nieces and nephews were younger, they weren't always receptive to what she was writing them or what she was telling them. Now they tell her that they look forward to her writings and cherish them.

Deborah Eck reports that she has relocated to San Diego from Los Angeles. She is still in the travel business, primarily doing groups to Europe, although she has a group of 300 in the works for Israel in 2006.

Carol Cooper reminds us of the need to be aware of colorectal cancer. As reported in a previous note, she had colon cancer in 2000. "Luckily I didn't have to have chemo, but the recovery from the surgery was difficult. My last colonoscopy came out just fine thank God. If you haven't had the test done, I tell everyone get the test. I was sick for a long time but didn't get the test done in time. The doctor said my tumor was probably around sitting quietly for about four years." Carol remains active in the Lions Club and the National Federation of the Blind. "Weekends keep me busy doing housework and errands since I still work full-time at the Patent Office...I would like so very much to attend our reunion next year, but transportation will be my problem. There isn't much in the way of transportation to SBC from

here, so I am hoping perhaps I can work out a ride with a classmate from the Washington, DC area."

Linda Lewis Brauer stays in touch with college friends. "My roomie, **Becky Bottomley Meeker**, surprised me about two years ago when she and David were at the American Club in Kohler, WI for a meeting... It always seems like we can pick up where we left off! Then, about a year-and-a-half ago, Warren and I surprised **Nancy Wood Ambrosino** and Drake in Ann Arbor, MI. They, too, are doing great. I also hear from **Kathy Wilson Lamb** each year. Becky, Kathy, **Judy Wilson Martin, Michelle (Mimi) Sonstie Guy**, and I had a mini reunion several years ago in Washington, DC, but it's definitely time to "find" everyone again. I look forward to the 35th!

Kathy Wilson Lamb says, "My younger daughter is getting married here in Atlanta on May 14th, and my older daughter is getting married in Wintergreen, VA on October 1st, so my work is wedding planning! **Wendy Norton Brown** is helping me with the Wintergreen since she has a house there! Hectic, but fun!"

Ellen Weintraub reports that her godchild, **Wendy Weiler** the daughter, "...is just about to start at SBC, so I am just thrilled at that prospect. I'm not sure how Caroline will ever get any work done... Aunt Ellen, her Mom, and Wendy's sisters (also SBC) plan to be there very frequently."

Anne Milbank Mell hopes to make it to reunion; however, her calendar is filling up fast! Two daughters are graduating around that time: Caitlin from Miami U. of Ohio and Meredith from B school in Boston. Also, her goddaughter will be graduating from Duke. Son John is in San Francisco working for a small asset management company and is very happy. "Husband John is reinventing himself for the age 50+ job hunt, and I'm busy at my job and then assisting my dad with his projects in some of my spare time! Both my men are fun to be with so I'm very lucky. They keep me busy!"

From **Barbara Smith Young** we heard that "...KY, like VA, finally had a taste of spring last week. Unfortunately, it didn't last long. Today is wet, windy and cold, with a chance of snow showers. Other than that all is well in KY. I keep very busy with various civic and volunteer activities, including a position on the Board of Trustees at the U. of Kentucky and also as a Director at Sweet Bnair. I have really enjoyed reconnecting with Sweet Bnair and various friends and

classmates on the Board including our own **Michela English, Bonnie Palmer McCloskey** ('70) and **Ginger Upchurch Collier** ('72). Ginger is the incoming chair, following Michela. It is an exciting time at Sweet Briar right now. The curriculum is being restructured and applications are way up over previous years. On a personal note I am in the homestretch of planning my daughter's May 21st wedding. It is a very happy time. Bill and I are also very pleased that our son has moved back to Lexington from San Francisco and is taking an active role in our horse business."

Barbara also brings us news of **Claire Kinnett Tate, Libby Tyree Taylor, and Martha Stewart Crossland**. Claire is in Charlotte, NC, where she runs a non-profit after-school activity program for children. She has two children, a daughter who went to Colorado College and has since returned to Charlotte and a son who is a senior in international business at Georgetown. Libby lives in Atherton, CA. Her son was accepted early-decision at UVA so she will be heading east more often during the next few years. Martha is an attorney for the Department of Energy in Washington, DC. Her specialty is nuclear waste. She has a daughter who also lives in Washington and is employed by NBC and a son who is graduating from Notre Dame.

Betty Duson is still maintaining a small private practice, but has also taken a full-time position as Psychologist in the Counseling Center at Texas Woman's University Houston Medical Center Campus. "It's wonderful to be back in a predominantly women's academic setting. Al and I will be facing an empty nest 3 months sooner than we had expected, as our son Andy graduates from high school this May and enters the U. of Texas-Austin in June. Letting go of our only child is going to be really tough, but we are really looking forward to catching up on 18 years of foregone travel opportunities! One of those could very well be the 35th Reunion! Spring has definitely sprung here, and it is spectacular!"

Kathy Garcia Pegues' daughter, **Emily** (SBC '00) is employed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. ("Sweet Briar really set her up well.") Son, Adam, (Naval Academy '03) is finishing his Master's at UVA in engineering and will enter flight school at Pensacola in August. He married a West Pointer who flies Blackhawk helicopters and is deployed in Iraq. Their lives will be very

complicated—Army and Navy—and they may not live in the same time zones for several years. His bride, Kathryn, is beyond wonderful. Husband John is still in education, but gave up administration to get back into guidance. After 27 years as a high school administrator, he feels partially retired by comparison. I'm teaching English to gifted/talented middle school children at a brand new school with awesome technology and love it. I can't wait to see everyone at reunion! (Will we have a Sweet Tones reunion?)"

Recently, **Louise Jackson** co-hosted an engagement party for **Nancy Kate Green Hargrove's** son. Nancy's husband, Joe, is one of Louise's childhood family friends. Nancy is retired from teaching in a private school in Shreveport here and works several days a week in a neighborhood bookstore owned by friends. She has two grown boys. Also, Louise says that **Todd Moseley Brown** and husband, Bill, will be coming to Shreveport for a visit.

By the time of this printing, **Kathy Fisher Morland**, will be retired. When she wrote to us, she'd given notice effective June 30th and was pressing to complete several projects her last day. She was also training to teach ESL and was planning to spend a couple of weeks in France in April. "All in all, this is an eventful spring...I'm rather overwhelmed with the significance of the retirement thing. I'm both excited and a bit scared. But it is too tempting to pass up."

Alisa Yust Rowe wrote that she has "wonderful memories of Sweet Briar and the friends I made there. I have two daughters, neither of whom I could convince to go to Sweet Briar. One did go to UVA though. I was saddened to read of **Mary Bell's** death. I remember her as a sweet, pretty girl and sent her a note when our SBC notes first told about her cancer. It is hard to believe that so many years have passed since the SBC days. We've grown older but hopefully our hearts are all still young."

Dear **Jacque Penny** returned some time ago from a "fabulous" three-week vacation in France. Who else on earth do we know who'd get a gig cat-sitting in the Loire Valley?

I've added my name to the rolls of those in our class who are reinventing themselves. I liked my sabbatical so much that I decided to make it permanent and am now pursuing my music full-time, with studies in improvisation with someone in Washington, DC and repertoire with Allen Huszti at Sweet Briar. I've got my first full-time church

job in 30 years. My music interests will take me to Roanoke in July for a recital (someone else's, not mine), and I've been in touch recently with **Laura Mink Gardner** with hopes of getting to see her while I'm there. I haven't laid eyes on her since graduation. Her son, Tready, is a freshman in high school and has just started his first job as a cashier at a local supermarket. Daughter Faith is 13 and an avid soccer player. Finally, I saw **Anne Helms Cooper** at Michela's "retirement" dinner at Sweet Briar. At first, I didn't recognize the slim, beautiful blond sitting across the table from me. It was fun to catch up with her, and I'm looking forward to seeing her again on a future trip to the area.

So, that's all the news I have that's fit to print. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion 2006.

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Jean Platt Rospondek writes: "It has been an interesting year, I became a grandmother, bride, and stepmother, and a new homeowner, all in the same year! My oldest daughter, Jessica (23) and her husband Vincent had a baby boy, Colin Vincent Paul on May 31, 2004. I spent several days with them before he was born and stayed a little over a week after he was born, to help out and bond (since his paternal grandparents live only 2 miles away and get to see him all the time). Of course, he is adorable! On August 14th, Stan's daughter Amy (26) got married to her boyfriend of 10 years, Tim. We wanted to wait until after their wedding to announce we were getting married so that we wouldn't take any attention from them, so finally Stan and I got married in our backyard on October 16 (check out our pictures in a special section of my website, <http://www.jpilpiga.com/albums>, regular web address is <http://www.jpilpiga.com>). On March 25th we had purchased a new home, 2 miles from Stan's old home, and Amy, Tim, and Stan's son Brian (29) live in the other house (they bought it from him, Dec 30, 2004). Katie (22) is finishing up her last undergraduate year at Clark U in Worcester, MA and next year will have her master's degree. I am still busy teaching golf and for all those SBC business execs who have not added golf to their list of businesses tools, the LPGa runs clinics for business women

(although anyone can attend) in about 14 cities around the country (the receiving charity for proceeds is Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation) and I do most of the east coast swing (now up to about 7 or 8). Usually there are about 150-200 participants and 20-25 LPGa instructors for a day of golf instruction (beginners to experienced-divided by perceived ability), networking and eating! Always fun—we are in MA twice. Anyone interested should check out LPGa.com for info. Sorry this is so long, but it is snowing here so I'm home for the day and have time to catch up on things, like correspondence. As you have heard, things are good here—hope all is well with you and your family—email if you have time. If you go to the wedding picture site, and I hope you will—you'll see one or two pics pop up and it says Jean and Stan, underlined, if you click there the rest of the pics will pop up—there are about 35. Because it is on my website it loads instantly so you won't have to wait hours for a file.

1982

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Gracie Tredwell Schild sent word from Germany that she and her husband Georg are living in the small town of Moessingen. He is a professor of Modern History at the U of Tuebingen. Their son Christoph is 7 and attends a German school. She would love to have SBC visitors!

Molly Johnson has changed careers and is now selling real estate in Chicago.

Diane Dunaway Boles was married last year and lives around the corner in Griffin, GA from **Sally Shapard Peak**. Several SBC classmates attended Diane's wedding. Her husband is a professor in the Business School at Georgia State. Sally keeps busy with her four children while her husband is studying for a law degree. She enjoys seeing **Torie Lee Adams** in the summer in the Carolina mountains.

Molly Finney Grenn gave birth on Feb. 26, 2005 to Grace Louise. Molly reports that Gracie is an easy and delightful baby.

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Wedding bells are ringing! **Denise**

Barrett is married now and is now **Denise Newsome. Katie Keogh** is engaged and she is so happy! His name is Doug Weidner and he is W&L class of 1977. All is well in her world—her kids are thrilled as well.

Stephanie Sprouse is engaged! They met at a landscaping seminar over a big rosemary bush. No date has been set yet—they are just enjoying themselves. She and her son, Jackson, are doing well in CT. Jackson is 4 and he loves school. He is reading already which amazes Stephanie. He also listens to classical music. She is into kickboxing and running again. They have vacationed on both coasts again. She has also reconnected with many of her childhood friends.

Nancy McDonald left CT and is teaching 5th grade in King George, VA. She likes being back in VA and she has even driven by SBC a few times.

Hilary Higgins Tonelis lives in Safety Harbor, FL with her husband, Joe, who works for Stryker Orthopaedics and her two children—Hayley (8) and Tyler (6½). Her children attend a Montessori Academy which keeps her busy volunteering with cooking, gardening, reading, field trips, parties and fundraisers. She is also the taxi for Taekwondo, baseball, basketball and ballet. She loves hearing from **Sara Whitt** via her Christmas letter and is hoping to touch base with other classmates soon.

Ro Putz is doing well at SBC. She would love to hear from other turning point students. **Stacey Sickels Heckel** stays busy with her figure skating team, Ice Force One. They won their first national medal in synchronized skating in Feb. She is still skating and coaching the team. She and David moved to Severna Park, MD and bought her mom's house. They have taken up swing dancing (the Lindy Hop) and they find it a great way to spend time together. She ran into **Azalea "Renata" Leckzans Davis** '85 at a lacrosse game between their sons. She has two children Kent and Leland's ages and she lives in Gambrills, MD. She saw **Sonja Grul Dupourque** and she is expecting her second baby. Stacey was overjoyed to recruit a future SBC student who enters this year as a freshman,

Hilary Holbrook. Since she doesn't have daughters, she's content with helping to recruit her friends' daughters.

Lee Ann Conard is enjoying her job in the Section of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Lisa Thompson reports that life is returning to normal after many months of repairs from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne that hit Vero Beach. Thankfully, she only had minor damage to her home. Thirty-six hours of hurricane-force winds was quite an experience. Both were equally challenging with no power or phone service. She thinks she may go to a spa to ride out the next hurricane. Life and her law practice are busy and great. **Stacy Meadows Apter** and Lisa are in touch quite often.

Cynthia Magnus is still studying Middle-East history.

Erica Hennig Subramaniam is expecting her 2nd baby in Sept. They are thrilled, excited and nervous. This will make her children two years apart. She is working part-time one day a week at Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College Library. She loves it and the schedule is just perfect. She spends her time keeping up with Lauren who is running full speed now.

Chrissy Tellalian is still working for Sony in Washington, DC. I'm sad to report that she lost her mother last Sept. and she is still feeling the emotional aftershocks. She did have a chance to attend **D'Andrea Simmons** '89 wedding in Dallas in Oct. Lots of SBC-ers there. Chrissy commented "For those who remember D'Andrea, she always did things big and her wedding was nothing short of spectacular." Everyone can see the highlights of her wedding on The Learning Channel as a part of a new show entitled "Sheer Dallas." She also ran into **Katherine Cooper Hoffman** '91 at a nail salon in Georgetown. She looks fantastic. Chrissy invites anyone passing through Georgetown to look her up! **Anne Robling Percival** just got back from Sweet Briar. She was there for a Spring Alumnae Board meeting and enjoyed seeing **Eden Zuckerman Brown** and **Cecilia Moore**. Anne is a producer/art buyer at a Richmond, VA ad agency.

Eden Zuckerman Brown and her husband, Bill, are still working hard. He is really enjoying his work in school administration and has recently been promoted to VP. She still loves working in private practice. They recently took a trip to Cancun and have several other vacations planned for 2005 including Jamaica in the fall.

Whitney Bolt Lewis is in touch with **Mary Halliday Shaw** who recently moved to Atlanta. Whitney says Mary's boys are as cute as they can be and well on their way to being rock stars. She also hears from **Katie Keogh**. Whitney is running a veterinary hospital in Charlotte, NC. And she has a house full of boys—aged 39, 4½ and almost 3. She also has 2 4-legged girls—Gracie and Pollie. They are all doing well and look forward to a fun-filled summer with trips to the beach.

Mary Halliday Shaw reports that her family is adjusting to Atlanta—and it is even starting to grow on them.

Christina Savage Lytle is keeping busy with another house renovation, hopefully their last for some time. Her girls are busy with school and their assorted activities—including summer camps and travel. They will be in Newport, RI for the July 4th holiday and in the Outer Banks, NC—she'd love to see other classmates if anyone is going to be in the vicinity. They had fun this winter with trips to Disney World and to the Homestead. Tina is looking forward to working with **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun** '95, **Sally Lovejoy** '80, **Stacey Sickels Heckel** and some other friends on an art show and reception for **Jill Steenhuis Ruffato** '80. Jill is a wonderful painter who lives in Aix-en-Provence with her husband and three sons. She is coming to Boston and DC in May and then to Sweet Briar for her reunion. Hope to see more SBC-ers at the reception! Jill is generously donating a percentage of the proceeds from her show to our DC Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund.

Polly Sattler has started her own firm, Sustainable Business Partners, to promote and grow small sustainable businesses. It is challenging and fun. She had a great time with **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Katie Keogh**.

Leslie Corrado reports that she splits her time between San Francisco and Rehobeth Beach with photography studies on both coasts. She spent the winter in Australia for a second winter in a row. She is hosting a group of our classmates at her beach house in June. The attendees include **Kate Cole Hite**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese**, **Katie Keogh**, **Christen Anderson Abernethy** '89, **Minta Jones**, **Polly Sattler**, **Beth Bennett Haga**, **Amy Ottaway** '89, **Helen Bradley Tarbutton** '89, **Stacey Sickels Heckel** and **Paige Apple Montinero**.

Kathryn Ingham Reese is teaching middle school English at Tower Hill

School in Wilmington. She is coaching the 7th and 8th grade lacrosse team. Her daughters, Landon and Elliot are 5 and 3 and a ton of fun. She's really excited about the beach house mini-reunion at **Leslie Corrado**'s!

Heather Shettle Buerger is still living in Baltimore with her 3 wonderful children. She is celebrating her first anniversary with KB. And, she is still practicing law. She went to Natchez, MS to visit family—two cousins, both SBC girls—**Mrs. Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun Banta** '57 and her sister **Mrs. Ethel Green** '55. They had a lovely time. Her girls really enjoyed the connection. This is Ethel Green Branta's 50th reunion.

Denise Landau Blind is swamped with non-stop baseball. Her son, Tyler, plays in two leagues—one of them is with 5th graders and he's still in 4th grade. Their games are very exciting to watch and her daughter, Chelsea, is a big fan. Chelsea is on the "pre-team" in gymnastics and will start competing on beam, floor and bars in January. She and Denise are still spending a lot of time at the barn and at shows. Denise had a wonderful opportunity to go to the Cayman Islands in March with her girlfriends. She says she has never been so relaxed! They have planned a family trip to Palm Springs for the fall and to FL in Dec. with her brothers, parents and all 8 grandkids!

Ellyn Palermo Theophilopoulos is currently a pediatrician and an assistant professor of medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. In the fall of 2005, she will begin law school at Stetson University College of Law to pursue practicing health law and pediatric advocacy. She and Dean have been married 13 years. They have 4 children—Joanna 7, Ty 5, Alex 3 and Drew 1. Life is always exciting and crazy. She would love to hear from our classmates—ellyntheo@yahoo.com.

Lisa Tennant is still in Houston and very busy with Junior League projects! She is serving as a project chairwoman and that occupies all of her free time.

Susan Detweiler called from the road to report in—from AK. She has been mountaineering and rock climbing. She is going back to "the ice" in Antarctica in Sept for 4½ months. She still enjoys climbing in the Grand Tetons and she will be climbing in the Alps in August. Her boyfriend, Larry, is her travel partner. While they were in Portland, she saw **Jennifer Roach** and her two young sons. She has also seen **Wendy Hastings** and **Kim Belcher Harvey** in

NC with her 3 sons. She recently received an email from Prof. Edwards about her adventures.

Mariam Khan is still looking for a job in communications, writing or public relations. If you have any advice, please email her at maryamkhan@hotmail.com.

Kathleen will be three years old in July. Boy does time fly! I am a marketing manager for EarthLink in Atlanta. Juggling work and motherhood is tricky but I really enjoy it. John and I enjoy the theater—and a grown-up night out periodically. We also have a very spoiled English Bulldog named Juliet. Thanks for reporting in!

1991

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We have gotten a decent response to our class notes. Even though we are able to have notes in every magazine, our responses seem to happen more frequently twice a year. Here's what I have learned... **Al Doucette** and Billy are in the middle of moving. He has been stationed on a boat based out of Japan for a year so they have sold their home in Pensacola, FL and moved all of their belongings to VA. Al is living with her mom and visiting Billy in Japan whenever the ship is in port. They're hoping that after the year apart they will be stationed together in mainland Japan for 2 years. She says life is good, they survived hurricane Ivan and everyone is healthy. She is looking forward to painting a lot while Billy is away. She wishes everyone well. **Signee Hoffman** is remodeling her backyard. She says it's a lot of manual labor. Her patients are keeping her on her toes. **Lisa Rabasca Campbell** is living in Maplewood, NJ with her husband Bob, her two-year-old daughter Bridget and has another on the way in August. She says that although it's not always easy being a stay-at-home Mom, she wouldn't have it any other way! **Jackie Kiono** reports that Vic Mignona (He acted in many SBC productions during our time there) is doing the voice of Ed Allric on *Full Metal Alchemist*, an anime shown on the Cartoon Network. **Carey Bates** lives in Southbury, CT, and works as a Technical Writer for Computershare/Transcendent full-time. She and her partner, Allison, are saving up to begin a bed-and-breakfast venture in ME. Carey communicates with **Amber Vellenga** regularly. Although dismayed at the thought of Sandra Day O'Connor stepping

down (more the new appointment), Carey listens to NPR every day and revels in new music (jazz, hip-hop, and acoustic). Carey has been playing too much golf, fishing (fly and lake), and singing in operettas (primarily Gilbert and Sullivan). Carey would ideally like to return to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to play acoustic guitar on Friday nights in the Bistro, but is satisfied knowing that someone else is doing just that at this very moment. She just helped her parents move to Tampa, FL, the location to which her father was transferred for work at the age of 63!

Susan Sickels Dyer is preparing to take her two boys to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland for the summer of 2005. Ken Jr. (9) and Teddy (8) are avid ice and roller hockey players. She is returning to competitive figure skating this winter, will compete against her sister, **Stacey Sickels Heckel '88**, who now resides in Severna Park, MD. Susan remains active as Administrator of the boys' private school, coordinates family retreats for her Church, gardens year-round, entertains often, and makes stained glass windows for a new house. She is amazed at the changes taking place on SBC's campus. She welcomes your persuasion to get her back to SBC for our 15th. dyersd@post.harvard.edu. We all would love to see you Susie! **Tori Hutcheson De Michele** has been busy with the horses, showing, and expanding the program on their farm. She enjoyed horse showing in Lexington, VA this spring and while there visited **Mary Landford Price**, her husband Tim and their new twin girls. She looks forward to visiting them again soon for the Christening.

Ruth Ewers is in her 13th year as a social worker for Region Ten Community Services Board in Charlottesville. She is also in her first year of graduate school, studying for a Masters of Science in Social Work and Human Services. She is living with her husband in Nelson County in a home that has been in the Cabell Family for over 200 years. The estate, Edgewood, is under consideration for the Virginia Historic Register.

Sonia Haddad Safiti is living in Omaha, NE with her husband and three children. Shereen is now a 5th grader and Shareef a 3rd grader and their newest addition, Matthew, is 20 months old. They keep her busy with all their activities and sports. She spends her time volunteering at the school, playing tennis, doing aerobics at the gym and cheering her kids on the soccer field!

Her husband, Marwan, is practicing Cardiology in Omaha 10 minutes from their house. They both enjoy keeping up with current affairs as there's so much change going on in the world. They went back to Jordan last summer for her sister's wedding. They're moving from Ann Arbor back to Jordan this summer. Wish them luck! (Do do.)

Kristin Walberg Urbach enjoys being a mother of two girls, Kelsey and Kallie, who are 3 and 4 years old. She has been working as an independent HR consultant in the think tank and technology industries. After serving four consecutive years on the board of directors in various roles, she just concluded her year (on June 1st) as the Treasurer of the Junior League of Washington, DC. She had a fantastic time as one of **D'Andrea Simmons Manges'** bridesmaids along with **Amy Lemieux** and **Connie Gerhman** in her wedding last October. She also has seen some fellow alumnae at the League such as **Betsey Hannah** and **Margot Boudin**.

Laurel LeStrange Ashley saw D'Andrea and her bridesmaids on TLC. I hope many of you did. Laurel says that not a whole lot is new; she is still breeding and training Appaloosas and Quarter Horses, though she may be able to open up an Equine-Assisted Therapy program later this year at their facility, Four Winds Farm. She has been improving her "natural horsemanship" skills for training, for those not in the horsey-business, you can call her a "Horse Whisperer." She has also recently gotten into team penning, and still spends as much time as possible riding through the mountains on her horse. She is still working with abused and neglected children and their parents, trying to break the abuse cycle in families, and has recently been elected to the board of the NC Child Abuse Prevention Team. She would like to let everyone, especially **Amy Lemieux**, know that she can be reached at jericho190@yahoo.com.

Lorraine Stanley sends updates from NC. She is still living at the beach and loves it. She is working on her second home in historic New Bern. The house is lovely, built in 1850 and one block from the waterfront. Since her father's passing in July 2004, she has taken over management of the family business—Coastal Electronics. Her time is filled with managing the business, lots of travel, and finalizing her father's estate. She had a chance to be in DC where she spent some time with **Melanie Duke** and **Amy Lemieux**.

She is enjoying the traveling and hopes to visit some other locations where she can meet up with SBC alumnae.

Melissa H. (Pack) Faraday currently lives in Manassas, VA and runs the family insurance agency. Her husband Jonathan Collins Faraday passed away in 2000. She is currently engaged and is getting ready to move into a new house that they had built in Manassas. She sold her old house which was down the street from some other SBC'ers to yet another SBC'er!

Laura Rose Martin reports that not much is happening in Dothan. She is a SAHM to 3 kids (Kyle 10, Nathan 8 and Elizabeth 5). She is kept busy with all their activities. She just received her SCUBA certification and Laura and Chris are looking forward to getting to do some diving this summer. She can't wait for reunion next year! **Lea Renee Gardner Tikka**, husband Ari and daughter Sophia welcomed a new baby boy, Luka Jonas, to the family September 28, 2004.

After seven years of battling infertility, **Mary Lanford Price** and husband Tim were overjoyed as Virginia Gay Price and Elaine Compton Price born May 16, 2005. The girls, who are fraternal twins, were conceived by in vitro fertilization at the Genetics and IVF Institute in Fairfax, VA. Any SBC'er who is dealing with infertility and wants someone to talk to is more than welcome to contact Mary. The girls are the result of their third attempt at IVF, so to anyone who is still trying to get pregnant, hang in there! The whole issue has become Mary's pet cause, after seven years of struggle. She is sure she's not the only SBC'er who's been down that long and lonely road. She would love to be an email pal or "listening ear" to someone else dealing with the same heartbreak. Please contact her at timandmaryp@nexus.net.

Nicole Gauthier had a healthy beautiful baby girl on March 9th and her name is Chloe. She is wonderful and Nicole and her husband are so grateful for her...she is such a blessing. Life in CA is great (you can't beat the weather) and now that she's not working she is devoting all of her time to being a mother and wife. On June 4th in Wash, DC several SBC alums, **Donna Peters '91**, **Claire Batson Stapleton '91**, **Ann Kihudie '92** and I, threw a baby shower for **Melinda Aufmuth Wick '92**...she's due August 15th. They're excited to all get together and will friends be seeing one of their dearest HSC friends Reed Skaggs (graduated HSC '92). **Wendy Pressell Sullivan** reports that her daughter

Elizabeth is fine and doing very well in school—was 15th out of 867 kids in a national French competition they had at her elementary school. Wendy is in disbelief over turning 36, as so many of us are. Darby is 9½ months old now, growing like crazy, cutting teeth, trying to walk, and getting into everything. They are looking forward to taking a break at the beach in FL. They haven't been to the beach since Elizabeth was 3.

Bonnie Dawson is investing in Topsail Island, NC and has a huge beach house on the ocean. She just got back from Europe with her daughter Jenny and son-in-law Ryan. All three of her girls are grown and two are married. Heather has two girls and lives in OK, she is going to nursing school. Jen is living in Raleigh, graduated from George Mason U. and working for IBM. Vanessa is in Richmond, she graduated from VMU working with a dentist. Ed, Bonnie's husband, is doing well, he watches the farm and works building roads, while she drives back and forth from VA to NC to sell real estate on the seashore. She has more plans for this year, but doesn't want to get too overwhelmed. She sends her best wishes to all of her SBC friends. **Suzanne J. Petrie** is enjoying being Director for Latin America at Dept. of Homeland Security (but some sleep would be nice). She is honored to have been asked to be the graduation speaker at SBC this year for class of 2005 and has donated her honorarium to SBC toward the class of 1991 giving. (The whole class is most appreciative of her generosity.) Her horse is doing great; they're still showing in the hunter pleasure division. She misses having a life and thinks it might be time to get a private sector job (after 13 years in government!).

Kristin Walberg Urbach, Amy Lemieux, and Connie Gerchman were 3 of the bridesmaids in D'Andrea's wedding. Kristin and Amy appeared on D'Andrea's TLC show, "Sheer Dallas." They filmed her closing the door on the camera crew while D'Andrea was getting ready in the changing room prior to walking down the aisle. There was a close-up of Amy getting her hair styled. D'Andrea looked beautiful, as always, and married a wonderful man named David. **Kristin** says motherhood is wonderful. Her daughter, Kelsey, is four and her daughter, Kallie, will be three in June (2005). She has been an HR consultant for 3 years and is the Treasurer of the Junior League of Washington (2004-2005 year). **Karen J. Carlisle** moved to Chicago and is still working for Sara Lee.

She would love to hear from any SBC alum in the area.

Ann Keating Ashley can hardly believe it's been nearly 14 years since graduation! She and Philip, Sr. are still living on the Corsica on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore. They built their home in 2001 and moved in shortly after giving birth to her son, Philip, Jr. Her daughter, Eileen Prosser (Eily) followed a year later. Phil is busy running his company and she returned to work as the Director of Strategic Marketing for Whitlock Infrastructure Solutions in May of 2004. Her children were desperate to have someone other than Mommy be their playmate and she was ready for the "Brain Food." Fortunately, she only puts in 25 hours per week, and can work from home. **Karen T. Hott** came for a visit last spring, and is slated for another in the coming months.

Kathryn Hagist Yunk and her husband Daniel traveled to Paris in May for a long weekend and a much needed respite. It's been quite a year with having a new baby, balancing careers and managing miscellaneous house projects (that never seem to end). We celebrate our 9th anniversary this year and are in the midst of planning baby Emily's 1st birthday soiree!

As for me, I have had a crazy year. I started a new job teaching 3rd grade in NYC. The beginning of the year was difficult as we helped my mother recover from her accident in the summer of '04. The commute was so much better, and I was much happier in my new environment. I had more time to concentrate on my ministry to youth on Long Island. I took a course and became a licensed visiting minister. Unfortunately, my first visit was to my own father. He fell ill during Christmas break and was in the hospital for three months. It was difficult but we found that friends are the true strength in the world. Dad is home now and is working from the house. One more surgery to go. I did get a break and went to the Sundance Film Festival in Utah with my siblings. My brother-in-law's movie, *Love Ludlow* made it into the festival. It was great! We saw some stars and had some time away from the hospital. The movie was a big hit and was nominated for an award. It will be on cable very soon.

I have kept in touch with various classmates including **Shelby Filson**, who was in NY for a conference during the early part of 2005. **Clover Shaman** is doing well in MS. She has a new baby girl and is currently staying home

with her. I wrote her email address on a scrap of paper and lost it, would love to have it again. I have heard from **Carey Bates** and **Kate Haw**. At the writing of this, I am preparing for a mission trip to E.Y.E. (Episcopal Youth Event) in KY and then a conference in Lake Placid. I hope to spend 3 weeks in the Catskill Mountains before school starts again. My best wishes to all of you. By the time you read this we will be preparing for our next reunion. Check your email for the scrapbook information. If you have not received emails from me, please email me or let the office know.

1994

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Hopefully all is well with the class of 1994! If you missed reunion, I strongly suggest you start planning for 2009. It's a great time, and a wonderful chance to reconnect with the school and your classmates. Let's get the ball rolling:

Kim Bramley-Estep writes that her daughter Morgan will be starting kindergarten in the fall, and her other daughter Ryleigh has 1 year of nursery school before she does the same. She and Scott completed their new home in the New Hartford, CT area last year, and this summer they're concentrating on landscaping and putting in a pool. They enjoy participating in high-performance driving schools with the BMW Car Club of North America. Every couple months, they run their car at Lime Rock Park in northwestern CT. While Scott stays at home with the girls, Kim is in her 7th year at Branig Capital Markets, where she is a Vice President. The company places HUD-insured multifamily mortgages with investors.

Sarah Evans Stacey writes that she's at home with her two boys, Carter (3 years) and Quinn (1 ½), but she still writes 6 reports a year and consults on some financial projects with Grubb & Ellis. She and the boys spend their days walking around the city hitting their favorite libraries, museums and playgrounds, but their favorite activity is wandering through the woods of the park just down the street. She has spent the last 2 years working with a GED student who just took his exam 50 years after dropping out of school. She and husband Chad are still doing their remodeling work and have just finished another bathroom. One more kitchen and they're going

to take a much-needed break. She's starting rowing lessons and "can't wait to get out on the rivers."

Tysia Calhoun Stroka has left her job at Dell to pursue her singing career full-time. She and her husband Pat are working on the songs that will comprise her first album that will be finished in about a year. It includes all original work that they have collaborated on. She says, "It feels good to be pursuing my dreams!" In March 2005, they adopted a puppy, part Rottweiler from their local shelter. That brings the animal total to 6, not including the two humans. She and Pat celebrated their 2nd anniversary in May 2005. Tysia stays in touch with **Shelby Snyder Williams '95** on the phone and email, and recently had a chance to see her. In January 2005, she went to Atlanta to see **Allie Chance**. They had a wonderful time together, and she enjoyed being in that part of the country again.

Lori Ann Harris Summers wrote that she had a great time at reunion in May. She is now the President of the Pittsburgh Alumnae group, and she's hoping to organize a more active group there. Jackson (age 4) loves preschool, and Mason (19 mos.) is growing up so quickly trying to keep up with his big brother!

Mtesa Cottomend Wright married Tony Wright on November 27. Her colors were plum and gold and her father performed the ceremony. They continue to reside in Augusta, GA.

Betsy Lanard married Tom Sullivan last June in Jamaica. She had a baby girl, Marley Cadeau in February. (She's a cutie...Betsy emails me pictures often!) She and Tom are still fixing up their house in Philly. She's a music teacher in the local school district and part-time professor at Alvernia College at their Philadelphia campus.

Amy Ross Hendrix is still teaching first grade and consulting for Everyday Mathematics. She and her husband are hooked on life in San Francisco and they're looking forward to a summer trip to Italy.

Linda Lombardo is teaching her wonderful 6th graders in Davidson, NC. She claims that much like Sweet Briar, Davidson is the most beautiful place on earth. She was thrilled to earn her National Board Certification this year. Lots of work, she says, but well worth the effort. "Byrd Stone would be proud!" Her and Tony's nest is getting emptier and emptier. Daniel, their oldest, is getting married in October 2004, and David won't be far behind. Mark is finishing

high school. Now, she says, it's time to rediscover their old interests before they had children!

Katie Black will marry John James June 4, 2005. He is moving to OKC from AR. On June 1, she will become the youngest and first single (although not for long!) President of the Junior League of Oklahoma City. She says that out of the 294 leagues worldwide, 4 women (one current President, two President-Elects, and one President-Elect-Elect) are still in the private practice of law, but she has cut back due to her League obligation. The President-Elect year is busier and tougher than the President year. She's glad that the really hard part is almost over!

Kim Snead had a baby boy, Grayson, in October. She says he's night and day from Cole, who turned 3 on April 14. She left IBM and is now consulting for Nextel's Business Intelligence Division. She's enjoying the escape from the government sector.

Kim also filled us in on **Dorothy Bailey's** news. She and her boyfriend Andy have graduated from vet school, and they decided to hike the Appalachian Trail before they get their "real jobs." They started March 28 heading north, and hope to finish in ME in late September 2005.

Patti Geets married Chip Hathaway IV (W&L '94) on October 4, 2004 in Middleburg, VA. Classmates and SBC alumni who attended include **Laura Greene Silsbee**, **Allison Chance**, **Heather Stevens Wine**, **Lee McEachern Collins**, **Kerry O'Donnell '93**, **Jaqueline Gets Henry '92** also Matron of Honor and **Lisa Crego '92**. Patti and Chip live in DC with their 3 dogs. She also wrote that **Lee McEachern Collins** had twins around Thanksgiving 2004 and **Laura Green Silsbee** is expecting twins.

Beth Anne Nelson Sayegh wrote that she is married to Rob Sayegh (VMI '91) and they lived in NJ for 6 years where she worked as a Human Resources Generalist for PWC. They have 3 kids, Taylor (9), Will (5) and Riley (2). They recently moved to Gallup, NM. Rob is working for the FBI and on the Indian Reservations. She's now a stay-at-home mom and loves being out of the corporate world. She misses the shopping back east (Gallup is a very small town between Albuquerque and Flagstaff, AZ). The closest mall is a 2-hour drive. They will be there for 5 years and will then head back to VA. She stays in close contact with **Cindy Rakow Readyhough '96**.

She was in her wedding in September 2004 and she got to see many of her SBC friends.

Caitlin Sundby Russell and her husband Scott are expecting a baby girl in July 2005. She's in school getting her Masters in Nutrition but will take a few months off once the baby is born. She and Scott are taking their last "adults only" trip to Seaside, FL in May and she can't wait.

And then that leaves me. I'm still in Columbus—if anyone has a desire to see the buckeye state, drop me a line! I'm still looking for my true calling, but am getting paychecks from Pottery Barn, so I'm not living on the street. I'm enjoying the time I get to spend with my friends and family. (And the occasional news that my SBC classmates have been drinking with my high school friends in the Bahamas—That would be you, **Kim Bramley-Estep!**) Last July, I had knee surgery and was in a brace for 6 weeks. About 2 weeks after the brace came off, I went to TX for the Austin City Limits Festival with some friends from Chicago. That was a wonderful experience, and I am so jealous that Tysha gets to be in Austin all the time!

Please continue to email me with your class notes. I have a new email address for you to use: molly.morris@gmail.com. Keep that news coming! Thanks!

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Hello, Niners! As always, I hope these class notes find you all happy and healthy. Please keep me posted on your newest events so that all of your classmates can read about what everyone is doing after Sweet Briar. **Jill Triana** has recently moved in with her boyfriend Michael York. They are living in Raleigh. **Katie Leeming Sparkman** married Alex Sparkman in Chatham, MA. **Jill Triana**, **Tasha White Gamboa**, **Kim Bolz-Andolschek**, **Meredith Bonnell Houff**, **Kris Harris**, **Meredith Tillery**, **Marlena Dearman McGuire** and **Rachel Bratley** were among some of the Vixens that attended the wedding. **Katie Leeming Sparkman** recently finished massage school. **Jill Triana**, **Kim Bolz-Andolschek**, **Tasha White Gamboa** and **Marlena Dearman McGuire** are going to walk 60 miles over a 3-day period for the Susan G. Koman 3-day in Chicago, IL. **Leslie Hardy Dunville** recently

welcomed a new addition into her home, Jackson Morgan Dunville. **Leslie** ran into **Megan Butt Glover** and **Sarah Kingsley Foley** in Richmond, VA. **Sarah** is expecting her first child. **Lindsey Neef** is engaged and planning to get married March 2006 and is also in the process of studying for her bar exam. **Kaki Dunbar Pafford** graduated from the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry May 2005. She will be completing her general practice residency at Ohio State U. Kaki married a fellow student, **Jeffrey Pafford** December 2004. **Cassie Ross** and **Elizabeth Melvin** attended the wedding. **Rachel Bratley** moved from San Francisco to Charleston, SC June 2004 to start her Psychiatry Residency. **Rachel** is getting married in Charleston October 2005 to **Chris Taylor**. Please continue to send your class news to our class email. Take care.

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Benedicte Valentine Lamothe writes from France that since January of 2005 she has been working as a copy editor for four magazines, which are geared towards marketing managers, artisans, retailers, and storekeepers. **Benedicte** is still living in Paris and is active in her church. **Kibbyjane Bryenton Fergusson** writes that she is enjoying England. Husband Don and **Kibbyjane** live in a little village in the countryside. **Kibbyjane** is not working because they are expecting their first child in July of 2005. Both are very excited. They have recently traveled to Spain, Portugal, Italy, Scotland, and the Czech Republic. Also, the couple has entertained visitors every month since they've moved overseas. **Kibbyjane** would love to hear from everyone at kibbyjane6@hotmail.com.

Anita Allen Spinner and her husband Spencer are buying their first home in Upper Marlboro, MD. **Tara Putegnat** is still teaching and going to graduate school at night for her master's in history. **Gregor Lee** visited Tara in Brownsville over Christmas. In January of 2005, **Casey Herman** moved to PA. She was living in NC and ended up working with her Bum Chum great-grandbaby **Megan Gaillardet '03**. **Casey** had no idea who she was at first! **Jessi Livingston** bought a home in AZ in April

of 2005. She has been asked to be the Southwest chairperson for National's in Lacrosse and she will be in charge of NM, AZ, and Southern CA regions. Her high school girls' lacrosse team finished their regular season and is now going into finals. **Jessi** hopes they go all the way to state. Also, **Jessi** is featured in a New Balance commercial that you can view by going to <http://newbalance.com/clubnba/ads/> and clicking on "coaches." **Beth Rice Kinnaman**, husband Justin, and the three kids live in Fredericksburg, VA. The oldest, **Ashlyn**, will start kindergarten in the fall at Holy Cross Academy. **Kolby** will start preschool in the fall at St. Mary's Catholic Church. That means baby **Austin** will have mom all to himself while the girls are at school. **Amanda Atkinson** writes that she and husband **Noah** moved from Boston to NYC in the fall of 2004. **Amanda** is working as Assistant Director of Residential Programs at Columbia U. They live on the Columbia campus in a great three-bedroom apartment. They both miss Boston quite a bit. **Amanda** and **Noah** have become familiar with the Fung Wah Chinatown Express for a day trip to Boston. **Kristen Lawlor** came to visit them in early April 2005. In November 2004, **Amanda** and her mother went on a SBC trip to the Amazon. It was amazing! **Amanda** caught a piranha for dinner (not very tasty and really bone) and held an anaconda. **Amanda's** four companions were all ready to touch a cute little sloth they saw in a low tree, but the guide told them not to. Good thing as he later informed the group that sloths can carry leprosy. **Amanda** had a great time with other alumni and recommends SBC trips. In June of 2005, **Amanda** and her mother are going on a trip to China. **Maureena Robertson Crawford** says she is enjoying new life. **Sarah Ogden** is now the Assistant Registrar at SBC. I spoke with **Carol Skrifol** who is down in New Orleans. **Carol** loves her job with Hibernia and travels often. She is going to miss reunion because of a family trip but promises she will be at the next one in 2010. **Noelle Lotano Speedy** reported that she and husband **Kent** are expecting twin boys in August 2005. **Renee Dupre** will graduate from LSU Law School in May 2005 and will work in Lafayette, LA for an oil and gas law firm beginning in August 2005. **Melissa Brown** lives in Georgetown in Washington, DC. She started her own advertising agency, Bull Dog Media, in August 2004. They do everything; creative to negotiating and placing buys with a little PR on the side. Advertising buys have been done

on a national and local level including the Kerry campaign, local dealerships and tech firms. Melissa has been pretty busy with work but she was able to take a trip to Aspen for some spring skiing! **Christine Bump** is very happy in Washington, DC. Practicing food and drug law is the perfect job for her. She learns something new every day, and gets to write legal opinion letters and memoranda on food, drug, and medical device regulatory issues that go to FDA, FTC, and clients all over the world. Christine has also enjoyed catching up with SBC people in the DC area, including **Lindsay Perkins**, and has been participating in SBC and Emory Law alum activities. Christine is very excited about our five-year reunion in May. In July 2005, she will attend **Evangeline Easterly's** wedding in TN. **Lindsay Perkins** has returned to school to earn a Master's degree in special education. **Ginny Gilbert Smith** has been promoted within her organization in Syracuse, NY, and is now a senior manager. Ginny and her husband Michael are very happy. In August 2004, **Emily Pegues** began working at the National Gallery of Art in the Education department. She loves the job and is enjoying working on children's programs and taking kids around the art galleries. She is keeping busy with her 3rd year of Dutch classes, and is training for the Marine Corps Marathon. She hopes to run it in honor of her sister-in-law who left for Iraq in December 2004. With reunion right around the corner I've had the opportunity to speak with many of you. I caught **Katie Wright** and husband Spence in the middle of move planning. Katie and Spence are relocating to FL in summer 2005. **Alissa Harris** is still in Los Angeles working for 20th Century Fox. **Marlena Koper** is in Monroe, LA. When I spoke with **Evangeline Easterly**, she was busy planning her wedding and had just finished her thesis. **Vicki Zak** is in the Washington, DC area along with **Chris Turner**. **Elizabeth Davis Baker** and husband Brian are looking forward to reunion. They are busy with their home and planting in the garden. I cannot wait to see everyone at reunion and catch up with those of you I've been communicating with for 5 years! For those of you who can't make it to reunion, I still live in Northern Virginia and work in Washington, DC. In April 2005, I became engaged to my boyfriend of 2 years, Adam Newcomer. I have been volunteering with the Red Cross for almost two years and also participate in many DC Alumnae functions. Since this is

my last submission as class secretary, I'd like to thank all of you for being such a great class and sharing your news with me.

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Hello Ladies! I hope you are all still doing great by the time these notes reach you!! **Annie Ortgren** left the Gardner Museum in Boston in January to take a job as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator for Italian Programs in Italy for Trinity College in CT. This past spring she was able to return to Tuscany for a visit. She's also pursuing a Master's in American and Museum Studies. **Catherine Holswade** still lives in Richmond, VA where she works at Maymont Park as a zoologist, and loves it! In April she became an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay, which she also enjoys. Catherine is still dating Andrew Asher (VMI '03), and continues to keep in touch with **Whitney Smith**, **Mary Donnellson Robbins**, **Leah Solivan Busque**, **Amy Whitney** and **Allison Johnson Haley**. **Kyle Duvall Blonde** still works at NCH Corporation in Dallas, TX. In February she was promoted to direct a new business development for the company, which kept her busy. Her promotion also had her traveling to England for 2 weeks every other month. This past summer she and her husband Phill, took a hiking, biking and kayaking trip to MT and WY. She is also excited for her mom, sister and grandparents to move to Dallas. **Erin Alberda** was diagnosed with advanced Lyme disease in December and began treatment in January. She is still able to work full-time at Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center, where she is also a "client." She rides as much as possible since it greatly improves her overall condition and really helps reduce the pain in her legs. She also competed at the CA State Championship Horse Show for Riders with Disabilities. Erin is still with her boyfriend of over a year, Brian, who continues to be incredibly supportive as she struggles with Lyme disease. She is hoping to make it to the weddings of **Christy Holtermann** and **Alison Brown** this fall. **Meredith Taylor Eades** and husband, Micah (HSC '96), still live in Richmond where she is currently waiting to hear on a transfer of graduate programs from Counseling Psychology to Special Education at VCU.

She was the matron of honor in **Tia Trout's** '02 wedding to Sergio Perez. Tia's sister, **Tamara Trout Samsekou** and **Becky Cefaratti** '02 were bridesmaids. **Rachel Souder-Arguedas** still works at Mitre Corporation doing intel analysis, and loves it. She plans on attending grad school at Stanford to pursue her MBA. This summer she enjoyed an Alaskan getaway with **Rebekah Burr** and **Vanessa Corry Julsen**. They hiked around Denali National Park, and tested their nerves with white water rafting on the Nanana River. This past spring she and her boyfriend, Dr. Jeff Neale, enjoyed a vacation to Cabo San Lucas. They plan a trip to SBC so he can see our gorgeous campus! **Emily Black Burns** and husband Roy moved from Boston to Palo Alto, CA last August, where Roy is attending Business School at Stanford. Emily now works as a product marketing manager at TIBCO, a large software provider in Palo Alto. **Rami Achterberg Heers** married Jesse F. Heers of Salt Lake City, UT on March 5. **Angela Rodriguez** and **Megan Thomas** were two of her bridesmaids. Dr. Ron Horwege, who teaches German at SBC, and his wife attended the wedding. **Natasha Nickodem** still works at the Salvador Dali Museum in FL. This past spring she went to the Salvador Dali exhibit in Philly, where she was able to catch up with **Sarah Houston Kenning**. **Natasha** continues to stay busy with Junior League and Leadership St. Pete, and this fall heads off to St. Andrew's in Scotland for graduate school. **Vanessa Corry Julsen** and husband Trace are enjoying their 1st year of marriage and their last year of medical school. They will both start their residencies next summer—they look forward to having real jobs! This past spring, they welcomed their 3rd (and final) Jack Russell Terrier, Resse, into their family. **Brianne Vogler Midura** finished her clinical fellowship at the NIH-National Cancer Institute, and has started her last year of medical school at GWU. She has applied to pediatric residency programs, and is trying to decide which program and city will suit her best. She and husband Ben still live in the DC area, where they celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary this past spring. They also enjoyed a spring weekend trip to VMI and SBC. **Rima Daniels** finished her last year of law school at the U of AL. Despite her busy year, things have been going well. She competed on the National Environmental Moot Court Team in February, and they made it to the quarterfinals of the national competition.

She will be on the team again this fall, and looks forward to competing again. This past summer she clerked at two firms: one in Nashville, TN where she focused primarily on medical malpractice work, and another firm in Birmingham, AL, focusing primarily on insurance defense work. In her spare time, Rima enjoys schooling and training horses for some local residents. **Sarah Houston Kenning** was able to visit **Meghan Frier** in Boston, MA this past spring. Megan was busy with wedding plans and work. Sarah also saw **Lys Burdette-Paulhus** and **Sarah Belanger** when she visited DC this past spring. Sarah Kenning's husband graduated from Medical School in June, and began his neurosurgery residency in Albany, NY in July, and Sarah graduated this past May. She was also planning to visit **Christine Rangel** in NYC. **Sarah Belanger** returned to the Middle East for the 3rd time this past summer when she visited Jordan and Syria. She is in England this fall for graduate school in International Education Policy, and said everyone is welcome to visit! I still work for the same marketing firm, where I started my 5th year in May—I can't believe we've been out for so long now. I keep in touch with **Sonya Truman** '02, who graduated from Loyola School of Law on May 12. She is planning to stay in New Orleans for a few years after graduation. I joined an adult kickball team this past spring and had an absolute blast all season!!

As always, I love hearing from all of you—please continue to stay in touch and please feel free to email me whenever!

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Courtney Coalter moved from the D.C. area to Richmond in August 2004. She lives with fellow 2003 graduates, **Blair Baigent** and **Meg Foley**. She works in administration with a law firm in downtown Richmond and loves it! She recently returned from a trip to NYC with Meg, Blair, **Allison Albanis**, and **Nada Basanti** '02, where they caught up with **Sara Miller** '02 in her new apartment in the City.

Cookie Caroline Williams is settling into her new apartment in Madrid, Spain. She recently began a company called CN Juan Bravo with two of her cousins. They bought a whole building,

turning it into a business center with 30 different rented offices. They provide any services that their clients may need, such as legal services, translator, or secretarial help. They have large conference rooms and a gourmet restaurant. Cookie reports that she has been very, very busy but it's going surprisingly well! There is a large need for business centers in Madrid, so the timing was perfect!

Jade Boardman is in her 3rd semester at Sam Houston State University in TX working towards a Master's of Fine Arts degree in Dance. In August 2004, she was asked to be a member of the Kista Tucker Dance Company—a Modern dance company based in NY. In April 2005, she performed in a piece called "After Images" choreographed by Dr. Cindy Gratz in NYC. Her expected graduation is spring 2006.

Olevia Neary recently moved to Richmond, VA with her fiancé Durell Carothers (HSC '03). They moved to start their own business, Images 4 Kids, which specializes in bringing a studio-like setting to school picture days for young children.

Nahliah Webber has been teaching in China for the last 2 years to all ages in the Zhejiang province and Shanghai. Now she is focusing on early childhood development and is working at an international kindergarten in Shanghai. Nahliah says that if anyone is interested in coming to China, feel free to send her an email!

Erin Black is engaged to Trent Minor (HSC '02) and plans to be married October 29, 2005 on Wrightsville Beach, NC. Bridesmaids will include **Katie Curling, Lara Dickens, Natalie King, and Ashley Wood** '00. Erin and Trent live in Raleigh, NC where she teaches 3rd grade and Trent works for Wachovia Mortgage.

Rebecca Harris graduated in December 2003 from Averett University with a BS in Criminal Justice and Sociology. She teaches special education at White Oak School near her home in Danville, VA. Rebecca is pursuing her teaching license and masters at Old Dominion University. She works for Averett as an Administrative Assistant and manager for the Cougar football team.

Melissa Gist works as Marketing Manager at Amerex Energy, an energy brokerage firm in Sugar Land, TX.

Leslie Sidwell O'Neal is celebrating her 4th wedding anniversary with husband W. Robert O'Neal, Jr. (VMI '01). They spent the past 2 years in Fairbanks, AK where Robert is a Captain in the U.S. Army. Leslie teaches elementary school. They are building a house in Hanover, VA and Leslie looks forward to catching up with all the SBC girls!!!

I (Kim Martin) moved from Richmond, VA to Gainesville, FL this past summer to pursue a graduate degree in public policy/ political science at the U. of FL. Before I moved, I visited **Genieve Troxell**, who is living near Denver, CO. I still check my martin03@sbc mail so feel free to send me your class notes!

2005

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Amanda Watts took the summer off to enjoy time with family, relatives, and friends and to do some traveling. She is now in the process of looking for an apartment in the Rockford area and waiting to hear back from a few jobs.

Letters

Instantly Sweet Briar College Connected Us

It was with great sadness that I learned of Gordon Beemer's passing in the latest *Alumnae Magazine* (Spring/Summer '05). The trip mentioned on the Concord was in 1994, not 1995. I know because I met Gordon on the first night of the trip in Hawaii. Imagine our surprise to know we had a Sweet Briar connection on a trip around the world. We were a group of 88 strangers and instantly Sweet Briar College connected us. We stayed in contact for many years and Gordon visited our home here in St. Andrews Country Club on several occasions, once with former Sweet Briar President Hill.

I will miss him as I am sure many will. My sincere condolences to his family.

—*Elaine Altice Saman '75*

Especially Pleased

The alumnae magazine (Spring/Summer '05) ... is so good. It always is.

I was especially pleased to see such good coverage about SBC's arts program, Pannell, and the Friends of Art. I am in my 6th and last year of the FOA Board and we spend hours in meetings talking about how to get the word out about what we do and SBC's arts programs.

Many thanks.

—*Sara Finnegan Lycett '61*

The Main Reason I Majored In Biology

I read with sadness of Dr. Bennett's passing. She was the main reason why I majored in biology at Sweet Briar. She was formidable: demanding, inspiring, and, at times, intimidating!

I wanted to impress her, and chose as my senior project one she suggested: the study of earthworm behavior before and after the removal of their brain. I was terrified (and still am) of anything that wiggled without legs. It was a most trying time, but I did it.

She encouraged me to apply to graduate school, and I was accepted into the Ph.D. program at Northwestern University under an N.H. fellowship, where she obtained her Ph.D. in biology. I decided to leave after receiving an M.S. degree, something I at times regret; and I am certain she was disappointed.

I will always be grateful for her unrelenting pursuit of academic excellence for herself and for her students.

—*Jean Meyer Aloe '63*

50th Reunion Was The Best

Our 50th Reunion was the best last weekend! All hail to the people and place that make reunion so special. Mr. Fine Weather helped to put the glow on the fields, bricks and faces.

Please extend my appreciation to all who worked so well to make our visit comfortable and convivial.

—*Helen Addington Passano '55*

IN THE SWEET BRIAR TRADITION

Irene Mitchell Moore '42: Investing in Sweet Briar's Present and Future



Irene Mitchell Moore

Indiana Williams' loving gift provided the foundation for this College. Every day each of us involved with Sweet Briar adds to that generous legacy through our work, our commitment, and our belief in our enduring mission: "To prepare women to be active, responsible members of a world community."

Irene Mitchell Moore '42 cannot remember when she wasn't actively working for Sweet Briar. "One year I sold the most bulbs and I won a trip to Holland with my husband, Beverly," she recalls. She assists the College in meeting its current priorities and she provides a future benefit for her family by creating a Charitable Lead Annuity Trust that pays the College fixed payments for five years. When the term of the trust ends, her remainder beneficiaries—Mrs. Moore's family—receive what remains in the trust. "The lead trust is a great way to leave more to my family, particularly to my grandchildren, because we save on taxes," she explains. This kind of trust saves gift, estate, and generation-skipping taxes.

Mrs. Moore, who received her Bachelor of Arts in History in 1942, is a member of Sweet Briar's Boxwood Circle, the Silver Rose Society, and other recognition societies. She has participated in *Our Campaign For Her World* by generously endowing the Irene Mitchell Moore Scholarship as well as the Irene Mitchell Moore Merit Scholarship for Civic Renewal with a \$500,000 gift. Establishing the Charitable Lead Trust and thus becoming a Williams Associate of the College is the culminating expression of Mrs. Moore's lifelong love and loyalty.

When asked what inspires her continued generosity, Mrs. Moore responds: "I was living close enough to Sweet Briar that I could go up regularly. I guess I always kept up with what's going on at the College."

Rene Moore is an inspiring example of our Sweet Briar tradition: believing in a bold vision for the College and having the courage to match it with her philanthropy.

Establishing the Charitable Lead Trust and thus becoming a Williams Associate of the College is the culminating expression of Mrs. Moore's lifelong love and loyalty.

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- Sweet Briar College receives \$15,000 annually: \$250,000 over twenty years.
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This is just one type of trust that you can establish to benefit both Sweet Briar College and your descendants. Your financial advisor can determine what tax advantages your specific circumstances allow in setting up a charitable lead trust. To learn more, please contact the Office of Development: 828-246-5722.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S *perspective*



Our Campaign For Her World

announced in October 2002 with a goal of \$102 million, is the most ambitious fundraising effort in Sweet Briar's history.

When we began, that seemed like an impossibility! But as of this writing, I'm excited to announce that we have already raised more than \$100 million, and our goal is clearly in sight.

I've been looking forward to writing this letter for months, for this is a golden opportunity to talk with you about how our capital campaign—coming to a resounding close this summer—is making a dramatic impact on every aspect of Sweet Briar. Over the last three years, you have read and heard about so many new things going on. We've told you about the historic preservation of our beautiful campus from residence halls to classrooms, the library, and even Sweet Briar House. We've shared the excitement about new facilities from the multi-faceted Student Commons to the transformation of our beloved dairy barns into a new home for visual arts: the Train Station and old Water Plant into state-of-the-art facilities for Environmental Sciences—and much, much more.

As every issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* reveals, there have been impressive changes in our educational program as well. In the last several years you have heard about new Masters level programs in Education, new major programs such as Business Management, and heightened focus on internships, career development and international study, just to name a few. This issue focuses on the sciences, from Engineering—one of only two such programs in the nation at women's colleges—to Physics, Biology and Chemistry, all highlighted in our first

Homecoming celebration this past September.

Our Campaign For Her World, announced in October 2002 with a goal of \$102 million, is the most ambitious fundraising effort in Sweet Briar's history. When we began, that seemed like an impossibility! But as of this writing, I'm excited to announce that we have already raised more than \$100 million, and our goal is clearly in sight. Achieving it means that we will not only have impacted all of the areas outlined above, but increased the funds we have for scholarships and faculty salaries. And we will have amassed significant seed money for our two remaining major projects: the expansion and updating of Cochran Library and the transformation of our 1931 Daisy Williams Gymnasium into a larger 21st century athletic and wellness facility.

Best of all, one of Sweet Briar's wonderful alumnae, who insists on remaining anonymous, has issued an astonishing challenge. When we meet our \$102 million goal by June 30, she will provide an additional \$2 million gift in cash, to insure that we complete this campaign in true Sweet Briar style. Needless to say, this is a challenge we can all get behind! Every single gift to the College, through the Annual Fund as well as gifts to the endowment, capital projects and planned gifts, will count toward meeting this

goal. Please be as generous as you can with this year's Annual Fund gift—your golden opportunity to be a part of this historic philanthropic effort.

On behalf of all of our students today and into the future, heartfelt thanks to each of you who have already made a gift to *Our Campaign For Her World*. And to everyone who will contribute in the next few months, thanks to you as well. Make plans now for our Homecoming 2006, September 21–24, when we will celebrate two things: the success of this transformational campaign, and you—women who go out and make a difference.

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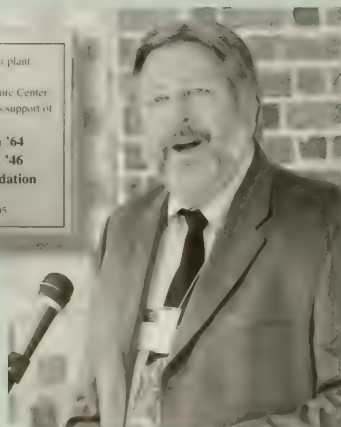


L-r: Anne Bentzen (daughter of Anne Stuckle Houston '46); Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 at the Nature Center Dedication

Restoration of the former water plant and establishment of the Foundation for Education and Nature Center made possible through the generous support of

Mollie Johnson Nelson '64
Anne Stuckle Houston '46
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Dedicated September 2005



Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Rob Alexander welcomes all to Nature Center Dedication

The academic focus of Homecoming 2005 was "The Sciences at Sweet Briar College," featuring faculty and students from the sciences. Dr. Brian Greene, one of the world's leading theoretical physicists and author of the national bestsellers *The Elegant Universe* and *The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality* (10 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list, inspiring *The Washington Post* to describe him as "the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today"), gave a standing-room-only lecture and book signing at the Murchison Lane Auditorium in Babcock Fine Arts Center on Thursday evening, following a special dinner with students, faculty, and alumnae.

Alumnae College lectures over the weekend featured SBC science faculty: Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Rebecca Ambers; Professor of Chemistry Robert Granger; and Professor of Physics Scott Hyman. Science faculty later joined alumnae and friends of the College at a luncheon honoring members of the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates and the Silver Rose Society; President Muhlenfeld gave an update on the College, and a panel discussion by students in the sciences was led by Assistant Professor of Physics Hank Yochum.

Friday evening offered a gala Open House in Guion Science Building hosted by the science faculty, beginning with an all-inclusive Power Point presentation by Dr. Yochum, "Life in Guion, An Introduction to the Sciences at Sweet Briar" in Guion's Heuer Auditorium. Following this presentation, guests explored the science labs and classrooms, talking with professors before gathering at Babcock to enjoy the Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra Concert.

The Nature Center was dedicated on Saturday after a box lunch picnic at the Boathouse, and was followed by the Engineering program's Cardboard Boat Regatta at Sweet Briar Lake.

A highlight of Homecoming was Founders' Day Convocation, where the 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Program Director for General Dynamics Corporation Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64, who gave the Founders' Day Address, "A Lady Engineer's Perspective on Leadership." Twelve of Jo Ann's classmates were present to applaud her! A special part of Convocation was the induction of the newest member of the Keystone Society (recognizing those whose cumulative gifts to the College total \$1 million or more), Evelyn Lorraine Haire Stanley '91.

The Development Office scheduled important training sessions for Reunion Giving, Boxwood Circle Giving, and Young Alumnae Giving program volunteers; Kathleen Kavanagh '74, Senior Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Grenzebach Glier and Associates, Inc., conducted special sessions, advising "Stop Asking for Money (Start Talking About Giving)." The Alumnae Association offered Class Officers, Club Officers and Representatives, and Alumnae Admissions Representatives (AARs) a variety of helpful training workshops, and the Alumnae Association Board, the Friends of Athletics Steering Committee, and the Visiting Committee on the Riding Program held their fall meetings during this busy time.

The Alumnae Office worked closely with Co-Curricular Life on a wide variety of events for students. Co-Curricular Life hosted a dessert reception for the student body prior to the Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra Concert. The Career Services Center arranged a valuable career networking session for interested students, where they could meet casually with alumnae over Saturday brunch to discuss professional goals and plans.

Renee Modzelewski '06 was the first Homecoming Intern, supervised by the Alumnae Office and Co-Curricular Life's Student Activities Office. As chair of the Campus Events Organization (CEO) and a member of SGA, Renee worked diligently on many Homecoming projects. In addition to numerous daily duties, she was responsible for the marketing, planning, and execution of special evening events for students (a DJ party, Karaoke, an illusionist performance). She also assisted with the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

The Alumnae Association Board's Student Relations Committee (SRC) was a strong presence before and during Homecoming; the committee's support was essential to getting students involved and excited about the weekend. Committee members assisted with many "behind the scenes" tasks, from inflating balloons with helium to marketing Homecoming events. Dressed in special SRC t-shirts listing Homecoming activities, they manned tables at the athletic events to give out game-time snacks, SBC megaphones and pink and green pom-poms to spectators. Saturday evening they officiated at an alumnae/student discussion: "Sweet Briar Past and Present: Athletics, Clubs, History, and Traditions," a huge hit with the large audience (a capacity crowd for Le Bistro). Prior to Homecoming the committee helped with the Alumnae Association-hosted dinners and open houses for each set of student "sister classes" (First-Years/Juniors; Sophomores/Seniors) at The Farm House, campus home of Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, director of the Alumnae Association. Louise and Linda DeVogt '86, president of the Alumnae Association, highlighted Homecoming and other Association events and programs. During Fall Term, more than 350 students took part in three dinners and three open houses.

The Homecoming spotlight also shined brightly on Sweet Briar athletics: the Department of Physical Education and Athletics scheduled home games for Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Soccer on Saturday afternoon, and worked with the Alumnae Office to host Alumnae/Student Field Hockey and Lacrosse Games. Spectators showed lots of Sweet Briar spirit as they cheered for the players. The Friends of Athletics enjoyed a special Saturday evening cocktails/dinner gathering at the Elston Inn. Associate Professor of Physical Education and Athletics Jennifer Crispin spoke on "Sweet Briar Athletics: Connecting the Past with the Future."

Save the dates for Homecoming 2006, September 21-24. It promises another whirlwind schedule of activities to enrich the spirit and challenge the mind. The 2006 focus will be "Women Who Go Out and Make a Difference," and the success of *Our Campaign For Her World* will be celebrated. Plan now to come home to SBC. We're waiting for you!



Kathleen Kavanagh '74
Presentation



Members of the Student Relations Committee offer goodies to games' spectators, L-r: Susan O'Brien '06; Kristin Chapdelaine '08; Jennifer Milby '08



Friends of Athletics cocktail/dinner gathering, L-r: Madge Hall Vosteen '85; Jenn Wiley '06; Professor Jennifer Crispin

ello, Sweet Briar Alumnae,

This fall the first-ever Sweet Briar Homecoming was a great success. Okay, so SBC doesn't have a football team but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate coming "home" to Sweet Briar. Thursday night **Brian Greene**, Physicist and String Theorist, presented a lecture. I was a bit worried about it being over my head; String Theory is not a common topic of discussion with co-workers or neighbors. Dr. Greene did a great job of presenting the relationship of "Space and Time" from Newton, Einstein, to the current String Theory. In the process of learning something new, everyone in the audience laughed a lot.

Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64, Program Director for General Dynamics Corporation, received the 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award during Founders' Day Convocation. Jo Ann gave a wonderful talk on key leadership qualities. I can't wait to post her list on my cube at work.

Friday evening we were entertained by the **Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra**. The performance was under the direction of **Dr. Jonathan Green**; he is also SBC's dean of the College and professor of music. **Dr. Nicholas P. Ross**, assistant professor of music, joined the orchestra on piano. The concert concluded with the world premier of Dr. Green's own Symphony No. 7.

Did you know there is a creek on campus called Williams Creek? I missed out on that during my time at SBC. On Saturday at the Boathouse, **Dr. Rebecca Ambers**, assistant professor of Environmental Sciences presented "If a Stream is Dammed, Does It Go to Hell? Environmental Effects of the Sweet Briar Dam." She described student research, under the direction of many professors, to study the lake, dam and the two creeks.

Following Dr. Ambers' talk was the dedication of the new **Nature Center** (formally the water treatment plant). Next was the Engineering program's **Cardboard Boat Regatta**. Four teams of Sweet Briar students assembled cardboard boats made with only 20 pounds of cardboard and 50 feet of duct tape. We had a great time cheering them on. Only one boat sank; its crew swam back to the dock with determination to complete the race one way or another.

Sweet Briar Varsity Soccer vs. Emory & Henry College was the "big homecoming game." With a lot of pink and green we cheered for the Lady Vixens. One thing the other team figured out was that the women of SBC, current students and alumnae, are not quiet!

As you might tell, I had a great time back at SBC for Homecoming. Put September 21-24, 2006 on your schedule for next year. I hope to see many of you there.

Yvonne Soderquist '77
Alumnae Association Board Region VII Chair

SAVE THE DATES FOR
Homecoming 2006, September 21-24



The Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra performed for an enthusiastic audience.



Dean Green sings National Anthem to begin games



Game watchers!



Alumnae-Student Field Hockey Game,
L-r: Rebecca Olander '09; Julie Drake '06;
Maria Kitchin '04

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Board Boat Regatta!



I watches Regatta



Class of '76 held a mini-Reunion!



Renee Modzelewski '06, Homecoming Intern

2005 Distinguished Alumna Award To Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005
BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LINDA DEVOGT '86

As a graduate student, she was the first woman to obtain a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia's School of Engineering.

It is my great privilege, as President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer of the Class of 1964, recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award, one of the highest honors Sweet Briar College can bestow.

A physics major at Sweet Briar, as a student Jo Ann was very visible: Treasurer and Vice President of the Student Government Association; Head of Inter-Club Council; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; May Day Committee Head; Orientation Committee; Sweet Briar News; Freshman Honors;

Young Republicans Club; Lake Council; Lectures and Concerts Committee; Bum Chums; Senior Show cast; Senior Advisor.

During the summer after her junior year, she attended the Summer Institute of Space Physics at Columbia University. In 1963-64, her senior year, she received Academic Honors, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated from Sweet Briar cum laude. As a graduate student, she was the first woman to obtain a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia's School of Engineering. She is a member of the engineering honor society, Sigma Xi.

Jo Ann was first an aerospace engineer with Martin Marietta Corporation in Orlando, Florida, then with Lockheed Martin Corporation in Burlington, Vermont where she was a member of the Lockheed Martin Management Club. Currently she is Director of Naval Defense System programs for General Dynamics Corporation in Burlington.

Here today to celebrate Jo Ann's award are many family members and friends: Jo Ann's parents, Hartley and Mabel Soderquist; her sister, Susan DiBianca, her nephew, Hartley DiBianca; Elliott Whitton; and many proud 1964 classmates.

Jo Ann, all of us are so proud of you for your remarkable achievements at Sweet Briar, at UVA, and in the field of Engineering!

This spring, the Board of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association passed a Resolution honoring Jo Ann. It is a pleasure to present her with a framed copy of this, along with her award pendant.

I now cede the podium to Jo Ann, who will deliver the Founders' Day address, "A Lady Engineer's Perspective on Leadership."



Founders' Day
Presidential Party
1st row: President
Muhlenfeld;
Distinguished
Alumna Honoree
Jo Ann Soderquist
Kramer; Alumnae
Association
President Linda
DeVogt
2nd row: Donna
Kramer; Jonathan Green;
Chapman Guy
Brewer

RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.

1988

Dorothy Rouse-Bottom '49
Diana Muldaur Dozier '60
Karin Lawson '74

1989

Hallam Hurt '67

1990

Virginia Upchurch Collier '72
Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

1991

Ann Henderson Bannard '49
Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45

1992

Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp '68

1993

Molly Haskell Sarris '61

1994

Anna Chao Pai '57

1995

Joan Vail Thorne '51

1996

Beryl Bergquist Farris '71

1997

Georgene M. Vairo '72

1998

Katharine Crommelin Milton '62

1999

Patricia Traugott Rouse '48

2000

Connie Burwell White '34

2001

Joanne Holbrook Patton '52

2002

Nella Gray Barkley '55

2003

Elizabeth Morton Forsyth '36*

2004

Anne Little Poulet '64

2005

Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64

*DECEASED

JO ANN SODERQUIST KRAMER '64 ACCEPTS THE 2005 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD AND DELIVERS THE FOUNDERS' DAY ADDRESS,

A Lady Engineer's Perspective on Leadership

THE LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

For many of us who grew up in industry as individual performers, particularly as engineers, and most particularly as women in the heavily male dominated, leading edge technology defense and space business, it can be difficult to make the transition from individual contributor to a leader of others.

I quickly realized that most people just don't do things the same way I do ... maybe they don't do something as well as I would, maybe they do it better. I quickly was reminded "there can be more than one right answer". One of the most difficult things for me to accept was that being a leader meant I must be willing to accept the outcome and output of those I led as if they were my own.

I had to be willing to accept the consequences of their performance without excuse. I had to learn that I always must be willing to set aside my wishes for the good of the group and for the good of the corporation for which I worked. I learned I must give credit to others when things went well and take the blame when things went badly.

As a leader in a company or corporation or institution, your role at work is an extension of the objectives of that company or corporation or institution. You must never forget that you are paid to do what is best to achieve the company's objectives, not your own. Your ability to marshal the resources that lead you to accomplish company objectives is the quantitative measure of your business success.

Your ability to use those skills outside of work—with your family, with the community, in athletic pursuits and other endeavors—tends to be an indicator of your personal success.

Over the years I have spent time now and then, assessing the attributes of those I most admire in business, and I have compiled a list of Leadership Attributes that I most value. There is no particular significance to the order.

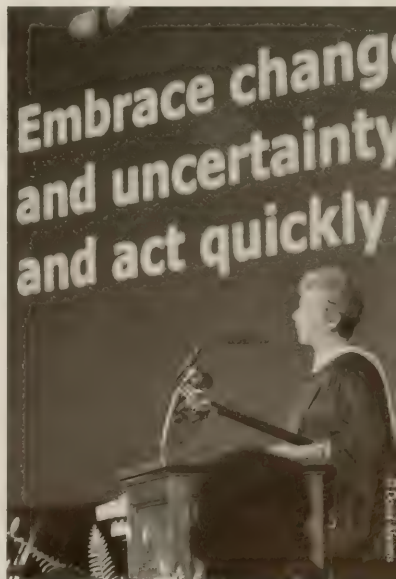
I direct these thoughts most especially to those of you who are Sweet Briar girls today, you who will leave this place and become teachers, social workers, lawyers, artists, historians, doctors, and yes, engineers...and then leaders in your workplaces and communities.

Be honest and do what's right

Nothing is more important than personal integrity and ethical behavior. I am not just talking about doing what is legal. In all the gray areas, I am talking about doing the right thing, the kind of thing you'd be glad to tell your children about and actions you wouldn't mind seeing on the front page of the *Washington Post*. You never get a second chance to be trusted and respected.

Cut to the "chase"

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt, to offer a solution



everybody can understand. Effective leaders understand the KISS principle: Keep It Simple, Stupid. They articulate vivid, overarching goals and values, which they use to drive daily behaviors and choices among competing alternatives. Their visions and priorities are lean and compelling, not cluttered and buzzword laden.

Their decisions are crisp and clear, not tentative and ambiguous. They convey an unwavering firmness and consistency in their actions, which are aligned with the picture of the future they paint. The result:

clarity of purpose, credibility of leadership, and integrity in organization.

Speak well and write well

I am reminded of a true story of a five-year-old approaching a company executive at a party, asking her what she did at her job. Rather than describe herself as the leader or CEO, she told the child that she was like the captain of a ship. The child interrupted with some impatience and said, "No, I don't understand what you mean. Tell me what you do every day."

So the executive took another tack and told the child what she did in as clear a way as she could, verbally running through the events of a typical day, mentioning meetings and telephone calls, memos, letters, and one-on-one conversations in the hallways.

The child stopped her again, this time with the satisfaction of understanding, and said, "Oh, what you do is talk. That is your job."

How simple and how true...In a large technology and defense corporation, or in any company or institution, a leader's primary role is to talk to those around her as purposefully and effectively as she can. You are only as valuable as your ability to communicate information and your ideas. There are few things as important as speaking well and writing well.

THANK YOU'S TO:

Linda DeVogt, President, Alumnae Association
Louise Swiecki Zingaro, Director, Alumnae Association
Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, President, Sweet Briar College
Classmates from Class of '64

RECOGNITIONS:

Elliott is here. Thank you for coming.

My sister Susan and her son Hartley are here. Susan and I are two of the luckiest girls in the world. Our parents are here today, our mother who is 91 years old, and our father who is 93 years old. My father taught me how to throw a baseball...like a boy. My mother was a teacher...she drilled me on arithmetic with those addition and multiplication flash cards.

REMINISCING:

I was fortunate to have many good teachers...I remember my grade school teachers...Mrs. Bowman, Miss Bradford, Miss Quillen, Miss Heasley, Miss Perry, Mrs. Greenawalt. I remember my 8th grade English teacher, Miss Morrissey. Everyone was scared to death of her. She taught me grammar, and how to diagram sentences. I didn't think I ever needed another English teacher, but I got four more of them in high school. They taught me how to write.

Then in the fall of 1960 I came to Sweet Briar, and I had to take English. I can't believe I typed all those long English papers on a manual Remington typewriter, always trying to figure out how many footnotes were going to fit on each page!

I wound up choosing Physics as a major, mainly because of Professor Lily Rappaport. I was the only Physics major who graduated in 1964. (*Tuck Mattern is one of our classmates here today. She also majored in Physics, but she was so smart she did it in 3 years!*) Mrs. Rappaport was not just a fabulous teacher; she was a mentor and friend. For several years after graduating from Sweet Briar, I and my two young sons visited the Rappaports at their Ivy, VA home. She always made the boys peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and I always had some of her and her husband Jacques' home brewed beer.

After graduation, V. M. Del Greco and I headed for Charlottesville, she in her little white Ford Falcon, me in my big black, fin-tailed Buick. V. M. to teach and go to graduate school, me to attend the graduate School of Engineering—all those boys and me.

Sweet Briar had prepared us well...We thought we were really something when we moved into our brand new apartment on Stadium Road. The first time we turned the oven on, we burned up the instructions...

The day of my master's orals, Lily Rappaport came. I made it through that day. Professors that remain friends...speaks volumes about Sweet Briar.

Sweet Briar prepared me well.

Be passionate about everything you do

Play as hard as you work and have fun at both. I am especially good at this! Don't always run at a breakneck pace. Take time off when you've earned it...*I recommend two weeks in Scotland and the English Yorkshire countryside.* Spend time with your families. The corollary to this:

"Surround yourself with people who take their work seriously, but not themselves."

Seek people who have some balance in their lives, who are fun to hang out with, who like to laugh (at themselves, too) and who have some non-job priorities that they approach with the same passion as they do their work. Spare me the grim workaholic or the pompous, pretentious "professional." Enthusiasm and optimism are contagious. So is the impact of cynicism and pessimism. Leaders who whine and blame engender those same behaviors among their colleagues. I will take the unrealistic aspirations of the optimist any day.

Be available and accessible

Colin Powell has said, "The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

Leadership doesn't happen when you come to work...it is a 24/7 kind of thing. A real leader makes sure she is always there for her people, and her boss, and ensures that she can always be reached. She leverages communication and computer tools to stay in touch when she is out of the office.

You should never abuse the access to someone's personal time but never hesitate to act or communicate when required. In this global economy, speed and access are essential because great ideas are worthless if they can't be implemented rapidly and efficiently.

Treat people fairly

People deserve to be treated with dignity and there is no excuse for discrimination based upon gender, race, religion, physical handicap or sexual orientation. It is important to get to know your people—personal relationships form the basis of business success.

Do not tolerate mediocrity

Mediocrity is quite simply unacceptable. Holding yourself and your people accountable to a high standard of performance is not an option. There must be quick and clear consequences for those who don't perform to the high standards that have been set.

Good leaders delegate and empower others liberally, but they pay attention to details, every day, and constantly challenge the way things have always been done.

I well understand that being responsible sometimes means *ticking* people off. Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions. Trying to get everyone to like you is itself a sign of mediocrity.

By procrastinating on the difficult choices, by trying not to upset anyone, and by treating everyone equally "nicely" regardless of their contributions, you ironically ensure that the only people you wind up angering are those who are the most creative and productive.

Recognize that your organization's success is your success

A leader is only as good as the weakest



Jo Ann and family. 1st row: Hartley Soderquist; Jo Ann; Mabel Soderquist. 2nd row: Hartley DiBianca; Susan DiBianca; Elliott Whitton

link in her organization, and her performance will be judged accordingly. It is her job to educate and train her people and to get rid of those that "just don't get it."

Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Neither do plans. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people involved.

In a brain-based economy, the best assets are people. Too often, people are assumed to be empty chess pieces to be moved around at will, which may explain why so many top managers immerse themselves in deal-making, restructuring and the latest management fad.

Far better to dedicate yourself to the goal of creating an environment where the best, the brightest, and the most creative are attracted, retained and most importantly unleashed.

Project a professional appearance

Be well groomed, socially astute and appropriately attired. You are frequently someone's first, and maybe only, impression of the company.

In case any of you who are Sweet Briar girls in 2005 do not know the origin of the words, "Good Taste and Good Judgment," I suggest you seek out the women from the Class of 1964. We will happily fill you in

and assure you that these words and behaviors remain relevant today. (*Grace Mary would be proud.*)

Be an interesting person

The most successful business people I know are the most well read, well informed and well traveled. They also tend to have hobbies and interests in which they frequently excel. Expanding your personal interests creates a broad perspective that enhances your job effectiveness and your life.

Never surprise your boss

Trust and confidence must be the foundation of that relationship. A leader asks for help and advice when she needs it and isn't afraid to raise problems and issues, but she is prepared to then find a solution to a problem herself.

Give to others

Be active in your community and participate in organizations or causes that interest you—be generous with your financial resources and your time. This is good recognition for your company, and more importantly it is the right thing to do for others.

Only by being unselfish and giving to others can you find your true sense of self. And, of course include Sweet Briar on your list!

Keep your ego in check

The best of leaders never put personal ambition or agenda ahead of their organizations'. If your organization does well, you do well. You should never let personal identity get confused with job assignment—for it might change tomorrow.

Too often, change is stifled by people who cling to familiar turf and job descriptions. Real leaders understand that nowadays, everyone's job is becoming obsolete. We need to obsolete our activities before someone else does.

Effective leaders create a climate where people's worth is determined by their willingness to learn new skills and take on new responsibilities, thus perpetually reinventing their jobs. The most important question in performance evaluation becomes not, "How well did you perform your job since the last time we met?" but, "How much did you change it?"

Be technology savvy

When my father turned 90 we had a several-day celebration. Susan and I gave our dad a computer for his 90th birthday, his first one, and he learned how to use it. He has an AOL account and he uses it! It is oh so important to stay abreast of technology developments—computer and communications tools are seemingly endless and ever changing. Leaders are expected to use them (no matter how high their position).

I strive to learn about new techniques and use new tools and gadgets as they become available. I cannot afford to be viewed as a dinosaur by the youngest and brightest employees, or heaven forbid, by a newly graduated 21st century Sweet Briar woman!

Embrace change and uncertainty and act quickly

You have to be flexible, open-minded and cooperative...no matter what! You must use your best judgment and act quickly—it is better to move quickly on an imperfect

plan than to implement a perfect plan when it is too late.

It is true that you don't know what you can get away with until you try.

Good leaders realize if you ask enough people for permission, you will inevitably come up against someone who believes his job is to say "no." So the moral is, don't ask.

Research reveals that less effective managers endorse the sentiment, "If I haven't explicitly been told 'yes,' I can't do it," whereas the good ones believe, "If I haven't explicitly been told 'no,' I can." There is a world of difference between these two points of view.

"If it isn't broken, don't fix it" is the slogan of the complacent, the arrogant or the scared. It is an excuse for inaction. It is a mind-set that assumes (or hopes) that

today's realities will continue tomorrow in a tidy, linear and predictable fashion, which of course is pure fantasy. In this sort of culture, you won't find people who proactively take steps to solve problems as they emerge.

In these sorts of companies I wouldn't invest.

Encourage conflict

The best ideas frequently emerge from a good argument, but you need to encourage opposing positions and ensure that the conflict is constructive and focuses on the issues, not the people.

Leadership does not emerge from blind obedience to anyone. If you have a yes-man working for you, one of you is redundant. Good leadership encourages everyone's evolution.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 14, 2005, acknowledges with gratitude the honor and prestige that our 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer of the Class of 1964, has brought to Sweet Briar College. Jo Ann has been recognized in the engineering world for her achievements and dedication. As the first woman to earn a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia's School of Engineering, she wrote "Determination of Newton's Gravitational Constant 'G' with Increased Precision, a Theoretical Analysis." Her career has been marked with achievements including the publication of *Configuration Identification*, a textbook published by the Electronics Industries Association. She is a member of Sigma Xi, an engineering honors society.

Since her graduation from Sweet Briar in 1964, Jo Ann has been a steadfast, involved alumna, committed to supporting the College in every way possible. She has served as Class Fund Agent, Class President, and Class Secretary. She was a member of her 25th Reunion Gifts Committee in 1989 and Co-Chair of the Reunion Gifts Committee for the 30th in 1994, the 35th in 1999 and the 40th in 2004. Her class has won the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest Reunion Gift twice, for its 35th and 40th Reunions.

In 1994-95, she was the National Reunion Giving Chair Elect and in 1995-96 was the National Reunion Giving Chair. She served as Co-Chair of the Boxwood Circle Committee in 1996-1998 and presently is a Committee member.

Jo Ann is a member of the Silver Rose Society, which recognizes alumnae and friends of Sweet Briar who have made gifts to the College for 25 years or more, and of the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Jo Ann who, in addition to the demands of her professional career, has maintained a strong and supportive relationship with her alma mater. The Board does so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Linda DeVogt '86
President, Sweet Briar Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association



'64 classmates celebrate Jo Ann

1st row: Virginia deBuys; Jo Ann; Nancy Gillies

2nd row: Lynne Smith Crow; Tuck Mattern Harvey; V. M. Del Greco Galgano; Sheila Carroll Coopride; Claire Hughes Knapp

Top row: Susan Glasgow Brown; Bebe Bolling Downs; Gail Rothrock Trozzo; Rosamond Sample Brown; Mollie Johnson Nelson

There have been so many examples of leadership we have seen and read about since Hurricane Katrina struck on August 29th—many of them everyday people doing extraordinary things...like the man in New Orleans who lived on his roof at night while helicopters dropped him supplies, and rowed around in his little rowboat by day, personally rescuing more than 500 people in those awful flood-filled days...or like the truckers who volunteered to drive some 65 donated tractor trailers, filled with supplies donated by thousands of Vermonters, from Vermont to the ravaged coast of Mississippi within a week of August 29th.

You see, leadership is the *art* of accomplishing more than the *science* of management says is possible. Management is an administrative task—leadership is a way of life.

Thank you.

I have always had a rule that I will never ask anyone to work harder than I work myself, nor will I ask others to take risks that I am not willing to take with them.

community, in athletic pursuits and other endeavors—tends to be an indicator of personal success.

Lead by example

To be a successful leader, you must lead by example—for you have no right to ask others to do something you would not do yourself. I have always had a rule that I will never ask anyone to work harder than I work myself, nor will I ask others to take risks that I am not willing to take with them. This rule has served me well.

In closing

Leadership is a daunting responsibility—for leaders can be no more successful than the poorest performer they lead. It is a leader's job to help look for the next right answer, to train her employees' technique and to help them be in the place of most potential. Leadership is all about people how you help them, talk to them and set an example. The best of leaders are the ones who help reframe problems into opportunities.

Ultimately the essence of leadership is the willingness to make the tough, unambiguous choices that will have an impact on the fate of an organization and on the fate of its people.

It is healthy to disagree—just make sure that you get angry and then get over it. And remember, the ultimate decision must be supported.

Be a nice person and be there for others

I am always amazed at the inherent goodness of those with whom I work. A good business relationship usually has a personal element to it. Don't be afraid to be human.

Support the company position

For a strong willed, independent woman, this can be tough. I often have to remind myself that I can always voice my opinion and objections *up* the organization, but not with those who work for me. It is unacceptable to editorialize or second-guess a company decision once it has been made.

As a leader in a corporation, my role at work is an extension of the objectives of the corporation. I must never forget that I am paid to do what is best to achieve the company's objectives, not my own.

My ability to marshal the resources that I lead, to accomplish company objectives is the quantitative measure of my business success. The ability to use those skills outside of work—with family, with

Founders' Day



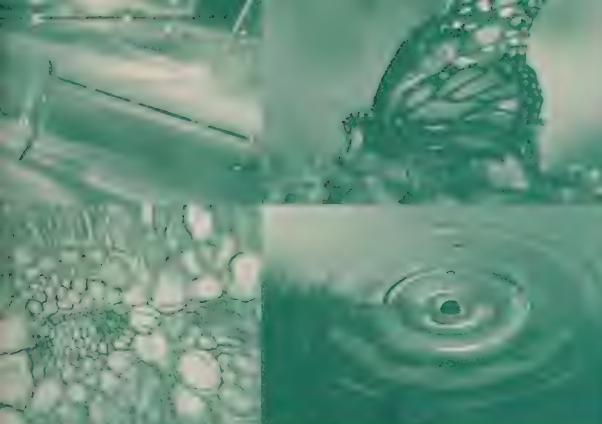
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To Monument Hill, led by Bagpiper

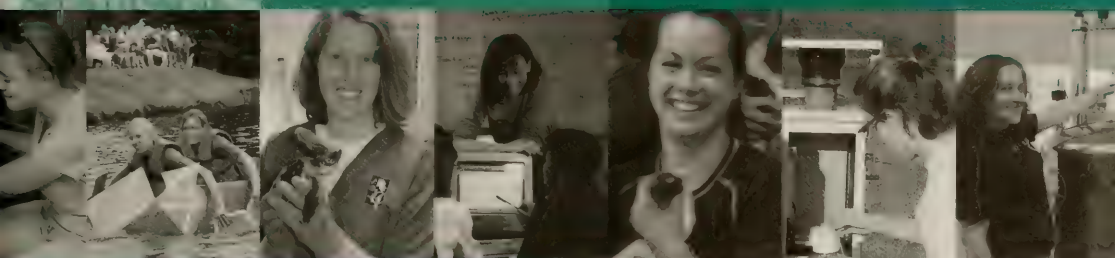
Lorraine Haire Stanley '91, newest member of the Keystone Society (honoring those who have achieved a lifetime cumulative giving record of \$1,000,000 or more in support of Sweet Briar College) was recognized during Founders' Day Convocation

Chaplain Brewer begins Monument Hill Service of Remembrance

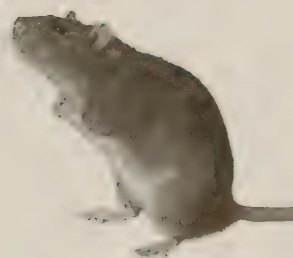
Founders' Day Picnic, Student Commons Courtyard



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Physics Department Now Officially The Department Of Physics And Engineering

DR. HANK M. YOCHUM, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

The Physics Department faculty and students have been doing some very exciting work in the last several years. In addition to our teaching and research projects we have instituted an Engineering Program and we are now officially the Department of Physics and Engineering (see "Engineering @ Sweet Briar" by Kurt Schulz for more information). This new program is partially funded with over \$1 million dollars in grants from the National Science Foundation. We have also renovated one of our teaching labs and have made room for a student study and computer space, which the students have named the "Physics Lair."

This past year, there was quite a buzz in the department because of **Professor Scott Hyman's** radio astronomy discovery. He discovered a new transient radio source toward the center of our galaxy with very interesting bursting properties and reported his findings in *Nature* (March 2005). Publishing in *Nature* is a significant scientific achievement and his discovery garnered attention from many news sources, including CNN, MSNBC, BBC, and *Scientific American*. This work was the by-product of years of effort, and many undergraduate researchers have been involved in his search for transient radio emissions. **Christina Johnson '08** is currently working with Professor Hyman analyzing data. Future observations are planned to try to understand the unique nature of this object. Scott has received funding for his radio astronomy research from the National Science Foundation, Research Corporation, and the Jeffress Memorial Trust, and was awarded several NASA grants to search for X-ray emission from the center of our galaxy; the Sweet Briar Faculty Fellowship; and the Sweet Briar Faculty Research Award. He and his students are leading a program to monitor the Galactic Center for bursting and transient radio sources.

For those of you who have not been in the department for a while, **Professor Hank Yochum** has developed a new Laser and Optics Laboratory. The new research lab is equipped with a Q-switched Nd:YAG laser and optical parametric oscillator as well as detection equipment for doing photoluminescence spectroscopy. Several undergraduates have worked in the lab during the academic year and during the summer on a variety of projects studying defects in optical materials. The Jeffress Memorial Trust currently sponsors research in the Laser and Optics Lab. Last March, physics major **Jenariel Kotonias '06** presented her research results from the lab at the American Physical Society March Meeting in Los Angeles. Also in Los Angeles, Professor Yochum presented materials physics research that he is doing collaboratively with scientists at the Institute of Solid State Physics in Riga, Latvia. In December 2005 he was awarded a \$10,000 grant renewal from the Thomas F. Jeffress and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust to support his work on point defects in optical materials.

The Physics Department has also been active in working with area elementary and middle school math and science teachers. In the last two years, **Professors Yochum and Jill Granger** (Chemistry) have been awarded over \$ 200,000 from the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) to fund our teacher professional development workshops. These funds support weeklong summer workshops, academic year workshops, and academic year support for implementing inquiry-based math and science lessons.

The department was very proud to initiate an award in honor of retired (2005) Whitney-Guion Professor of Physics **George Lenz's** significant contributions to the department. This award is given to a senior physics major or minor who has shown dedication and success in the pursuit of learning physics and who excels in both theoretical and experimental physics, exemplifying Professor Lenz's excitement for understanding physics. The 2005 winner of the award was **Mariana Lazarova '05**. A plaque which now hangs in the department will name each year's winner, who receives her own plaque and a small monetary award. We look forward to continuing to honor George Lenz by presenting this award for years to come.

We are quite proud of what our students have done after graduation. This year, **Mariana Lazarova '05** decided to attend University of California-Riverside for graduate school in astronomy. **Katie Kirkwood '04**, the daughter of SBC Professors of Mathematical Sciences Bessie and James Kirkwood, is at Yale University completing a master's degree in mechanical engineering. **Cynthia Beller '04** is at Harvard in their graduate program in biostatistics. **Jenny Neurether '03** is in the graduate physics program at University of California-Davis. **Alexis Kovacs '02** completed a master's degree in physics at the University of Illinois and recently took a job teaching physics and chemistry at Jones College Prep in Chicago. **Laurina Katz '01** recently finished her master's degree in physics at the University of Denver and is an adjunct professor in SBC's Physics Department for Spring Semester 2006. **Krista Schuler '02** is a structural engineer at McCormac-Watkins Engineering, Hanover, PA. This list is certainly not exhaustive; we wish that space allowed including what all of our graduates are doing.

To keep up with other exciting department news and to see pictures of the department, please check our Web site at <http://www.physics.sbc.edu>. We'd love to hear from physics alumnae! In particular, we are trying to keep up with alumnae activities on our Web site, so please e-mail Hank Yochum, chairperson of the department, at hycorum@sbcedu.

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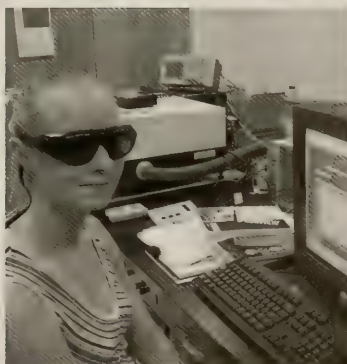
Christina Johnson ('07)
doing radio astronomy
research, searching for
radio transients



Physics majors **Cynthia Beller ('04)**, **Caville Stanbury ('06)**,
Prof. Yochum, **Katie Kirkwood ('04)**, and **Mariana
Lazarova ('05)** at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of
Undergraduate Scholarship, hosted annually by the **SBC
Honors Program**



**Professors Yochum, Hyman, and Lenz, with Mariana
Lazarova (Physics '05)** upon her receiving the inaugural
George H. Lenz Excellence in Physics Award



Barbara Merk ('05) in the **SBC Laser Lab**,
summer 2004

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Christina Johnson (Physics '07) was awarded the Jeffress Student Research Award, which provided her a research stipend for summer 2005. She participated in radio astronomy research with Professor Hyman.

Krista Schuler ('02) is a structural engineer at McCormac-Vatkins Engineering in Hanover, PA.

Laurina Kaatz ('01) will be teaching a couple of physics courses at Sweet Briar in the Spring of 2006.

Alexis Kovacs ('02) is now teaching physics and chemistry courses at Jones College Prep in Chicago.

Engineering At Sweet Briar: Designing Her World, Designing Our World

DR. KURT C. SCHULZ, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Change...the ever-present reality of our world. As the world changes, so must we. Sweet Briar College recognizes this reality and has responded by creating an innovative new Engineering Program. A program closely integrated with the strengths of Sweet Briar, the humanities and the sciences. A professional program seeking accreditation that is grounded in engineering fundamentals and real-world relevance from internships to industry-based design projects. A creative program with design and hands-on experiences as centerpieces. A program with current-day relevance—a multicultural perspective including international experiences. A first-class program incorporating state-of-the-art instrumentation technology within an integrated engineering testing laboratory. A program that supports its students. A program that motivates and excels and guides and challenges and excites. In Sweet Briar's Engineering Program, we recognize that our world is ever changing and plan to continue to change and grow with it. Continue to strive for excellence. Continue to innovate, transcend, and explore...ways to enhance engineering education. The Sweet Briar experience. An exceptional education, an extraordinary experience.

With the broad objective of facilitating lasting societal change, the Sweet Briar Engineering Program is striving to increase the number of engineering graduates—and, more specifically, the

number of women graduates in engineering—an oft-referenced critical national and international need. By offering team-taught courses that are closely integrated with liberal arts, the program presents opportunities for all Sweet Briar students to develop technical skills and confidence—keys to employment and success in today's competitive marketplace.

Engineering students at Sweet Briar can choose their path—from options of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree offering in Engineering Science and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree offering in Integrated Engineering and Management to an engineering minor and a dual-degree opportunity in conjunction with a choice of prominent research-one universities. We at Sweet Briar are confident that these new majors will prepare our students exceptionally well for professional careers in technological-oriented companies or the pursuit of graduate studies in the field of their choice. Many opportunities, many possibilities.

We at Sweet Briar are excited and proud to be at the cutting edge in the development and offering of a unique and innovative approach to engineering education. An approach in step with today's changing world. An approach in step with today's globalized world. An approach in step with the needs of modern industry. In step with the needs of modern society. In step with student needs...in step with your needs.

Kurt Schulz, Engineering Program Director and Associate Professor, and his course *Designing Our World*, received national attention in *College Bound Teen's* November/December 2005 issue. The magazine sent out a national inquiry for cool projects and assignments in college. Schulz' Cardboard Boat Regatta fit the bill. Schulz asked the 14 students in his introductory engineering course to build a boat, which had to be captained by two women, using only corrugated cardboard and 50 feet of duct tape. The students raced their creations in the lower lake on Sweet Briar's campus during Homecoming 2005 to loud cheers from the audience. The first "Engineering Class"—the class of '09—includes five women planning to pursue Bachelor of Science degrees in Engineering Science, and four are pursuing Bachelor of Art degrees in Integrated Engineering and Management.



FROM TOP:
The Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta during Homecoming Weekend—alumnae and fans cheer on the winning team.



They tried and tried and they tried and they tried...but just couldn't make it to the finish line. Great drive, great attitude—first-year engineering students Sarah Smiley and Maddie Lyerly tow in their sunken vessel.



A bit too high—engineering students Shelley Woody and Amanda Baker strive toward the finish line.

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ABOVE: Dr. Schulz working with first-year engineering students Kaelyn Leake and Shelley Woody on using the band saw to build their catapult.

RIGHT: Building catapults in the new Engineering Laboratory. "It worked last night, but every time we sprung the spring it sprang..."

BELOW: Preparing for the annual Parabolic Beanie Baby Launch Mechanism (PBBLM) competition—catapulting beanie babies over treacherous waterways and perilous mountains.



SHORT-TERM PROGRAM PLANS

- Hire a Second Faculty Member—to Begin in the Fall of '06—Expertise in Systems and Controls
- Development of the Integrated Engineering Laboratory—Instrumentation Stations and Materials and Mechanics Test Equipment
- Establishment of Partnership Ties to Local/Regional Industry—Foundation of Student Internships, Student Projects, Mentors, Jobs for Program Graduates, Program Funding
- Implementation of a Set of Three Interdisciplinary Courses focused on Developing Solutions to Developing World Needs and Going On-Site to Implement the Solutions

We at Sweet Briar are confident that these new majors will prepare our students exceptionally well for professional careers in technological-oriented companies or the pursuit of graduate studies in the field of their choice.

RECENT ENGINEERING PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The First "Engineering Class"—the Class of 2009—Entered in the Fall of '05—Eight Students

Engineering Students are Guaranteed Paid Industrial Internships—In Conjunction with Region 2000, the Area's Economic Development Partnership

Engineering Students are Guaranteed Experiences Abroad—Interdisciplinary Courses are Being Developed that Facilitate Going On-Site, Out of the U.S., to Implement Student Designs

The Program Received a \$400k STEP Grant from the National Science Foundation Focused on Recruiting Students into the New Program

Department Of Biology: Spanning The Entire Field

DR. ROBIN DAVIES, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

The study of living things on planet Earth is the *raison d'être* of the Department of Biology. Our small department spans the entire field, from the study of the molecules of life, through cells, organ systems, organisms and ecosystems. Our research interests complement each other wonderfully, and our work is punctuated by numerous examples of collaboration. Courses offered by the department range from *Cell and Molecular Biology* and *Scanning Electron Microscopy* to *The Plant Kingdom* and *Vertebrate Diversity to Ecology and Seminar in Conservation Biology*. Our courses take advantage of our superb equipment holdings and our spectacular environment. For example, last year Visiting Assistant Professor Heather Griscom created an advanced course in *Physiological Plant Ecology* which combined field and laboratory investigations. Dr. Griscom received her Ph.D. from Yale University in 2004 and is our sabbatical replacement for Dr. Linda Fink.

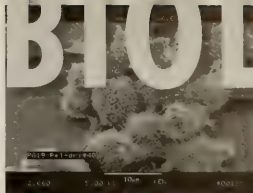
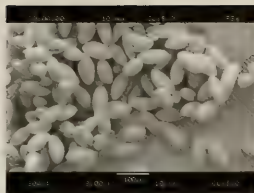
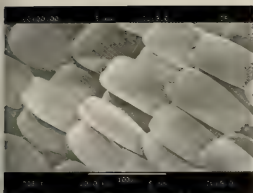
Dr. Janet Steven joined the biology faculty this fall after completing a Ph.D. in Botany at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and postdoctoral research at Indiana University. She was attracted to Sweet Briar by the meaningful teaching opportunities and emphasis on academics provided by the College, as well as the many avenues of plant research made possible by the size of the campus. Currently, she is starting a research project on the evolution of flower types in Piedmont meadow-rue, a Virginia native plant. Drs. Fink and Steven are also planning a collaborative study on Japanese stiltgrass, an invasive plant on the Sweet Briar campus. While Dr. Fink investigates the spread of the weed, Dr. Steven will be studying the characteristics of the plant that make it a good invader. Japanese stiltgrass produces two kinds of flowers—some that are small and self-pollinate, and others that are large and disperse pollen between plants. “Japanese stiltgrass invades and outcompetes other plants in both sunny and shady conditions. The production of two different kinds of flowers may be giving stiltgrass an edge in both habitats,” said Dr. Steven. “Understanding reproduction in this species will allow us to design better management approaches.”

Dr. Jeff Janovetz joined the department in 2002, upon completion of his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He brought an impressive collection of live vertebrate animals with him, including snakes, lizards, and tortoises. Dr. Janovetz says “The focus of my research is how the biological design of an organism influences its behavior and ability to perform ecological tasks such as capturing prey or escaping predators. My students and I study the anatomy of animals and use a high-speed camera to record the intricate movement of the skull and body that comprise each behavior. These data are combined with the ecological context of the behavior and the evolutionary relationships of the animals to test hypotheses of adaptation and general patterns in the sequence

and direction of evolutionary change in morphology and behavior. Current research projects focus on the feeding biology of piranhas and related fishes, the biomechanics of scale-feeding in fishes, the function of jaw protrusion in a local species of minnow, and prey capture in salamanders.”

Dr. Linda Fink earned her Ph.D. in Zoology at the University of Florida and is our ecologist and field biologist. She has research interests in three areas: arthropod behavior and ecology, invasive species, and ecology of our hardwood forests. Dr. Fink is currently spending a sabbatical year on charismatic insects that she has been studying for four, five and 25 years. Without teaching and committee responsibilities, she is able to carry out time-intensive experiments and prepare papers for publication. Over the summer she focused on silkmoth caterpillars at risk from an exotic parasite, following up on Kellogg, Fink and Brower (2003, *Environmental Entomology* 32: 1019-1027). In the fall she delved into the sex lives of walkingsticks, asking why both males and females mate repeatedly, protractedly, and with multiple partners. During the winter and spring she and Research Professor Lincoln Brower are asking why monarch butterflies are so restricted in their winter habitat. One billion monarchs, produced in a breeding range covering most of eastern North America, converge on a region in Mexico that extends only 60 by 70 miles, where they form dense colonies with a combined size of less than 75 acres. Their research team, including Sweet Briar students and scientists from Mexico, NASA and Lynchburg College, is combining laboratory physiology experiments, field explorations and microclimate measurements, and GIS analysis. They are supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Robin Davies came to Sweet Briar in 1988 from a position in the biotechnology industry. She earned her Ph.D. in Biochemical Sciences from Princeton University and is our cell and molecular biologist. Together with Dr. Rob Granger of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Davies and her students have been pursuing cancer research in both human and animal tissue culture lines. Students utilize normal and malignant cultured cells to determine the anticancer activity of the novel compounds created by Dr. Granger and his students. They have identified several compounds which demonstrate selective toxicity for cancer cells and which are effective against tumor lines resistant to conventional chemotherapy agents. Dr. Davies also sponsors research in molecular biology, and is delighted to be working with Dr. Fink on her stick insect paternity investigations. Additionally, Dr. Davies collaborates with Dr. Raina Robeva and Dr. Jim Kirkwood of the Department of Mathematical Sciences and colleagues at the University of Virginia School of Medicine on biomathematics education. They offer a course, *Topics in Biomathematics*, at Sweet Briar and just submitted a book manuscript to their publishers. Dr. Davies is also interested

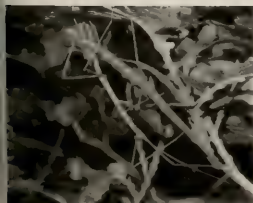


in improving K-12 science education and participates in Dr. Jill Granger's workshops for in-service teachers.

The department offers the B.S., B.A., and minor in Biology and a joint B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with Chemistry. We are exceptionally proud of our graduates, who go on to fascinating careers in many fields. Our alumnae include veterinarians, field biologists, physicians, conservation biologists, nurses, physical therapists, and teachers at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. Alumnae are in graduate or professional programs at UVA, Johns Hopkins, Harvard, and the Universities of Tennessee, California-Davis, Oklahoma, Florida, and many more. Several are employed in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. A large concentration of Sweet Briar Biology graduates may be found pursuing biomedical research at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. We invite each of them to keep in touch and to let us know what they are doing, as hearing from alumnae makes our day!



Dr. Linda Fink's Seminar in Conservation Biology met for the 1st time in spring 2005. Members of the inaugural class were (Standing, L-r): Amanda Watts, Tamara Himmelright Helton, Beth Goldring and Denise Uribe, all members of the class of 2005; Rebecca Penny '08, Lauren Banks '06, Dr. Fink; (Kneeling, L-r): Stephanie Scherrer, Jenn Wiley, Abby Adams and Charlotte Formichella, all members of the class of 2006.



Dr. Linda Fink has been doing research on the sex lives of walking sticks—asking why they mate repeatedly, protractedly, and with multiple partners.

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Shannon Smith '99 learns about sea turtles while in Grenada.

Shannon Smith '99 studied veterinary studies at N.C. State University. She has done veterinary work on lions, buffalo and antelope in South Africa; taken a sea turtle medicine course in Grenada; and traveled to Thailand to learn about elephant medicine.



Aboard the Ka'imimoana, Fionna Matheson '98 makes an entry into the bridge weather log.

Fionna Matheson '98 is a commissioned officer in the NOAA Corps, stationed on the ship Ka'imimoana. She is at sea about 300 days a year, cruising from Mexico to the Marshall Islands. The ship maintains a buoy array in the equatorial Pacific that monitors oceanic and climatic data. NOAA Corps, the smallest of the uniformed services, has approximately 300 commissioned officers.

PHOTOS ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:

This image, taken with Sweet Briar's scanning electron microscope, shows the scales on a butterfly's wing, and is representative of the kinds of images students obtain every semester using the instrument.

The football-shaped objects in this image are pollen grains. Pollen grains come in a surprising variety of shapes and textures and are frequently selected by first-year biology students for their first scanning electron microscopy projects.

These mouse melanoma cells were grown in tissue culture and prepared for the electron microscope by Kristy Winstead Anderson '98. Their rounded shape and irregular surface are characteristic of these aggressive malignant cells.

The scanning electron microscope provides a window into the cellular structure of the living world. This close-up of the cut end of a woody twig shows the kind of detail visible using the instrument.

Sweet Briar's Department of Biology owns and operates an Amray 1810 Scanning Electron Microscope, the successor to the original Cambridge Instruments microscope whose donation to the Department was arranged by Dr. Charlene Reed-Miller '73. The scanning electron microscope is used by beginning biology students as well as pre-veterinary and pre-medical students in Biology 102, Introductory Biology Laboratory II. Advanced biology students use it to explore more extensively in Biology 350, Scanning Electron Microscopy, and in Independent Research, Biology 351.

The Department Of Mathematical Sciences: A Department To Be Modeled

DR. STEPHEN R. WASSELL, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

The Department of Mathematical Sciences just recently underwent its 10-year external review in spring 2005, and passed with flying colors, prompting President Muhlenfeld to write: *I must say it is a pleasure to read a thoughtful and authoritative review that is so positive. Your department is one I value and that has long seemed to me a model. It is wonderful to hear an outsider identify those elements of your interaction and partnership that make the department function as it does. Congratulations on having developed solid academic programs while maintaining your own scholarly interests.*

One of the facts in which the department takes pride is that, over the past five–10 years, approximately 10 percent of SBC students have graduated with a major in the Mathematical Sciences, about triple the national average. In fact, a large number of students who major within the department had not anticipated doing so in their first year, but a favorable experience in the introductory courses convinced them to pursue the subjects further. Perhaps the main reason for this success is the high amount of interaction and camaraderie that students in the department have with one another and with the faculty. Another strength is that for a small department, the faculty have an unusual breadth of expertise. All of them have Ph.D.s (in fact, one has doctorates in both mathematics and statistics!), and between them, they hold degrees in mathematics, statistics, computer science, physics, and architecture.

Majors in the Department of Mathematical Sciences are typically very active in co-curricular life at Sweet Briar, and several of the student government officers in recent years have been math or computer science majors. Upon graduation, Mathematical Sciences majors are highly employable in a variety of fields, by top-notch organizations such as IBM, Northrop Grumman, the National Ground Intelligence Center, the National Security Agency, PricewaterhouseCoopers, SunTrust Bank, and the Joint Warfare Analysis Center, to name a few. Students who choose to pursue graduate school are also very successful. Some of the top graduate placements over the past eight years include programs in Biostatistics, Harvard University; Engineering and Applied Science, Yale University; Computer Science, Stanford University; Operations Research, College of William & Mary; and Accounting, University of North Carolina.

Each faculty member in the department has maintained solid scholarly activities while devoting considerable time to both coursework and service to the College through SBC's strong faculty governance system. **Bob Chase's** primary research area recently has been with the Palm OS (the operating system for the Palm Pilot). Under the auspices of grants and contracts, funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) as well as industry sources through the University of Virginia (UVA), he has been

working on implementation of patient survey administration, data collection, and analysis for research on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and on ADHD. Pedagogically, in order to keep up with the rapidly changing field of Computer Science (CS), Bob has devoted considerable time to learning object-oriented programming as manifested by the C++ and Java languages, as well as to researching ways of teaching those languages. Bob has also spent several years developing expertise with the Unix operating system and learning and implementing services and tools provided by Unix, which is pertinent for both operating systems and computer networks, two core areas of CS.

For the past few years **Jim Kirkwood** has been working with **Raina Robeva**, a departmental colleague, and **Robin Davies**, from SBC's Department of Biology, on an exciting and innovative biomathematics initiative. Their first grant, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) in 2001, entitled "Teaching Quantification Skills in the Biology and Mathematics Curricula," focused on developing a new course for sophomore level students and a collection of stand-alone biomathematics modules that could be used as student projects and independent research in conventional biology and mathematics courses. This initiative is in collaboration with several faculty members from UVA's Center for Biomathematical Technology, who have obtained an additional grant funded by NIH entitled "Computational Applications in Diabetes and Endocrinology." The same trio of SBC professors, who act as undergraduate consultants for the NIH award, obtained a second NSF grant in 2003, entitled "Biomathematics: Developing a Textbook and Case Study Manual for Teaching Introductory Courses in Mathematical Biology." Their textbook is now under contract by Academic Press. Finally, Jim has been involved for the past several years with in-service classes for area high school and middle school teachers, including hands-on, projects-oriented approaches to geometry and integration of computers into mathematics instruction.

Bessie Kirkwood has been making the most of the expertise she developed in earning her Ph.D. in Statistics (in addition to her first Ph.D. in Mathematics). Her research activities complement the biomathematics initiative involving departmental colleagues **Jim Kirkwood** and **Raina Robeva**. Bessie received funding in 2004 from the NSF for a grant entitled "Biostatistics: A Second Statistics Course Preparing Undergraduates for Research." She now teaches *Biostatistics* at SBC, a course that prepares students for graduate programs in life sciences and medicine, where they often are expected to arrive with research experience. This course is innovative because it covers modern computing-intensive statistical methods usually reserved for graduate-level studies. The course also completes the curriculum for a new minor in statistics and a second minor in biomathematics, which is still being developed.

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Over the past five–10 years, approximately 10 percent of SBC students have graduated with a major in the Mathematical Sciences, about triple the national average.



L-r: Raina Robeva, Jim Kirkwood, Bessie Kirkwood, Bob Chase, Steve Wassell

Steve Wassell has been active on a number of fronts. During his first sabbatical he earned a master's in CS from UVA in 1999, and he regularly teaches *Algorithm Analysis* as part of the department's CS curriculum. Steve has been involved as well with SBC's new Engineering Program, for which he has taken part in three NSF grants, most notably as the principal investigator for a 2004 grant entitled "Increasing the Number of Women in Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics: A Scholarship Program at an Undergraduate Women's College." Steve's primary research area combines his undergraduate degree subject, architecture, with mathematics. His area of expertise is the mathematics found in the designs of Andrea Palladio, perhaps the most influential of the Italian Renaissance architects, if not of all time. (For example, Ralph Adams Cram's design for SBC's campus could certainly be called Palladian.) He is the co-author of a 2002 book entitled *On Ratio and Proportion*, a translation and commentary of Silvio Belli, *Della proporzione et proporzionalità* (Belli was a close friend and colleague of Palladio), as well as a book now under contract, *Andrea Palladio's Villa Cornaro in Piombino Dese*.

Raina Robeva has truly been a leader in the biomathematics initiative, which at SBC grew out of a meeting prompted by a memo from Raina to the other Guion professors calling for interdisciplinary work. A quote from the recent 10-year departmental evaluation is in order:

"It is noteworthy that Raina's memo preceded the appearance in 2003 of *BIO2010. Transforming Undergraduate Education for Future Research Biologists*, published by the National Academy of Science, and the responding *Mathematics & Biology 2010, Linking Undergraduate Disciplines* published by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). She was prescient in her initiative, and the benefits now accruing to the college are worth noting."

Topics in Biomathematics:

Applying Mathematical Methods to the Life Sciences

Nowadays, virtually any advance in the life sciences requires sophisticated mathematical approaches. Characterization of biological systems has reached an unparalleled level of detail. To organize this information and arrive at a better fundamental understanding of life processes, it is imperative that powerful conceptual tools from mathematics be applied to the frontier problems in biology. Modeling of biological systems is evolving into an important partner of experimental work. As a result, there is a rapidly increasing demand for people with training in the field of computational and mathematical biology. To meet this national need, the department now offers a course, *Topics in Biomathematics*, that helps our students develop the skills crucial for applying mathematical methods to the life sciences. The course, developed by Raina Robeva and James Kirkwood, together with Robin Davies from the Department of Biology was created with funding from a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in collaboration with faculty from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. A substantial portion of the course projects is based on ongoing faculty research and studies at UVA, thus providing opportunities for subsequent student internships. Separate NSF funding was awarded to the SBC faculty team for producing a textbook and a laboratory case studies manual for the course.

Because the need for integrating mathematical and computational methods in the life sciences curricula is growing, Drs. Robeva and Davies have also become part of a consortium that in the past three years has offered professional development workshops for college and university faculty who wish to develop and teach courses in the field. The Mathematical Association of America, the NSF, and the National Computational Science Institute are sponsoring these activities and the Mathematical Sciences and Biology departments will jointly host the 2006 workshop in *Mathematical and Computational Biology* that will take place at Sweet Briar College.

Raina is the principal investigator on the 2001 and 2003 NSF grants cited above, and she and Robin Davies team-teach the course *Topics in Biomathematics*, which helps students develop the skills crucial for applying mathematical methods to the life sciences. Raina and Robin have also become part of a consortium that in the past three years has offered professional development workshops for college and university faculty who wish to develop and teach courses in the field. Over the past three years **Raina Robeva** has also collaborated with **Tim Loboschewski** from SBC's Department of Psychology and faculty from UVA's School of Medicine to create mathematical models for ADHD assessment based on demographic, psychometric and electro-encephalographic data. The results of her studies have been published in several journal articles and, this year, as a book chapter in *Progress in Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Research*.

Psychology: A Number Of Exciting Changes

DR. TIMOTHY W. LOBOSCHEFSKI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

First, warm greetings to our alums who have gone on to do some tremendous things since leaving the halls of Guion. As is true of the other sciences, Psychology has been going through a number of exciting changes since the last time you may have been on campus. Our faculty research projects have been supported by over \$400,000 from state and national foundations; we are in the midst of discussions about adding a Neuroscience concentration option to our Bachelor of Science Degree; our students are actively engaged in both laboratory research and community outreach projects; and our majors continue to score high on national tests for undergraduate majors in Psychology.

Research has become a way of life for our students, who are key partners in both their own and faculty research projects. For those who might not be familiar with the research conducted by our faculty: **Dr. Brian Cusato** heads up our animal research program and his work examines adaptive and ecologically relevant learning mechanisms in the sexual behavior systems of avian species. By understanding the relevant cues and outcomes of better mating strategies, scientists might be better equipped to help species at risk of extinction better repopulate. Students such as **Carlina Muglia '07** work on Dr. Cusato's research as well as conducting their own projects with the animals. **Dr. Susan Beers**, our social/personality psychologist, is currently conducting research (with **Brooke Middleton '05** and **Charis Lease-Trevathan '06**) examining how students' spiritual and religious beliefs change over the course of their college years, and the possible negative effects brought out by an otherwise positive personal transformation. Finally, **Dr. Tim Loboschefski**, our developmental psychologist, has recently completed (with **Dr. Raina Robeva**, from SBC's Mathematical Sciences program) a large-scale study of adult ADHD. In this work, they are attempting to develop a medically-based, objective tool to assist in the diagnosis of ADHD (using electroencephalographic [EEG] information). By having a more objective tool available at diagnosis, potential issues of misdiagnosis and overmedication might be better brought under control. Faculty research has been published in such journals as: *Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback*; *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*; *Clinical Psychology Current Pediatric Review*; *Journal of Comparative Psychology*; and *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review* in the last few years.

Our classrooms have been just as active and diverse. Through **Dr. Sandy Duis'** Counseling Skills course, students are taking their classroom experiences and applying their skills through a required outreach program targeting local service agencies. Each year, over 1000 hours of community service is accomplished through this and our field experience courses. For the animal lovers out there, **Dr. Roberta Sadler** and students in her Honors Seminar Animal Minds recently spent a day at the Riding Center

seeing applications of lessons on behavioral training and Natural Horsemanship procedures (species-typical learning procedures) in action. Not to slight humans however, she assures us that in her Behavioral Approaches to Human Problems class, the human animal is also appropriately dealt with. She has worked as well with **Mary Gordon Seay '04** on her Honors Thesis project on person perception and stereotyping. **Dr. Melissa Burns-Cusato**, our newest adjunct faculty member, has been an integral part of our push for Neuroscience in the major. Recent discoveries on the human genome and better brain imaging techniques have reignited the strong ties between the disciplines of Psychology and Biology and we hope to build on our strengths as a liberal arts college in building these connections into our curricula.

Our students also continue to impress. As has been the case for the last five years, our senior majors in 2005 scored well above average on the nationally normed ACAT exam taken by all of our students as part of their Senior Seminar. Indeed, fully one-fourth of the class scored at or above the 90th percentile of Psychology majors in the country taking the test. Because of their high academic achievement and experiences at SBC, our students continue to place well as they progress toward graduate schools. For those that have decided to continue into postgraduate work after leaving SBC, over 90 percent of our recent majors have been placed in programs of their choice. Also among the many accomplishments achieved by our students, recent graduate **Mindy Wolfrom '05** proved that there are more than 25 hours in a day by working on the ADHD and animal research, while conducting her own Honors Thesis on factors underlying moral reasoning. She is currently enrolled in a graduate program in Philosophy to further her study in this area. Our students have been helped in their research by a dozen laptops, which the department purchased to assist in this endeavor, as well as providing funds for tests, software, and general lab equipment. The animal laboratory has also been spruced up with new caging and testing areas and a new HVAC system.

On a sad note, **Dr. Phyllis "Stevie" Stevens**, who retired from the Department of Psychology in 1983 recently passed away. Our condolences go out to all of her family and friends. In recognition of her many contributions to the department and SBC, we are upgrading and rededicating the Psychology Student Lounge area in her honor.

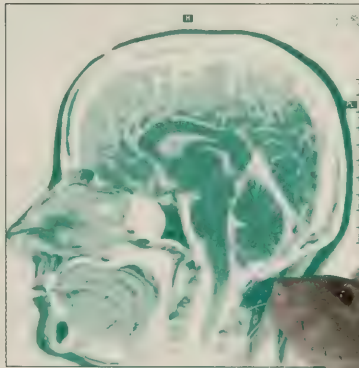
To keep up with what is going on in the department, please check out our Web site at <http://www.psychology.sbc.edu>. To contact us, or for a quick link to some of our research pages, please go to <http://www.psychology.sbc.edu/faculty.htm>. We have been trying our best to keep up with our alums...please e-mail us and let us know what is going on in your lives. Nothing says "Psychology" like students holding rats... enjoy these recent photos from the Animal Learning class.

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As would be expected in a field as broad as Psychology, our majors follow their own self-defined pathways after graduation. As an example, here is just a small sense of the VAST diversity of our alums:

Susan Bobb '00
Psycholinguistics program

Melissa Bellan '00
Law School

Allison Clark Joe '01
Clinical Psychology

Emily Harris '02
Experimental Psychology-
Animal Learning & Behavior

Anya Moon '02
Counseling Psychology

Chantel Yavari '02
Educational Psychology

Kassie Rentz Adams '04
Nursing program

Courtney Patti '05
MSW program

Heather Link '05
Occupational Therapy
program



The Environmental Sciences Program At Sweet Briar

DR. DAVID R. ORVOS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Sweet Briar's Environmental Sciences Program dates from 2000. Environmental Sciences is an interdisciplinary program that concentrates on the biological, chemical, and geological aspects of the environment and uses the principles and practices of those disciplines to provide solutions for environmental problems. The two environmental sciences professors, Assistant Professor **Dr. Rebecca Ambers** and Associate Professor **Dr. David Orvos**, bring diverse backgrounds and varied experiences that help our students understand the complexities of the environment. Associate Professor **Dr. Robert Alexander**, an economist, complements the two science professors with his work that examines the role of economics in conservation.

Environmental Science majors enjoy an excellent job market with graduates readily able to enter the work force or continue studies at the graduate level. Sweet Briar's program is literally a hands-on one! Our students take several courses that contain a significant field component. Our laboratories are well equipped, thanks to SBC alumnae and the National Science Foundation.

As part of their senior experience, students are required to conduct scientific research or participate in an internship. Many of our juniors and seniors have done investigations into such different issue as the effect of dams on streams, the presence and effects of emerging chemical contaminants in rivers, the impact of land use practices on watersheds, and the toxicity of mercury. SBC students don't just "do projects" to keep themselves busy. Their research is often cutting edge and noteworthy. Two students conducting research in the program received a second place prize from among 150 contenders at the fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County in 2003. In April 2004, eight majors traveled to Memphis where they made four presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists. Other students have presented their results at the Geological Society of America meetings. The quality of student research on local watersheds was such that they were awarded a Tribute of Appreciation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 in October 2004!

Some of our students choose internships where they work with environmental professionals. SBC students are in demand by state and local agencies that recognize the quality of an Environmental Science or Environmental Studies major. Students have interned with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District.

Yet another distinctive feature of the program is the opportunity for international experience. Approximately half of all environmental majors study off-campus for a semester or an entire academic year. Students have taken courses and studied environmental issues in

such far-reaching places as Columbia, British Columbia, Australia, Mongolia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Scotland, and Tanzania.

Through the generosity of our alumnae, we are able to bring world-class scholars to campus and to take our students to professional scientific meetings where they get the opportunity to meet other scientists. Environmental students have had the opportunity to engage in discussions at Sweet Briar with such notable speakers as conservationist E.O. Wilson of Harvard; population expert Werner Fornos; and biologist Jane Goodall.



Professor Edward O. Wilson of Harvard with environmental majors, October 2004.

The focal point of all of the sciences at Sweet Briar is the intensive research experiences that faculty have with students. Environmental Sciences are no different. Professor **Rebecca Ambers** leads the Earth Sciences Laboratory in the old Sweet Briar Train Station (on campus across from Guion), and is developing a number of different research projects, both on- and off-campus. One aspect of her research involves the effects of historic land use practices on erosion, sedimentation, and stream geomorphology. A paper soon to be published in the scientific journal *Catena* describes the significance of deep gullies found on the east side of Monument Hill. Age dating of buried wood at the base of the hill and historical research enabled Dr. Ambers to construct a time line of land use and landscape response at the site. She is expanding this work to other areas on campus.

The second major focus of Dr. Ambers' research involves application of x-ray diffraction and clay mineralogy to problems in geomorphology. She recently purchased a state-of-the-art x-ray diffraction system and worked with **Melanie Stine '07** this past summer collecting stream bank clays at selected locations

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Environmental science major Kathy Wilson ('06) retrieves a rainwater sample from a N-Con atmospheric sampler near the upper lake on campus. The N-Con sampler is made by a company owned by SBC alumna Martha Isdale Beach '54 and her husband, Jack.



Environmental majors (left to right) Jennifer Bragg, Carrie Thomas, and Leah Reedy receive the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Tribute of Appreciation from Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R, 6th District VA) in October of 2004.

throughout central Virginia. The goal of this research is to determine the role of clay mineralogy in controlling stream bank erodibility.

Professor **David Orvos** leads the Environmental Research Laboratory located in the old Water Plant building near the Boathouse on campus. This modern facility allows students to use a plethora of techniques to answer research questions about environmental issues. His laboratory has two areas of emphasis. The first is the study of the presence, effects, and potential ecological risk from small amounts of pharmaceuticals and other chemicals in the environment. These substances are used by all of us in our daily lives and have been recently termed "emerging contaminants." Sweet Briar students use sophisticated technology to look for small amounts of various pharmaceuticals compounds in different environmental matrices including water and wastewater. Results indicate that several of these compounds are ubiquitous in the environment and may lead to bacteria developing antibiotic resistance.

The second area of emphasis in the Orvos laboratory is watershed assessment and preservation. In partnership with the local soil and water conservation district, several teams of Sweet Briar students have studied the Buffalo River watershed since 2002. This watershed, which starts in the Blue Ridge Mountains, serves as the drinking water source for Amherst and Sweet Briar. Students have developed a geographical information system (GIS) analysis of the land use in the watershed and have monitored nutrients, sediment, and bacteria.

While we may be new to the sciences at Sweet Briar, we hope you agree that we have come a long way and that our program is second to none. Please visit our website at <http://environment.sbc.edu> for more information.



Environmental science majors at a professional scientific conference in Memphis, TN during April of 2004. These students made a total of four presentations at the Association of Southeastern Biologist's conference.

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News From The Department Of Chemistry

DR. JILL N. GRANGER, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

SUMMER IN REVIEW

Associate Professor **John Beck** acquired a collection of nearly 40 exotic plants from South America. These plants will become part of John's research on identifying potentially new antibiotic/antimicrobial active compounds.

Professor **Susan Piepho** organized the National Convention of Iota Sigma Pi, the National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry. Nearly 50 delegates, representing ISP chapters around the country, were in attendance at the meeting held in the Sweet Briar College Elston Inn Conference Center. Members of the organization come from academia, industry, and government. Our Lynchburg area chapter received a national recognition of merit for our high level of chapter activity including our annual outreach program for Girl Scout Brownies in our local area.

Professor **Rob Granger** and Associate Professor **John Beck** sponsored student researchers last summer. Working with John were **Ashley Figueiredo '08**, **Cherisse Hoover '08**, both sponsored by John's grant from the Commonwealth Health Research Board, and **Farzana Sekander '07** supported by the SBC Honors Summer Research Program (HSRP). Working with Rob were **Erika Kennedy '07**, HSRP, **Jodie MacDonald '07**, and **Brittany Schneider** a high school scholar attending Rockdale County high school in Conyers, GA, who will be attending SBC next fall. John's research group worked on natural products chemistry involving either isolation or synthesis of bioactive

molecules. Rob's research group worked on novel platinum and palladium compounds.

Lab Manager/Instructor in Chemistry **Pam Simpson** directed the third annual "Kids In College" program for Sweet Briar, a community outreach program that brought over 100 third through eighth grade students to campus to take a variety of classes.

Professor **Jill Granger** and Assistant Professor **Hank Yochum** (Department of Physics) initiated a 2005-2006 program for teacher education in math and science, funded by a \$142,000 grant from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia through the federal No Child Left Behind initiative. Sweet Briar's grant, part of the "Title IIA, Improving Teacher Quality" legislation, provides ongoing opportunities for teacher education in math and science. The program kicked off with an intensive weeklong summer institute taught by Jill and Hank, along with Professors **Bessie Kirkwood** (Math), **Robin Davies** (Biology), and **Linda Fink** (Biology), and with Megan Murray (Albemarle County Schools) and Judy Strang (Pedlar River Institute). Workshops will continue to be offered throughout the 2005-2006 school year. The grant additionally provides for in-class support of the teacher participants through the availability of Instructional Support Specialist **Andrea Orvos** (Chemistry), who travels in the seven-county region providing teachers with on-site support in the classroom. Pam Simpson serves as the Project Assistant.

Professor **Jill Granger** attended the Gordon Research Conference on Research and Practice in Chemistry Education held at Connecticut College, giving a presentation on the College's new curriculum for teacher education in the sciences, the Science by Inquiry courses, including a summative review of the program as completed for the National Science Foundation.

Professor **John Beck** went to the national meeting of the American Chemical Society to present three posters. The first poster was for research on *Lomatium californicum*; the second, presented by **Suzy Harvey '06** for work on Lemongrass, and the third was for the NSF Broader Impact Showcase (in which John received an award from the National Science Foundation) to highlight his work with our NMR in research and teaching.

Dr. Shen-Chieh Chou, a postdoctoral research associate with Professor John Beck, presented a paper at the American Society of Pharmacognosy meeting in Oregon on his research with *Lomatium californicum*.

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

John Beck performed several reviews of manuscripts for the journal *Steroids*, and two book reviews for the *Journal of Natural Products*. He also has one





manuscript accepted for publication (Complete Proton and Carbon Assignment of (+)-Catechin via One- and Two-Dimensional Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Analysis: A Hands-on Learning Experiment for Upper-Division Undergraduate Chemistry Students. Chou, S.-C.; Mercier, J. E.; Wilson, K. A.; Beck, J. J. *The Chemical Educator*. Two additional manuscripts are currently under review: 1) Antibacterial Activity of Components from *Lomatium californicum*. Chou, S.-C.; Everngam, M. C.; Sturtz, G.; Beck, J. J. Submitted to *Phytotherapy Research*; and 2) Herbal Extracts From *Cortex moutan* Exhibit Antioxidant Potential, Inhibit Cell-Induced Apoptosis, and Possess Antimicrobial Activities. Tsai, Y.-H.; Heimbegner, J. L.; Beck, J. J.; Turner, J. E. Submitted to *The Journal of Ethnopharmacology*.

FALL SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

Professor **Rob Granger** was on sabbatical leave this past fall, doing research at the University of Virginia in the lab of Dr. James Demas. Rob is continuing his work on the catalytic properties of novel platinum and palladium containing compounds.

Professor **Susan Piepho** was busy this fall giving the Chemistry Department Web site a needed face-lift and updating all of the information there. She has been working closely with the College Relations Office Webmaster Chris Cohen to give the site a modern look, to add advanced features, and to match the Web page to the overall style of the College's Web site.

Professor **Jill Granger** served on a panel in the Women, Science, and Technology symposium at the annual meeting of the Women's College Coalition held in Washington, D.C. in September 2005. As part of the symposium, Jill made comments regarding the subject of "Teaching Women and Overcoming Traditional Educational Barriers."

Five Sweet Briar students, **Ashley Figueiredo '08**, **Erika Kennedy '07**, **Susie Harvey '06**, **Farzana Sekander '07**, and **Kimberly Wilson '06**, gave presentations at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship (MARCUS), on chemistry-related research. The conference, held at SBC, drew 85 student presenters from 17 colleges.

Professor **Jill Granger** is working on a review of "Nucleic Acids" by Shawn Doonan, Royal Society Press, for the *Journal of Natural Products*.

Adjunct Assistant Professor (Chemistry) **Arlene Vinion-Dubiel** is writing a new Chemistry Placement test which will be given online to incoming students next summer.



Chemistry majors Lauren Martin ('06) and Jessica Mercier ('06) are shown taking advantage of the Department's research-grade 400 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer to perform some of their research.

The NMR is used for the structure elucidation of complex organic molecules. Sweet Briar Chemistry majors incorporate the NMR into many of their classes, labs, and research projects. The NMR was made possible by a generous grant from the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation Program. In addition to the various uses the NMR has for the class and lab setting, it has allowed cutting edge research to become more of a reality in the department, and has resulted in peer-reviewed journal articles that feature Sweet Briar Chemistry majors as co-authors.



Lanthanum Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi: President Jill Granger, Treasurer Susan Piepho, and Vice-President Ann Fabirkiewicz

Myth *vs.* Reality



GIVING TO SBC

ALUMNAE LEADERS SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS

According to a recent survey of Sweet Briar alumnae loyalty is remarkably high, with 80 percent of all alumnae surveyed reporting they feel extremely favorable toward the College.

Yet despite such strong loyalty, less than 50 percent of our alumnae support Sweet Briar financially. This article, the first in a series to address alumnae misconceptions about giving, features insights from leading alumnae volunteers.

The myth

WHAT ALUMNAE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GIVING TO SWEET BRIAR:

- "I can't afford to give a lot, and I don't want to make an insignificant gift."
- "My classmates can afford to give much more than I can and I am sure that they all give, so Sweet Briar doesn't need my gift."

The reality

THE REAL SCOOP FROM ETHEL OGDEN BURWELL '58, NATIONAL ANNUAL FUND CHAIR:

Believe it or not, not everyone gives to Sweet Briar, even in a Reunion year! We love Sweet Briar and assume that everyone who feels the same way gives to Sweet Briar. The truth is, even the most loyal alumnae often miss out on the joy of giving back to SBC financially.

The participation rate for Sweet Briar alumnae in the Annual Fund last year was 38 percent, which means that 62 percent of our alumnae did not participate and WE NEED YOU! Participation at every level is important because it is a tangible measure of how much we value Sweet Briar and her mission. It is also critical in attracting the best and brightest students since publications such as *U.S. News & World Report* count alumnae participation in their ratings.

It is a fact that not all of us can afford to endow a scholarship or name a building, but that doesn't mean that our gifts aren't important. The total last year for Annual Fund gifts of \$100 or less was \$134,857. This is vital support for the College. For instance, \$134,857 would underwrite the recruitment of ten top students who enroll (\$30,000), and support 205 hours of classroom instruction (\$54,735), and provide fifty students with a full year of financial aid through the work/study program



(\$50,000). At Sweet Briar, EVERY GIFT IS IMPORTANT.

What matters is that you make Sweet Briar a giving priority and that you make your best gift, whatever that may be for you. Sweet Briar needs you every year and annual giving is a great way to participate in the success of the College. So don't wait to win the lottery, don't trust that your classmates are all making big gifts, and most importantly, don't miss out on the joy of giving to Sweet Briar.

The myth

WHAT ALUMNAE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT LEADERSHIP GIVING:

- "At this time in my life, I can't afford to give at a leadership level to Sweet Briar."
- "I have a lot of other charitable interests; it is hard to give a larger gift to SBC."

The reality

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES FROM ROBIN RODGER HELLER '76, BOXWOOD CIRCLE GIVING CHAIR:

Giving at a leadership level can be challenging with so many competing priorities. A great way to increase giving is to spread your gift out over several months. Make your pledge early using your credit card and simply instruct the College in the amount to charge and the number of months over which to spread the payment. It's easy and it's amazing how quickly the gift adds up.

Another idea is to move Sweet Briar up on your priority list by finding something that you buy regularly and substitute giving to Sweet Briar instead. One alumna vowed to increase her gift from the Oak Society to the Boxwood Circle, but she was a single working mother with two children. Her solution was to give up one hardcover book each week and her café drinks. Instead, she

went to the used bookstore and made cocoa at home. The difference of \$125 a month allowed her to direct that extra money to SBC and join the Boxwood Circle. She loves books, but she loves Sweet Briar even more!

This is the last year of *Our Campaign For Her World*, and it is the perfect time to move Sweet Briar up on your list of giving priorities. Every gift to the Annual Fund counts toward this historic \$102 million campaign. We have already raised over \$100 million, but we need your help to reach the goal and your stretch gift could be the one that puts us over the top. Join the fun and be a part of SBC history.

Time to Recognize the Role of Athletics in the History of Sweet Briar College

JENNIFER L. CRISPEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS



You remember the girls who made sports look easy.

They could play all day, with passion and energy that were endless. It's time to recognize their achievements, and the role of athletics in the history of Sweet Briar College.

NOTE: Until the new athletic facility is constructed and the Hall of Fame has a permanent home, plaques will be displayed in the current athletic facility.

At Homecoming 2006, we will induct a Charter Class into the Sweet Briar College Athletic Hall of Fame. Each year, the College will honor special achievement by alumnae who have been associated with athletics at the College. Athletic Director Kelly Morrison says, "This gives us the opportunity to celebrate the commitment, excellence, and contributions of some of our best athletes, teams, coaches and administrators. The induction of this charter class and the Hall of Fame is indicative of Sweet Briar's commitment to athletics. It is time to honor those who have built the Sweet Briar athletic tradition."

In addition, we will be recognizing those individuals who, through coaching, participation, support, or interest have made outstanding contributions to Sweet Briar College athletics. These individuals have helped bring recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to Sweet Briar College and the intercollegiate athletics program.

Any member of the Sweet Briar community may submit nominations. In fact, your input will be vital in the selection of our inductees. Hall of Fame information and nomination forms will be available on the Athletics and Alumnae Web sites, as well as in the *Alumnae Magazine*.

A person will be considered eligible for nomination to the Sweet Briar College Athletic Hall of Fame if at the time of nomination she/he demonstrates achievement in a varsity sport, has given extraordinary service to Sweet Briar College Athletics, and/or has made significant contributions to Sweet Briar College Athletics.

A Charter Hall of Fame Committee will select the Charter Class of the Sweet Briar College Athletic Hall of Fame, and will review and finalize the procedures for nomination, selection and induction. The Director of Athletics has appointed Jennifer Crispin as the Chair for 2005-2006. Charter Committee membership parallels that of the proposed permanent committee and will include the Director of Athletics, Director of the Alumnae Association, Office of Development Athletic Liaison, Faculty Athletics Representative, Sports Information Director, a Varsity Coach, a member of the Sweet Briar College Friends of Athletics, a Student Athletic Advisory Committee member, and two alumnae.

No more than six (6) living former athletes and two (2) deceased former athletes will be included in the Charter Membership. In subsequent years, no more than four (4) living inductees and one (1) deceased inductee may be inducted, unless exceptional circumstances warrant otherwise.

Each inductee will receive an appropriate award upon induction, and will have her/his name placed on a plaque and displayed at the College.

Criteria for nomination to the Sweet Briar College Athletic Hall of Fame

Achievement in a Varsity Sport

The candidate participated in a varsity sport at Sweet Briar College for at least three years and earned a baccalaureate degree from the College.

Normally, there will be a lapse of ten years since the athlete last participated at Sweet Briar College. The Hall of Fame Committee has the authority to give earlier consideration in unusual, outstanding cases.

The candidate must have made a positive impact to the team(s) for which she played, including demonstrated athletic achievement, exemplary leadership qualities and character, and/or a significant contribution to the community.

Outstanding accomplishments after leaving Sweet Briar College will also be a factor in making the selections, but the primary emphasis should be on athletic accomplishments while at the College.

Extraordinary Service

to Sweet Briar College Athletics

The candidate has made an outstanding contribution or offered extraordinary service to Sweet Briar College athletics as a student, coach, staff member, or administrator while at the College, or in subsequent years since leaving the College.

There must be a lapse of five years of her/his tenure as a coach/administrator at Sweet Briar College.

The candidate has been, or is, an example of good character and citizenship.

Significant Contributions

to Sweet Briar College Athletics

The candidate may or may not be an alumna and has made outstanding contributions to Sweet Briar College in the area of athletics.

Time lapse is relative, but the contributions must be of prominence and over a period of years.

The candidate has been, or is, an example of good character and citizenship.

Special Award

A special "Athletic Hall of Fame Team" award may be presented to an entire team that has distinguished itself in Conference, District, or National competition. Criteria for selection will be decided by the Committee.

SBC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee* _____

If Nominee is an Alumna* Class Year _____ Academic Major _____

Sport or Team Affiliation(s)* _____

I am nominating in the category of (check)*

Varsity sport

Extraordinary service

Significant contributions

Describe the nominee's demonstrated athletic achievements and honors (include date(s) received):

Describe the nominee's exemplary leadership qualities, sportsmanship, and character, and/or significant contribution(s) to the community:

List nominee's accomplishments at Regional/National/International level (include date(s) received):

Explain, specifically, how the nominee has brought distinction through athletics to the College and herself/himself:

In 200 words or less, why is this nominee particularly worthy of consideration for induction to the Sweet Briar College Athletic Hall of Fame? (attach another sheet)*

Nominator's Name* _____ E-mail* _____

Phone (Office) _____ Phone (Home) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominator's affiliation with nominee: _____

*Please include.

Please return form by April 15th to Jennifer L. Crispen, Associate Professor of Physical Education
Box 87, Sweet Briar, VA 24595

AN American Girl IN AN English World

MARIA KITCHIN '04

TEACHING INTERN (HISTORY) AND COACH, THE NORFOLK ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Where Americans would line up
for a game on the field in our
uniforms and cleats—they queue
up for a fixture on the pitch in
their proper games kit and boots.*

*They run in their trainers
(tennis shoes), swim in their
costumes and hats (bathing suits
and caps), and travel to fixtures
(games) by coach (bus).*



I was an American girl in an English world and YES, the language was different. I ate porridge-oats for breakfast, fish and chips for lunch, and shepherd's pie for dinner. Tea time was all the time—before, during, and after each meal.

I learned to say “Where is the toilet?” (bathroom), “Still water, please” (not sparkling), “LuLu, put on your jumper (sweater) and trackie bums (athletic pants)”, “No thank you, I do not care for butter on my ____ and mayo sandwich” (insert any type of meat, fish or cheese—I don’t know why they put it on there!), “Oh, bless her!” (Bless her for having a cut on her finger, landing on the correct foot in her netball lesson, bringing chocolate to the P.E. office, or even putting Lottie’s pants (underwear) in the bin (trash)...they bless these kids for everything!).

Potato chips became crisps, and French fries became chips. Yogurt was pronounced yah-gurt, and aluminum, aluminium. I am still not sure where the extra “i” comes from. Where Americans would line up for a game on the field in our uniforms and cleats—they queue up for a fixture on the pitch in their proper games kit and boots. They run in their trainers (tennis shoes), swim in their costumes and hats (bathing suits and caps), and travel to fixtures (games) by coach (bus).

As you can see, my life, in addition to being five hours ahead of its normal schedule, went a bit pear shaped (that is Brit-speak for upside down). Despite all of this—well, more likely because of all of this—I really enjoyed my first job in the “real world.”

I was a lacrosse coach and house tutor at Bedford High School, about 50 miles north of London, a day and boarding school for girls aged seven–17. I had a one-year employment through the English Lacrosse Association to be the assistant Firsts (varsity) lacrosse coach and the head Seconds (junior varsity) lacrosse coach. I also taught P.E. classes, including some truly British games that I am just now understanding. I had administrative duties in the P.E. department. I lived and worked in one of four boarding houses with a family and 17 school girls from Russia, Thailand, Hong Kong, and England. For most of my life I have lived in a bubble; orange and blue for 12 years at the Norfolk Academy and pink and green at Sweet Briar College for four more. The bubble might have sheltered me a bit, but it also encouraged and supported me, and gave me enough confidence to travel to the “Mother Country” for this adventure.

As a P.E. teacher and lacrosse coach I had the privilege of spending all day, every day, with girls aged seven–17, attempting to help them learn and enjoy sport and fitness. Back-to-back swimming, field hockey, lacrosse, and netball (a funny and traditional game that seems to be a cousin of basketball—although the net has no backboard and the girl with the ball can move only one foot) lessons engaged and ultimately exhausted my every emotion. Each time “Gemma” talked while I was talking or whined about running, or did the complete opposite of what I had asked—I silently apologized to all of my past coaches for doing the exact same thing. How could I really be mad when I had most

certainly done the same things myself?! Likewise, each time “Harry” thanked me or told me she had fun and could not wait for next week, I thanked my teachers and coaches for their knowledge, encouragement, and patience and for turning me on to the wonderful world of sports. So to all of my coaches of the past, including, Ruth Acra, Sharra Kelly, Mary Werkheiser and Jay Leach from Norfolk Academy, and Jennifer Crispin and Missy Ackerman from Sweet Briar, I say Sorry! And Thank You!

I had many wonderful opportunities while in England. I went on a few field trips with different years (grades)—one to Kew Gardens and one to Ely Cathedral. It was interesting to see that while the girls were required to wear uniforms to school each day, they were allowed to dress down for field trips. The girls showed up in their “street clothes”—low cut jeans and shirts with multi-colored undergarments hanging out. I also enjoyed an outing to London, where I attended a Sweet Briar luncheon hosted by Sweet Briar College Board member Parker Harrell and his wife. It was good to have a “home” connection there.

The generous holiday time is a major benefit of a job in the English education system! I really think that I went on holiday more than I actually worked (which might explain the almost non-existent pay cheque). For every five weeks of school, there is at least one week of holiday. I took as much advantage of this as I possibly could because I knew that I would probably never live “next door” to Europe again. I traveled to Barcelona, Lisbon, Lagos, Glasgow, Paris, Florence, Venice, and Amsterdam. I even sailed around the southern coast of Turkey. A few words of advice when traveling abroad: get a good map of the city, always carry a bottle of water (unless you want to spend your whole trip in the loo), and Hop-On-Hop-Off Bus tours are a great way to acquaint oneself with a city.

I also had some great opportunities to experience traditional English activities and events. I went to a few local Rugby matches which were always entertaining even though I never fully understood all of the rules. I went to Manchester with



Maria Kitchin '04

one of my lacrosse players and her parents to a FA Cup Football Match (Manchester United v. Middlesborough). It was quite an experience as the whole crowd was into the game, singing songs and chanting about every player.

Aside from my frequent trips to London, which included hours spent in museums, parks, pubs and theaters, my major cultural experiences occurred in the summer at the end of my stay. First, I attended a 4th of July BBQ at the home of the American Ambassador—a beautiful house that backs up to Regents Park, a lovely venue. They served hot dogs and hamburgers, Outback Steakhouse, frozen yogurt, and Budweiser. It was a truly American cookout!

I had the good fortune to go to Wimbledon twice. After years of watching this championship on TV, I finally lived out my dream. During the first week of play, I had tickets for Number One Court and soaked up the culture of lawn tennis, celebrities (including Federer, Becker, and Navratilova), and of course, rain. My second visit came on Men's Final Sunday. I walked right up to the gate (no queue), paid £7, and sat on Henman Hill to watch Federer win on the big screen. Both days were quite memorable!

My greatest English experience was going to the Royal Ascot Races in June. Although Ascot is under construction and the event was held in Leeds, it was still typically English. We arrived mid-day by coach (bus) in the rain. Since the Queen

was to make an appearance (and she did—I have a picture), all the ladies were asked to cover the crowns of their head with a hat. I chose a lovely black “hair piece” with feathers popping out every which way. Men were dressed to the nines—morning suits and tuxedos included—and all in attendance were ready for a big day. The rain eventually stopped, although not before the Queen in her purple suit with matching brolly (umbrella) and Prince Philip rode around the track. Bets were made, and champagne, Pimms, and laughs were had by all.

I had a wonderful year in England, but it is nice to be home. All of my experiences, including the people I met, the friends I made, and the places I saw, have made me appreciate all of the opportunities that we as Americans have. It is important each day to take advantage of every opportunity we are given—only then can we fully grow and learn about ourselves and others. I do hope to return to England one day—whether it is to travel or live, or to engage in another event wearing my feathered hat!

spotlight

The Aftermath of Katrina—**Anne Butler '65** Personal Account

Recently, Kay Knopf Kaplan '65 visited Anne Butler '65, proprietor of the Butler Greenwood Plantation (www.butlergreenwood.com) up the Mississippi River in historic St. Francisville. Kay graciously acknowledged all of the hard work her classmate is doing in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Below is Butler's account of the devastation.

Butler Greenwood Plantation has 8 cottages, and in those we accommodated some 40 people, 6 dogs and 10 cats for nearly 6 weeks. We had evacuees from all over the affected area...the elderly artists who lost their home and art collection in Bay St. Louis, MS; the gentleman from Magazine Street in New Orleans whose house survived the hurricane, survived the floodwaters, survived the fires, and then had two loads of water mistakenly dropped through his roof by helicopters trying to extinguish blazes in neighboring houses; the couple from below New Orleans who had a small cottage reserved here and kept taking in displaced relatives until there were 8 guests and 4 cats in one room; the elderly lady who'd had heart surgery in New Orleans the week of Katrina, was evacuated to a triage center and sat on the sidewalk in her hospital gown in a wheelchair until someone located family friends staying with us, and she moved in here with 10 other guests and two Labrador retrievers, and said this was a healing place; the college dean worrying about his displaced students who immediately began volunteering to help with other evacuees in the area; the family group from Cameron Parish who got totally wiped out along the southwest LA coast in Hurricane Rita, grandparents, grown children, babies (one 2-weeks old); the young family whose children attended our local school while they were here. As these folks were able to begin creeping back and forth to try to clean up and see what could be salvaged, we lived through it all with them, and it was enough to break your heart.

Each visitor had a story of tragedy and loss. For about a month after the initial

devastation, we were full of business people who couldn't get a place to stay any closer to Baton Rouge than here. We are trying now to get back to our normal reservations and regular guests, but there simply are no tourists. Most of our tourists come through New Orleans, and they're just not coming. But it's been wonderful to see how generous and giving people have been in the face of such huge need. A *New York Times* reporter (Peter T. Kilborn, November 13, 2005) from the Washington bureau stayed here in the B&B and did a great story on how this community took care of nearly 1,000 evacuees for one solid month before we ever saw the Red Cross...it was individuals and churches and community groups who fed and clothed and housed all those desperate folks, and some are still here. I received in the mail from former B&B guests some huge checks for me to use as I saw the need, and that really helped. Just this week I got a call from a complete stranger in New York, a gentleman who said he'd read the article and liked our ability to cut through the bureaucratic tape, and he sent \$1,000. I think I'm going to channel that money toward the Indian tribe down on the bayou

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Butler Greenwood Plantation



L-R: Anne Butler '65, Kay Kaplan '65

in south Louisiana, most of them shrimpers and oystermen who lost their boats and most lost their houses as well, and they were dirt-poor to begin with, so I know that money will mean a lot to them. We received donations from so many former guests and old friends, including from SBC Katy Regan '65 and Ray Longstaff Earnest's ('67) brother-in-law, and we were able to fill needs immediately for all the evacuees here and elsewhere in the coastal region. Don't ask us what we think of FEMA! But life goes on, and this is still a wonderful part of the country, and we in the St. Francisville area are back to normal and welcoming visitors once again as we continue to help with the recovery in other parts of the state.

St. Francisville is two hours upriver from New Orleans, and we were blessed to have only wind damage and power outages, no flooding. Farther south the scope of the devastation is staggering, 145 of New

Orleans' 181 square miles totally devastated by Katrina and the ensuing floods, more than 1,100 dead, 205,000 homes destroyed, 250,000 vehicles ruined and the city's population down from 450,000-plus to 100,000. Damage from Rita along the coast was equally devastating. Besides the loss of life and property, consider the ongoing loss of livelihood, the shrimpers who lost their boats, the cattlemen whose animals drowned and whose pasturelands were contaminated with saltwater, and the loss of tourism (world-famous Oak Alley Plantation, as an example, laid off all but 16 of its 160 employees, and Laura Plantation laid off all of its workers and is continuing sporadic tours only through the graciousness of a couple of volunteers). Recovery will be a long time coming, that's for sure, and we need continued support for our tourism industry; most of the state and Gulf region is accessible and open, and even in New Orleans more and more of the nice hotels are coming online.

Attending SBC:

The Right Decision for Me

Julia Schmitz '03

Cell and Molecular Biology Program,
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Member, SBC Board of Directors

In early August of 1998, I got my first glimpse of Sweet Briar College. College visits that take place during the summer usually lack a student's perspective because there are no students around to talk to, but that was not the case at SBC. After receiving an excellent personalized tour of the campus—my parents and I went down to the lake and there we happened upon some students who took time from their swimming and relaxing to talk with us about Sweet Briar.

My second glimpse of Sweet Briar was at the Fall Open House. One of the most memorable parts of this weekend was sitting in on the Biology Scanning Electron Microscope class with the late Dr. Joanne Rosinski. She not only let me observe a three-hour lab but also allowed me to take some pictures using what I considered to

be intimidating and expensive equipment. Other colleges I visited wouldn't allow their own students to use this equipment until their junior or senior years, let alone allow a visitor. But SBC is different: the science department believes in training students on how to use the equipment from day one. This approach enables us to make our own conclusions based on the data we obtain.

What made me pick SBC? Was it the conversation at the lake, the beautiful drive up to the campus, my overnight visit, or the fact that I felt at home the minute I stepped on campus? Whatever it was, probably a combination of all these things, attending SBC was the right decision for me. It helped me become the confident person I am today.

When I started at SBC, I was a very quiet individual who worked hard as a member of clubs and committees, but who would never get up in front of a room full of people and talk. Through my various activities at SBC, my self-assurance has grown—I am still a quiet person at first glance, but now I can stand up in front of a room full of strangers and present my data with poise and confidence. What helped me change you might ask? It was primarily having a faculty that believes in its students and pushes them to do the very thing they wouldn't normally do. In my tenure at SBC, I served as secretary for two clubs and the Student Government Association. After serving as secretary, I felt there was only one thing left to do—seek and serve in a higher position in the clubs. So I spent the next year serving as either the vice president or the president of various clubs. In my final year, I really wanted the opportunity to lead, so I ran for and was elected to the position of Inter-Club Council President—something I wouldn't have dreamed of doing before experiencing SBC. I think this position really helped to make me more confident, as I had to enforce deadlines and also represent all of the clubs, groups, and organizations to the administration and at the Student Government Association meetings. Part of my responsibility was serving as a student representative on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the

Board of Directors. Serving on the Board also helped me become more outgoing, as I had to voice the ideas and concerns of the students. I enjoyed my time on this committee during my senior year so much that I applied for the Young Alumna Trustee position on the Board of Directors. Ever since the Board elected me to this position in 2003, I have been representing young alums of SBC.

I think I am in the minority when I can say I came to SBC knowing exactly what I wanted to do and how I wanted to go about attaining those goals. When I was in



Julia Schmitz '03

ninth grade, my class took a field trip to the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. This field trip first sparked my interest in science, and I knew then that I wanted to do everything I could possibly do to pursue a career in the subject. While at SBC, I took all the classes required for me to complete my Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major. I also took advantage of as many research opportunities as possible—I knew that I wanted to enter graduate school after college and that a wealth of research experience would be beneficial. SBC is unique in the research opportunities it offers. You are not just a runner for the professor; you actually get to perform your own experiments and work together with your advisor to evaluate what your results mean and plan what the next steps for the experiment will be. This greatly prepared me for my future career as a scientist.

I spent my first two summers of college working in the SBC Summer Research



Diane Robin '57

Dr. Diana Robin '57
Awarded Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize

Program under the direction of Dr. Robin Davies. My research dealt with testing novel platinum and palladium compounds on numerous normal and cancer cell lines. One of the goals of this research was to determine if the compounds had fewer adverse effects than did chemotherapy agents. During my third summer as a student at SBC, I was one of a few students selected to participate in the Student Summer Program at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. There, I was able to work with cutting edge techniques to optimize the printing of oligonucleotide arrays using normal and cancerous breast RNA. During my senior year, when I wasn't busy hanging out with friends and working on my senior research project under the direction of Dr. Davies, I was applying to graduate schools and going on interviews. SBC helped prepare me for graduate school in so many ways—from practice interviews in the Career Center, to performing independent research in the lab, to presenting my research to others at conferences.

After many interviews and acceptances, I elected to enroll in the Cell and Molecular Biology program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a feeder program for four departments—Microbiology, Cell Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, and Neurobiology. Since I had had so much research experience while at SBC, an experience that set me apart from other applicants, I was one of the few students in my incoming class who was accepted straight from college. The first year consisted of classes and rotating through three different labs to determine where I wanted to complete my thesis research. I selected the laboratory of Dr. Robin Lorenz for my thesis research, thus joining the department of Microbiology. My research here investigates the effect of *Helicobacter felis* infection on the mucous layer of the stomach. *Helicobacter felis* is the mouse homologue of *Helicobacter pylori*, a bacterium that has been shown to cause ulcers and stomach cancer. As you can see, SBC has offered me so many great opportunities that have helped me thrive in my current pursuit of a doctoral degree, and I am forever thankful.

Diana Robin, along with Margaret L. King, was recently awarded the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for A Translation of a Scholarly Study of Literature by the Modern Language Association of America. Her award winning piece was a translation of Isotta Nogarola's Complete Writings: *Letterbook, Dialogue on Adam and Eve, Orations*, published by the University of Chicago Press in 2004.

The award committee commented that "Margaret L. King and Diana Robin have done a superb job in rendering Nogarola's magnificent *Letterbook, Dialogue on Adam and Eve, Orations* and have offered a major work of scholarship by editing and annotating this collection of the Italian humanist's essays and letters. Nogarola's Latin shines through in all its elegant subordinate clauses, while the introductions and footnotes provide a valuable portrait of the intellectual furnishings of this influential early woman of letters."

Robin, a 1957 graduate of Sweet Briar, went on to receive her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. She was a professor of Latin and Greek literature and Literary Theory for 24 years at the University of New Mexico where she also served as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and chair of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies and is now a *Professor of Classics Emerita*. She recently moved to Chicago where she is a Scholar in Residence at the Newberry Library. Robin has previously published four books including: *Letters and Orations by Cassandra Fedele* (1999), Laura Cereta's *Collected Letters of a Renaissance Feminist* (1997), *Redirecting the Gaze: Gender, Theory, and Cinema in the Third World, and Filelfo in Milan: Writings, 1451-1477* (1991). Currently, she is under contract on three books: *Renaissance Women: Salons, Books and Religious Reform in Sixteenth-Century Italy*; a bilingual translation of Francesco

Filelfo's *Odes*; and *Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance*.

Robin took on the enormous task of publishing the first modern editions and translations of these three fifteenth-century Latin women writers because of her interest in fifteenth-century Renaissance Italian women writers. She comments that these writings, "represent a landmark in women's history," and portray the authors' "daily lives, their struggles, loves, aspirations, the books they read, their beliefs and values, and their most intimate friendships; and they provide a rare picture of life in fifteenth-century Italy from a woman's point of view."

Robin is thrilled to win the Scaglione Prize and feels that it is a tremendous acknowledgement of her and Margaret King's work. It is awarded for a translation into English of a book-length work of literary history, criticism, theory or philology. The award is in memory of Aldo Scaglione's wife, Jeanne Daman Scaglione, a Roman Catholic who rescued many Jewish men and children during the deportation of Jews in 1942.

Robin acknowledges that she never would have won this award or even been able to write her book had it not been for the grants and sponsors of her research who include: the NEH Translation Grants (1993-95); the Rockefeller Fellowship for work at the Newberry Library (1998-99); the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation Research Fellowship for work in Venice (1991); and the Rome Prize Mellon Fellowship at the American Academy in Rome (1987-88). In addition to writing, Robin enjoys music including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Opera Theatre, the Lyric Opera and the Newberry Consort. She also enjoys theatre, novels, the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, cross-country skiing, playing the harpsichord and piano (she was a music history major at SBC) and visiting her two children and four grandchildren in Minneapolis and Phoenix.

Dr. Susan Schmidt '71 Chronicles Five-Month Expedition in *Landfall along the Chesapeake: In the Wake of Captain John Smith*

In 1608, John Smith overcame many obstacles during his discovery voyage on the Chesapeake Bay, including fierce thunderstorms, hostile Indians, scarce food, and sickness. While Susan Schmidt may not have encountered the same hazards as Smith during her voyage in 2002, she did imagine how he felt seeing the Bay's wild shorelines. She has documented her own five-month expedition in her book, *Landfall along the Chesapeake: In the Wake of Captain John Smith* (Johns Hopkins University Press, March 2006).

Schmidt and her Boykin spaniel, Molly Brown, set out in a 22-foot mini-cabin cruiser to observe how the Chesapeake has changed over the past 400 years since John Smith's voyage. This research expedition was a natural task for her. She grew up sailing the Chesapeake with her father, and she has held a Captain's license for 24 years. She has a doctorate in American literature and a masters degree in Environmental Sciences. She is a naturalist and nature writer. Before her doctorate, Schmidt worked on the ocean as captain and navigator, delivering sailboats to the islands, and on land, as a coastal scientist and editor. After teaching inland for 16 years as a college English and Environmental Studies professor, Schmidt felt sheer gratitude for the joy of sailing on the water for five months.

Schmidt planned this journey for three reasons. First, as a natural historian and scientist, she wanted to chart the changes in the landscape since the period of European contact when Smith made landfall on the Chesapeake. In recent history, oysters have almost disappeared from the Bay, the bottom has become soft instead of hard, the fish too toxic to eat, and the Code Red air quality clogs the sky. Secondly, as a poet and naturalist, Schmidt wanted to see if the Bay was as beautiful as she remembered. She was a creative witness to the Bay's beauty despite the decline in air and water quality since Smith's discovery and since her own

childhood. On her trip and in her book, she wanted to encourage others, especially young people, to get wet and get involved. Finally, she embarked on this journey to find the farms where her ancestors had lived around the Bay for almost 400 years and to consider whether she could move back home. On the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground, with her brother she climbed Pooles Island Lighthouse where their great-great-great-grandfather was lighthouse keeper. Three godchildren joined her for a week each on her otherwise solo voyage.

Schmidt acknowledges people who helped with logistics on her *Landfall* expedition. Old and new friends she met along the shoreline were generous and hospitable. She docked at maritime museums, science labs, colleges, and schools. In May, to sell her new book, Schmidt will retrace her boat trip around the Chesapeake by land, lecturing about Jamestown history, ecological changes, current environmental challenges, and her expedition adventures.

Schmidt's fondest memory as a freshman at Sweet Briar is floating around the college lake reading in a rowboat every afternoon in the spring when she

was a lifeguard. "Even inland, I will find water and a boat," she said. While she studied at Sweet Briar only one year, she developed close bonds with the land. Recently, she returned for two months as a resident writer at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts. "The taste of air and the quality of light at sunset remind me I am a Virginian," she said, "and Sweet Briar feels like home." *Landfall along the Chesapeake* is Schmidt's first published book; you can order it by calling 1-800-537-5487 or on the web at <http://www.press.jhu.edu/books/titlepages/8900.html>. You can find Schmidt's spring lecture schedule in Virginia and Maryland at www.susanschmidt.net. Currently, Schmidt teaches creative and technical writing at Carteret Community College in Morehead City, NC. She is perhaps most proud she has raised \$4 million for natural land protection and environmental education. In her free time, she rows a racing shell, gardens, kayaks, swims distance, and plays old-time bass fiddle.

"Even inland, I will find water and a boat..."



Susan Schmidt '71

Kate McElhinney Montgomery's '77

Film Debut: *Christmas in the Clouds*



Kate McElhinney
Montgomery '77

Imagine visiting a resort where the vegetarian chef doesn't want to cook meat, the maids need to bring their kids to work with them, the resident handyman is only interested in impressing ski bunnies, and the concierge regularly daydreams herself into the fantasy world of whatever romance novel she

happens to be reading. While it may not sound like a dream vacation, it is a part of Kate McElhinney Montgomery's ('77) film debut. Montgomery's film *Christmas in the Clouds* (www.christmasintheclouds.com) is the first romantic comedy set in Indian country. It tells "a charming tale of mistaken identity, tribal enterprise and true love." The film was shot at Robert Redford's Sundance Resort in Utah and premiered at the Sundance Film Festival to standing ovations and extra screenings.

Montgomery's venture into the film business is her second career. She left a promising 10-year stint at the *Wall Street Journal* to spend more time with her children, and work part-time from her home producing television commercials and corporate films. She then moved on to screenwriting and feature film production. Montgomery, a history major at Sweet Briar, believes the knowledge she gained while at Sweet Briar has helped her to be successful. Learning about history helped her to better understand the nature of people. She's always had a strong connection with Native American people and wanted to tell a story from their perspective, without falling back on stereotypes or iconic images of their past.

Sweet Briar was a "safe environment" for Montgomery where she was able to discover who she was without being under the shadow of her two very talented older

brothers. During an intro survey course taught by the late Professor Lysbeth Muncy, she was inspired by the process of research and writing. Muncy encouraged her to switch from studio art to history after reading Montgomery's essays. She also encouraged Montgomery to spend a year abroad at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, which turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences she had while in college.

Montgomery's work at the *Journal* involved "think outside the box" marketing, and she's applied that to her film as well. Instead of spending a lot of money on traditional advertising, *Christmas in the Clouds* is doing grassroots promotion and helping to sponsor school fundraisers all around the country to build word of mouth promotion for the film. In this way, Montgomery has not only been able to promote her movie but reconnect with SBC alumnae, including some who have provided additional support and promotion.

While the movie has taken a large amount of Montgomery's time, she makes sure to spend time with her husband and two children as well. They enjoy music, movies, surfing, camping, sailing, hiking and just hanging out together and having dinner parties with close friends. (She states, "My kids and their friends would all love 'Aunts & Asses' as they keep coming up with funny skits and entertaining us that way!")

The film has opened to rave reviews. Roger Ebert states, "Kate Montgomery, the writer-director, has such affection for these characters that we can feel it through the screen; they're not simply pawns in the plot, we sense; they represent something she wants to say about the Native Americans she knows." Montgomery wants her audience to know that it is dangerous to tell an entire group of people they were only fascinating many years ago. In this movie, she shows contemporary Native Americans from a realistic view, highlighting their great sense of humor. She says creating this film has been challenging on many levels—particularly when it came to getting funding for the film as a first time director. It's also been very satisfying and inspiring—working

with an amazing cast and crew, getting invited by Robert Redford to shoot at Sundance, getting the opportunity to premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, not to mention the rave reviews at the festival. She admits there were obstacles in getting the film produced. Because there were no huge names in the movie, the big studios all passed, claiming they "just didn't know how to market the movie." Montgomery, however, believed audiences would enjoy seeing a movie with a different set of faces.

Christmas in the Clouds has been an official selection at many festivals around the country and won many accolades including: Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival; Audience Award for Best Feature Film, Austin Film Festival; Best Native Film, Sante Fe Film Festival; and Honorable Mention for Best Feature Film at the exclusive Lake Placid Forum. The film is featured in the December issue of Oprah's magazine, and was named the "must-see" holiday movie of the season. The film will be out on DVD and video in the fall of 2006, and a soundtrack CD is also slated for release. For more info go to www.christmasintheclouds.com.

Magda Salvesen '65 Publishes Artists' Estate: Reputations in Trust

With the loss in 1992 of her husband, the artist Jon Schuele, Magda Salvesen '65 discovered that her "widows work" of having total responsibility for the remaining oils and works on paper was somewhat different from her previous role as helpmate. As she slowly adapted to her new role and thought about her goals, she realized that interviewing other inheritors would throw light on the complexity and individuality of each estate. She began interviewing other artists' widows, companions, and children. Their narratives formed the material for *Artists' Estate: Reputations in Trust* (Rutgers University Press, 2005).



Diane Salvesen '65

When reflecting on these interviews Salvesen comments, "There was something enormously special about doing many of the interviews in the very place where the artist we were talking about had lived and worked. The paintings or sculpture, the work tables and tools, formed natural

links with the past for the widows, compan-

ions or children. The role of advocacy for the estate had often begun in their lives many years previously." The book provides not only insightful interviews but also factual biographies on the artists' life and pictures of their work. According to Diane Cousineau, co-editor of *Artists' Estate*, the book helps readers "understand the commitment that impelled many of these women to support, often financially as well as emotionally, their husbands' utter dedication to art."

Salvesen also directed and produced the video *Jon Schueler: A Life in Paint* (1999) and edited, with Diane Cousineau, *The Sound of Sleat: A Painter's Life* by Jon Schueler. She was also the consultant editor for *Jon Schueler: To the North* (2002).

Salvesen spent a year at Sweet Briar as the 1964 scholarship student from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland—which she graduated from in 1966. While at Sweet Briar, she enjoyed taking numerous classes that were not offered at the University of St. Andrews including American literature, Chinese history and 20th century poetry. Perhaps the most valuable course she took was the late Professor Eleanor Barton's art history course which Salvesen feels gave her a very useful foundation for her later specialization in graduate school.

She gained an M.A. in art history from the Courtauld Institute, University of London and then worked for the Scottish Arts Council in Edinburgh. Most recently, she has taught courses on garden history at the New York Botanical Garden, art history courses at the New School University, and has just signed on to teach a course

at the Bard Graduate Center on "The 18th-Century British Garden." Salvesen also gives gallery talks and lectures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and elsewhere. She lives in New York and is curator of the Jon Schueler estate, but goes to Britain every summer to visit her brothers and sisters and their families as well as to gather research on local gardens and houses for her lectures.

Ellen Apperson Brown '72:

Appointed Director of the Reynolds Homestead

"A t long last, my education and my administrative experience are matched to the perfect job," exclaims Ellen Apperson

Brown '72 as she describes her new position as director of the Reynolds Homestead in Critz, Virginia. Brown feels this job "will allow me to blend my scholarly interests—writing and historical research—with my enthusiasm for volunteerism, fund-raising, education and community development." Brown's new appointment will require her to perform many duties including program development, grant writing, budget preparation, marketing, staff development, supervision and strategic planning.

The Reynolds Homestead is the birthplace and boyhood home of tobacco manufacturer R.J. Reynolds. As a continuing education center and outreach facility operated by Virginia Tech, the Reynolds Homestead offers a wide variety of programs and classes for all ages and interests. The Center has been in operation for about 25 years and has become a busy hub of activity, with attendance at various events last year approaching 32,000.

Brown hopes to generate new sources of revenue for the facility and to stimulate tourism and economic development. She is also looking forward to developing exhibits and interpretive materials based upon the Reynolds family and the historic Rock Spring Plantation.

After graduating from Sweet Briar as a music major in 1972, Brown went to

Austria to take her first German course at a summer school on the Wolfgangsee. She returned home for a short period of time but soon found herself back in Austria as a Fulbright Assistant teacher in the Austrian schools. She received her M.A. in teaching German from the University of Virginia in 1977. She embarked on a career of philanthropy when she became the first board president of the Free Clinic of Central Virginia in 1987. Brown went on to work for Sarah's Circle, a non-profit serving the low-income elderly in Adams

Morgan (Washington DC), and later served as director of a meals-on-wheels program in Hendersonville, NC. She chose to continue her pursuit of higher education, receiving master's degrees from UNC-Asheville and Virginia Tech. Before her most recent appointment, Brown worked as director of the Radford Heritage Foundation and Glencoe Museum, tripling visitor attendance and membership, and increasing annual contributions by 400 percent.

Brown treasures her vocal training at Sweet Briar. Her fondest SBC memory is of singing with the Sweet Tones, "especially on the last morning before Christmas break, when we got up at the crack of dawn and awakened everyone with 'The Little Drummer Boy' and 'Lulay, Thou Little Tiny Child.'" The professor who helped her most at Sweet Briar was the late Ralph Aiken, her freshman English professor. She says, "He helped me discover the wisdom and truth expressed in so many of the great novels and plays, and I've been turning to books for inspiration ever since."

Brown enjoys her role as parent of two children and has now taken on the status of grandparent, too. Her daughter, Kate Brown Walters (24), gave birth to a little boy, Asher, in September, and graduated from UNC-Asheville in December (2005). Her son, David (23), graduated from Warren Wilson College last May.



Ellen Apperson Brown '72

Katherine Barrett Baker '83

Publishes her Grandmother's
"Forget-Me-Not" Book

Katherine Barrett Baker '83 received one of the best birthday presents of her life on her 29th birthday. Her father gave her an Autograph Book of her grandmother's, "Carrie" Schaefer. The book was a "Forget-Me-Not" book and her grandmother had received it in 1905 when she was 14 years old from her mother, Minnie Hannah Schaefer. "Forget-Me-Not" books are similar to today's class yearbook. For Baker, this book helped her to relax and remember what was truly

important in life. Soon after she had received the book from her father he passed away and she also inherited a large photograph book. This helped to inspire Baker to publish her grandmother's "Forget-Me-Not" book to help others during hard times as it had helped her.

Katherine Barrett
Baker '83

Baker learned many things as she began the long process of getting her book published including the "publisher's equation" which is: "10% writing and 90% marketing." She explains that the book is much more than an autograph book. It is also the story of three siblings and it helps the reader remember the importance of friends, family and the celebrations of life.

According to Baker, "The most exciting aspect in compiling this collection has been getting to know the main character, my grandmother. Her friends and family 'autographed' all the thoughtful poems, clever quips, lovely rhymes, verses and songs to her. As a collection, along with the photographs, they paint a picture of her life." Baker used her families' photograph book, compiled of photographs from 1895 to the 1940's and matched up the people in the photographs with the signatures in the "Forget-Me-Not" book. The photographs are from New York City,

Central Park, Grant's Tomb, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and surrounding communities, Pelham Bay, Rockaway Park, Waterloo, Mohawk Lake and Cayuga Lake. The wedding announcements and obituaries of the three Schaefer siblings are also included. Garland Pollard, Editor for *Virginia Living Magazine*, exclaims, "What a fantastic idea for a book, and a terrific window into old New York. Not only does it entertain with views and words, it brings back to life dozens of folks forgotten by history."

Baker graduated from Sweet Briar in 1983. She feels that Sweet Briar gave her the opportunities and the self-confidence to go out for positions in new areas she had not previously explored. She truly enjoyed her involvement in Student Government, the golf team, and Sweet Tones. Currently, Baker is married and works as the Director of the Sabot School of Etiquette. She considers etiquette to be about the little things. "The little miracles in life that make each of us feel special. Simple, every day miracles in life can be found if one can relax and open up one's heart and mind." She specializes in table manners for children of all ages and in the future hopes to incorporate the passion of etiquette into children's books.

To order Katherine's book, go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com. You may also order by contacting Katherine at 804-784-2033.

Torrey Ford Shallcross '05 Coordinates Nationally Televised Conference

It seems impossible to turn on the news today without hearing frightening stories of possible pandemics such as the avian flu or troublesome information about bioterrorism. Most of us put this information in the back of our minds and hope it doesn't affect us. Torrey Ford Shallcross, however, deals with these issues every day of her life. Shallcross is the program coordinator for the Biotechnology and Public Policy Division at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. She is responsible for conference planning



Torrey Ford Shallcross '05

(organizing speakers, venues on Capitol Hill, research), knowing current trends in biotechnology worldwide

handling the press, the budget, updating the Web site, keeping up relations with both the House and Senate Biotechnology Caucuses, S&T Committee and Health Committee, and raising the visibility of her division on Capitol Hill.

In September, Shallcross organized a conference at the Russell Senate Office Building. The conference was covered by both CNN and Fox News and discussed the current state of research concerning the avian flu, what prophylactic and therapeutic treatments have been developed or are in the process of development, and what strategies are being utilized nationally and internationally to manage both annual and possible global pandemic influenza outbreaks.

Shallcross is organizing another conference focused on the looming avian flu pandemic in February after the Senate votes on the appropriation of funding as per the National Plan. It will be co-chaired by both the House and the Senate Biotech Caucuses and will be held at the Capitol. The focus of the conference will be on global and national preparedness, continuity of business plans, the epidemiology of the virus and its mutation process, as well as vaccine production. This conference will be covered by news sources such as CNN and Fox News as well as CSPAN, the *Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

In addition to these conferences, Shallcross is planning conferences on such topics as diseases/pathogens, pandemics and new emerging IDs, bioterrorism, antibiotic resistance, and the loss of vaccine manufacturing capacity. Her position has enabled her to attend several different meetings including the Council on Foreign Relations, The American Association for the Advancement of Science, The National Academies, The Institutes of Medicine and the OECD. She has been able to meet many different individuals including Ambassador Zhou from China, John Negroponte,

Madeline Albright, Anthony Fauci, George Soros, The Honorable Joseph Biden, Tom Clancy, The Honorable Theodore Sorensen, The Honorable John Ashcroft, The Honorable Chuck Hagel, Trent Lott, Francis Fukuyama and John Marburger.

After September 11th, Shallcross decided to become an international relations major at Sweet Briar. While at SBC she did an internship with the Government and International Relations department and that reinforced her commitment to the field and led her to her current position at the international think tank: The Center for Strategic International Studies. At SBC, she learned to be independently minded and strong willed, which has benefited her at her current position.

Seven Sweet Briar Alumnae Participate in Panel on Natural Sciences and Environmental Careers

Kristin Dane Ewing, Assistant Editor, Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine

"Oh, if you only knew then what you know now"... Seven Sweet Briar College alumnae sat on a 16- person panel during the Fifth Annual Natural Sciences and Environmental Careers Event on November 30th, 2005. These alumnae shared knowledge they've learned since graduating with current Sweet Briar students. Alumnae participating in the event included Jody Booze-Daniels '79, Anne Marie Clark '03, Brandi Whitley Hilder '99, Catherine Holswade '01, Kathleen Kilpatrick '74 and Shannon O'Neill '02, whose careers range from zoologist to cell biology lab specialist to state historic preservation officer to Ph.D. scientist.

The alumnae noted that Sweet Briar provided them with a solid science background and a good work ethic. They also emphasized how important skills such as writing and communicating are in any career, and commented that Sweet Briar, by providing a liberal arts background, prepared them in these areas. However, most importantly, Sweet Briar gave all of the alumnae the confidence they needed to



L-r: Catherine Holswade '01 and Brandi Whitley Hilder '99



L-r: Shannon O'Neill '02 and Anne Marie Clark '03

be successful in their careers.

Not only did current Sweet Briar students have the opportunity to hear about different careers in the Natural Sciences and Environment, they had the opportunity to network for possible volunteer, internship and job opportunities.

Wayne Stark, SBC Director of Career Services, began these Career Events five years ago and typically hosts five or six a year. The events have focused on different professional areas including education, the humanities, fine arts, equine, commerce, media/communication and public relations. Over the course of these events, more than 60 alumnae have returned to campus. Other participants include faculty, leaders in the field, SBC administrators, and recruiters. Occasionally current students who recently finished a great internship attend to share their experiences.

Catherine Holswade '01

After graduation, Catherine Holswade '01 began working as a Zoologist/Animal Keeper for Maymont in Richmond, Virginia. At Maymont, she is part of a team of five zoologists and is responsible for the general care of over 80 species of mammals, birds of prey, reptiles and amphibians. She cleans, feeds and medicates all of these animals. She also manages the enrichment programs for the animals and works directly with the birds of prey.

Holswade feels that Sweet Briar helped her discover what type of career she

wanted. The Animal Behavior course she took directly linked to what she is currently doing, and she credits her internship at Maymont for her current career. After her internship, she continued to work at Maymont part-time during the summer while still in school and full-time after graduation. In addition, Holswade credits her professors at Sweet Briar for much of her success. She stated, "Drs. Fink, Davies and Simpson were fountains of knowledge and great teachers from whom I learned a tremendous amount."

The hands-on science department and the small classes at Sweet Briar encouraged Holswade to feel important, to participate and to go to her professors with questions.

Brandi Whitley Hilder '99

The research Brandi Whitley Hilder '99 did at Sweet Briar prepared her for her graduate program and current career as an integrated drug development scientist at Cato Research. Hilder had the opportunity to pursue her own research while writing her honors dissertation at Sweet Briar. She believes Sweet Briar's science department differs from that of many other schools because of the opportunities it provides for research throughout one's undergraduate studies. Her personal research experience helped her to develop writing and public speaking skills as well as the confidence to work with a lot of advanced equipment that students usually don't encounter until graduate school. She states, "Drs. Davies and Granger instilled in me confidence to go on to graduate school, and that confidence remains today in everything I do."

After Sweet Briar, Hilder went to the University of North Carolina to receive her Ph.D. in cellular and molecular pathology. She currently works at Cato Research where she is responsible for authoring regulatory documents for submission to the FDA, protocols and study reports for clinical trials, and for managing clinical trials. Recently, she has written the safety section of a New Drug Application for a treatment for a neurological condition, a Phase I clinical protocol for an inhaled drug to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, and has managed four ongoing clinical trials for a drug to treat advanced cancers.

bulletin board

Q & A with Bonnie Seitz about New Banner Self Service program



Recently you received a letter announcing that Sweet Briar College is implementing some new technology upgrades that will increase your ability to communicate with us and with your fellow alumnae.

As your letter indicated, the new service is called Banner Self Service. It is a password-protected and secure Web site for alumnae of Sweet Briar College. Among other features, it has an online alumnae directory, called "Find a Classmate." Using the provided Username and Password you received in your letter, you will be able to log in at any time to update your personal information or search for contact information on alumnae friends. Listed below are some supplemental questions and answers to the letter you received. If you have additional questions please contact Bonnie Seitz by phone at 434-381-6417 or by e-mail at seitz@sbc.edu.

What are the advantages of Banner Self Service?

The best thing about Banner Self Service is its accessibility. Alumnae can look up information about a fellow alumna at any time and any place as long as they have access to the Internet. Alumnae will no longer have to depend on calling the Alumnae Office or looking at an outdated directory to find fellow alums. Alumnae can also update their information at any time and place.

Can I still call the Alumnae Office to find alumnae or to update my information?

Yes. Everyone in the Alumnae Office is still more than willing to help you in any way they can. Also, while Banner Self Service is a relatively easy program to maneuver, it is still new and will take some time to learn how to

use. The Alumnae Office will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the service.

What if I don't know the full name of someone I am trying to find?

You can look someone up in Banner Self Service by their first name, last name, maiden name and/or class year. Therefore, even if you don't know an exact name you will, more than likely, be able to find who you want to find.

What other things will I be able to do with Banner Self Service?

In the near future you will be able to post and read class notes. This system will not replace the class notes in the *Alumnae Magazine* but be a supplement to them. Posting class notes online will allow the

information to stay more current and help class secretaries do their job. Also, soon the Alumnae Office will be able to post surveys on Banner Self Service, making it quick and easy for the office to obtain information from different groups of people.

Why is my information displayed in Banner Self Service without my permission?

It has always been the policy of the Alumnae Office to provide information on alumnae to fellow alumnae if requested. An individual's information would not be provided if requested not to be shared. The same procedure will be followed for Banner Self Service. If you do not wish your information to be published you may go into Banner Self Service and remove what information you would like to keep confidential.

Reunion 2006 features "all 1's and 6's."

Reunion will be held on May 26-28. You should have received your reservation brochure in early February. Please mail in your reservation or sign up online at <http://www.sbc.edu/alumnae/reunion.html>. Enjoy a weekend of fun reuniting with classmates, attending alumnae colleges and listening to Chairman of the Board, a gift of the class of 1981.



Ralph Adams Cram Biography Calls Sweet Briar Campus Architect's Most Significant Collegiate Work

MICHELLE LURCH-SHAW, SBC STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

The life and work of Ralph Adams Cram, the principal architect of many of Sweet Briar's buildings, is chronicled in a new book by historian Douglass Shand-Tucci titled *Ralph Adams Cram: An Architect's Four Quests—Medieval, Modernist, American, Ecumenical*. The second of a two-volume biography on Cram, *An Architect's Four Quests* tells the story of his later career (1900–1942) and some of his most important commissions, including Sweet Briar College.

Although Cram is better known for his work on New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine and college campuses such as West Point, Rice University and Princeton, Shand-Tucci begins his 523-page account of the architect's later work with Sweet Briar. It was Cram and his partner Bertram Goodhue's "first significant collegiate work," he notes.

Cram is thought to have "warned" to the Georgian style of the Sweet Briar project and the cause of women's education, thanks to his wife, Bess, a

native Virginian. He had not been particularly enthusiastic about a previous Georgian-style project at Wheaton College, despite its positive impact on his firm. Cram himself explains in his memoirs: "Brought up within the narrow walls of the hard and dry Puritanism of New England Colonial...I really knew nothing, through personal contact, of the more ample, courteous and generally aristocratic Georgian that still exists south of Mason And Dixon's Line."

"When, at long last, and chiefly in answer to domestic incitation," he continued, "I got to know what Richmond, the James River region, Charleston...and the other survivals of a beautiful and spacious, but slaughtered past, had to offer as architectural evidence of a great culture, I found in myself a more friendly and generous attitude toward that style..."

Shand-Tucci calls Sweet Briar Cram's "undoubted masterwork." And he says he is not alone, noting that scholars, architectural

historians—even ones who were, according to the biographer, "no great admirers of Cram"—agree with this high opinion of the Sweet Briar commission.

Author Thomas Gains in his 1991 book, *The Campus as a Work of Art*, surely startled more than a few people by including Sweet Briar among the top 50 most beautiful campuses in the country, Shand-Tucci writes. But, he says the best judgment on Sweet Briar comes from an anonymous report of the National Park Service, which called for the designation of the College as a historic district.

Shand-Tucci closes his account of the Sweet Briar project and its significance to Cram and Goodhue, by concluding that the College's master plan of 1902 was "a portent of things to come" for the partners.

Ralph Adams Cram: An Architect's Four Quests—Medieval, Modernist, American, Ecumenical includes more than 130 photographs and drawings. It can be read on its own or in conjunction with the biography's first volume, *Boston Bohemia, 1881–1900*.

Looking to Buy or Sell Art?

Check out Emily Reeh's '01 online art community, **GlobalArtistry.com**. Reeh says she created the site to "help the art student transition into a profitable artist by giving them a community from which they can learn from each other." The site brings art from everywhere to everyone. Artists and anyone who has art to sell (even if they didn't create it) can upload photos of works for sale and communicate directly with buyers and other artists via an anonymous e-mail system. Shoppers can search art work by a variety of means such as price range, color, material, category or look by artist name.

GlobalArtistry.com offers artists a space on the Internet where collectively they get more traffic from interested art buyers. Many artists have a Web site, but people don't know of these sites unless they have seen the artist in person. Reeh notes that "in addition to posting artwork, the site provides chat rooms, information on art events in their area, links to other art Web sites and tips to becoming their own boss."

STUDENTS GET OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PRAGUE, KRAKOW AND BUDAPEST

as a part of the history department's Eastern European Study Abroad program. The program, led by Dr. John Ashbrook, will be a 23-day trip and includes such sights as the St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, Krakow's market square and the Wieliczka Salt Mines. For more information about this program, go to their Web site at <http://www.history.sbc.edu/easterneurope.htm>.



in memoriam

Phillip A. Sellers, 1921-2005



With sadness, we report the October 1st death of a great philanthropist and one of Sweet Briar's most devoted former Board of Director's members, Phillip A. Sellers. He was 84.

Mr. Sellers served on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors from 1987 to 1993. In his first term on the Board of Directors, he served as a member of the Planning Steering Committee and Chairman of the Facilities Committee.

During his second term, he was a member of the Student Affairs, Development, and Executive

committees, as well as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds and Investments and Finance committees. He also served on the Campaign Leadership Committee providing investment guidance and raising monies for The Campaign for Sweet Briar.

In addition, Mr. Sellers had served as president or board chairman for many organizations over the years, including the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, the Montgomery Rotary Club, the Committee of 100, Huntingdon College, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the United Way, the Montgomery Area Council on Aging, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the National Association of Security Dealers' 5th District Committee and the Alabama Archives and History Foundation.

He won many accolades as a philanthropist including the Montgomery Advertiser's Citizen of the Year for 1988, the YMCA's Man of the Year in 2004 and the Alabama Cattlemen's Association's Citizen of the Year in 2005. Upon receiving the *Montgomery Advertiser's* Citizen of the Year award he was quoted as saying, "We're not put here to test the waters but to make waves. Each generation hopes for a better world for the next, but hoping alone won't do it. It takes a little work, a little effort, but the rewards are invaluable."

Mr. Sellers was married for 49 years to the late Caroline Rudolph Sellers '46. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Sellers Ewing '71 of Richmond, VA, and Ellen Sellers McDowell '77 of Dallas, TX; sons, Philip L. Sellers and Will Sellers, both living in Montgomery, AL; and four granddaughters Emily McDowell, Virginia McDowell, Mary Susan McDowell, and Katherine McDowell of Dallas, TX.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Julia Lightfoot Scholarship Fund at Huntingdon College, the St. John's Episcopal Church Building Fund in Montgomery, AL, or the Phillip and Caroline Rudolph Sellers Art Fund at Sweet Briar College.

1921

Gertrude Pauly
Mrs. Gertrude Crawford
1993

1924

Marie Brede
Mrs. Charles V. Zimmerman
December 14, 2005

1927

Martha Ambrose
Mrs. James D. Nunnally
September 30, 2002

1929

Virginia Campbell
Mrs. N. B. Clinch, Jr.
November 19, 2005

1930

Teresa Atkinson
Mrs. John S. Greenfield
July 27, 2005

1931

Meade Laird
Mrs. M. L. Shackelford
August 20, 2005

Mary Robinson
Mrs. Henry Oosting
May 21, 2000

Elizabeth Stribling
Mrs. Kenneth A. Bell
February 28, 2005

1933

Elizabeth Giesen
Mrs. Robert W. Lindsay
August 13, 2005

Sue Graves
Mrs. William K. Stubbs
August 6, 2005

Isabel Scott
Mrs. Claude L. Bowen, Jr.
June 29, 2005

Carroll Slater
Mrs. Carroll W. Siffy
September 24, 2005

1934

Nancy Hotchkiss
Mrs. H. C. Boschen
September 10, 2005

Anna Kuss
Miss Anna I. Kuss
September 30, 2005

Victoria Parsons
Mrs. Victoria P. Saunders
November 25, 2005

Kate Strauss
Mrs. Ulrich Solmssen
August 29, 2005

Marjorie Van Evera
Mrs. E. H. Lovelace
May 19, 2005

1935

Ray Adler
Mrs. H. Foster Cochran
Date unknown

Anne Baker
Mrs. Howard L. Gerhart
October 23, 2005

Anne Cockrill
Mrs. Frank E. Wait
Date unknown

Elizabeth Fox
Mrs. Warren D. Moon
September 9, 2005

Katherine James
Mrs. John M. Hall
August 15, 2005

Frances Meeks
Mrs. Loren D. Ford
November 24, 2005

Kathryn Steiner
Mrs. Douglas Day
July 16, 2005

Mary Templeton
Miss Mary R. Templeton
June 17, 2005

Harriet Williams
Mrs. G. Dallas Rand
July 31, 2005

Rebecca Young
Mrs. James N. Frazer
August 6, 2005

1936

Mary Virginia Camp
Mrs. Charles Lee Smith, Jr.
January 12, 2006

Mary Poindexter
Mrs. Winborn B. Willingham
August 22, 2005

Anne Thomson
Mrs. Witham Smith
July 15, 2004

Elizabeth Wall
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Saunders
November 2, 2005

1937

Anna-Mary Charles
Mrs. Jackson L. Straub II
January 2, 2006

E. Jane Williams
Miss E. Jane Williams
August 22, 2005

1938

Gertrude Alexanderson
Mrs. Charles M. Young
October 12, 2005

Ethlyn Biedenbarn
Mrs. Nathan L. Swayze, Jr.
Date unknown

Genevieve Marsh
Mrs. W. Yule Fisher
July 1, 2005

Isabelle Ogilby
Mrs. Isabelle Ogilby Barr
June 18, 2005

1939

Mary Mahan
Mrs. Orville R. Zimmerman
March 29, 2004

1940

Charlotte Knox
Mrs. Perry M. Lane
October 19, 2005

Patricia Murrill
Mrs. Marquette de Bary
August 21, 2005

Louise Partrick
Mrs. Francis Newton
October 11, 2005

Mary Lee Settle
Mrs. William L. Tazewell
September 27, 2005

1941

Mary Somerville
Mrs. William Brenza
October 16, 2005

Katharine Spaatz
Mrs. Walter Bell
February 25, 2005

1942

Virginia Cummings
Mrs. August F. Davis
November 4, 2005

Virginia Moomaw
Mrs. William E. Hall
September 5, 2005

1944

Ruth Paley
Mrs. Harrison Hogan
September 10, 2005

1945

Jane Lesh
Mrs. George M. Gould
August 4, 2005

Sheilah Moore
Mrs. Henry T. Rathbun
January 10, 2005

1946

Helen Graeff
Mrs. Ray Ellerman
August 8, 2005

Helen Marr
Mrs. William K. Kurz
December 1997

1947

Nancy Cofer
Mrs. George W. Stacey
November 29, 2005

Evelyn Dudley
Mrs. Evelyn Dudley Esbenshade
August 30, 2005

Maria Tucker
Mrs. Edgar S. Bowerfind, Jr.
January 16, 2006

1948

Ann Rowland
Mrs. James R. Tuck
November 15, 2005

Catherine Vance
Mrs. Michael K. Johns
August 21, 2005

1949

Mary Henderson
Mrs. O. Nelson Bryan, Jr.
October 29, 2005

1950

Nancy Franklin
Mrs. Charles H. Hall III
December 12, 2005

Garland Hunter
Mrs. Nicholas E. Davies
November 17, 2005

Mary (Polly) Thomas
Mrs. Howard Peck
December 2, 2005

1951

Dianne Aubineau
Dianne Aubineau
May 18, 2005

Mary Daniels
Mrs. John Lowry, Jr.
November, 2005

1952

Margaret (Peggy) Moore
Mrs. Margaret M. Ripley
September 21, 2005

1955

Lenora Fiducia
Mrs. Hans-Rudolf Hartmann
January 13, 2006

1958

Ann Clancy
Mrs. William L. Cooke, Jr.
December 27, 2005

1962

Joline Street
Mrs. J. P. Robinson II
September 1, 2005

1968

Josephine Fox
Ms. Morgan Fox
September 27, 2005

1970

Linda Gould
Mrs. Linda G. Capano
October 22, 2005

Rebecca Nelson
Mrs. Rebecca L. Nelson
November 17, 2005

1980

Martha "Marfy" Carey
Miss Martha Carey
September 9, 2005

1984

Melissa Darden
Mrs. Melissa D. Odum
July 26, 2005

1986

Melissa Ann Davison
Miss Melissa Ann Davison
December 17, 2005

1990

Thea Michelet
Ms. Thea Cecilie Michelet
August 2005

1991

Anne Arleigh Davis
Mrs. Tom Cobbs
December 3, 2005

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.



Ann Carter '97 Leaves Alumnae House

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Alumnae Association

With mixed emotions I send word of Ann MacDonald Carter's resignation. Ann and her husband Michael relocated to the Virginia Beach area where Michael accepted a promotion as Team Leader with his company, Progressive Insurance.

Ann joined the staff in July, 1997 as Alumnae Programs Coordinator. In July, 1998 she was promoted to Assistant Director and in July, 2000, became Associate Director. She was a valuable member of the Alumnae Office team; almost every Alumnae Association program benefited from her excellent attention to detail and professionalism, including our Alumnae College program. Last fall, Ann successfully coordinated our very first Homecoming Weekend.

We wish Ann and Michael the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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class notes

1924

Marie Brede Zimmerman, class of 1924, celebrated her 105th birthday on Oct. 4th! Mrs. Zimmerman is the mother of Mary Frances Brown Ballard '49.

1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohlm
(Martha Lou Lemmon)

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Eizabeth Scheuer Maxwell is 93 and in great health. Gets a little forgetful but still reads the *NY Times* every day and keeps track of her 3 grandchildren. She has been in a wonderful Mennonite assisted living facility near her son John who has lived in Toronto for the past 23 years.

1942

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I know that all of you have missed seeing news about our class in the magazine. It's my fault, but then few of you send me any. Some say life now is just "same-old-same-old," but even so, we want to hear it. We now can have something in every issue—if you send it to me.

Ann Hauslein Potterfield reports that she and Tom moved back to Charleston, WV several years ago and live in an apartment, which has advantages but they do miss gardening, etc. I'm afraid that's the trade-off for many of our friends. What a treat that they look out over the great Kanawha River. 6 of their 8 children live in the area, which must be such a joy. They continue their annual visits to France each spring and enjoy the Shaw Festival in Niagara-On-The-Lake, which Bernie and I also enjoyed for several years. As lovers of music, they miss few opportunities to be wherever good music is.

A conversation with **Peggy Gearing Wickham** indicated that she and Henry have also sold their house of many years and moved into a smaller place in

Richmond. She sees **Lucy Call Dabney** occasionally. The Dabney's beautiful family home burned down several years ago. What a tragedy. There are quite a few alumnae at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond and they have occasional get-togethers. I went down to several a few years ago. **Grace Bugg Muller-Thyme** lived there happily for quite a few years. But sadly, she died this fall.

Bobby Engh Croft reports with gratitude that cataract surgery is simpler these days. Both she and Crosswell have recently had this experience. They had a fine time at Annapolis attending his 65th class reunion. They also enjoyed a nice Mississippi River Cruise which was beautiful and relaxing. They continue to enjoy their visits to Tucson.

Betsy Gilmer Tremain is wonderful about keeping in touch. She and Mike still enjoy life in Charlottesville and have also moved into smaller quarters at Westminster Canterbury. She has assumed the position of family matriarch. She continues to be involved and busy pursuing family history. She reports that **Helen Sanford** has moved but is still in Dallas close to nephews, etc. She wrote that **Gege Moomaw Hall** moved into a retirement home after Bill's death, but I just received notice that she died recently. **Sudie Clark** and **Bill Hanger** planned a mini reunion at Sea Island when Bill endured a long hospitalization after an operation, but now is improving slowly.

This is the 1st year I've missed Founders Day at SBC for years, but too many other things were going on that weekend. **Irene Mitchell Moore** drove up from Greensboro for the day. I'm sorry I missed a visit with her. The weekend was a redesigned Alumnae Council as it included quite a few other programs and events and was renamed Homecoming. Almost 300 people attended.

A brief conversation with **Eloise English Davies** indicated that she is settled back in MD in a very nice retirement community in Chestertown. **Betty Blackmer Childs** and **Mackall** are also happy to be back in their old stomping ground, Annapolis.

I'm grateful to report that like many of you, I still enjoy good health. Would you believe that I have accepted a chairmanship of the Sweet Briar Friends

How to get your news in Class Notes:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

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Issue	Deadline
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Fall '06	July 1, 2006

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of the Library! Please join up. What would a college be without a super library? This organization provides the Library with books and other supplies (mostly requests from the faculty) which the College budget doesn't cover. \$15 will do a membership, but more would be better. The Lynchburg Garden Club to which I belong is a Garden Club of VA member so I often run into SBC alumnae through that group. I always enjoy seeing **Sally Schall Van Allen** and **Bill** when they come to visit their son **Kent** and his wife, **Kay** here in Lynchburg. They live busy lives in Charlotte still. I also love my weekly bridge game and Bible study group, and monthly book club. As well as a monthly luncheon with 6 of us who started Kindergarten class together. Our precious **Laura Graves Howell** was also in that group. Like a lot of you, I rejoice in the "goings on" of grandchildren, all 11 of whom do interesting things, as well as 2 great-grandchildren. I am adjusting to life without **Bernie**, an experience which many of you are also dealing with. It's hard, especially after holding hands happily with the same wonderful guy for 60 years.

Please each of you write anything any time. All of us want to hear from you. Much love to each of you.

1947

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Jane Arthur Etheridge Hamlin of Rockland DE heartily approves of SBC's interest in astro research and development. And no wonder as she works part-time in her local Astronomical Observatory. In keeping with the family tradition, she further reports that her granddaughter and spouse are both well on their way to Ph.D.'s in physics. From Salisbury, MD, **Kay (Wizzie) Weisger Osborne** tells us she is still writing for the *Salisbury Post*... a tribute to her stamina and maybe to Dr. Short's SBC English classes.

1949

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Just a word to others in our class, the college no longer sends out those wonderful double post cards that worked so well for years. Indeed, the post office no longer prints those. So if you have news please mail/email it to me or fill

again next March and then in the late summer to my Yokohama H.S. reunion in Ashland, OR, followed by a trip to the Canadian Rockies with e-friends in ID.

Again, my apologies for losing notes from some of you. I would be very happy to receive emails at any time of year to use in the class notes. Please note my new email address at the beginning of this column.

1957

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It will come as no surprise that members of the Class of 1957 are greeting their 7th decade, and several of the complications that come with that age, with esprit, élan and aplomb. While some write of personal illnesses and spouses and partners with aches and pains the mood is upbeat. The refrain most heard is "this is the best time of life.

That we remain warhorses, let there be no doubt.

Backspace review for the class that historically has rained the most money at Reunion, generally a leader in the greatest percentage of donors and the leader of the pack with all funds giving in 2002. Some classes viewed our Reunion giving as a challenge- other classes were discouraged. There was even a tiny inquiry after the last Reunion as to whether the Class of '57 might be willing to retire from the Reunion giving competition, which was rightfully and ruthlessly nixed by **Charlotte Heuer DeSerio**, our class president.

So the rules of giving were changed. Who, what, where, when, why and even how the rules got changed is unknown and really, who cares? Fact is the rules today are different from the rules of a couple of years ago.

This is the change: Any gift made to the Annual Fund can be tabbed as a Reunion Gift. In our case, gifts and donations should be earmarked as a 2007 Reunion Gift, Class of 1957. We can accrue donations until we gather for our 50th Reunion. **Give early, give often.** Just write it on your check, attach a Post-it, spell it out in your letter, but start building the fund.

Our Reunion gift in 2002, at our 45th, was the record gift until the Class of 1960 celebrated its 45th Reunion

(uncertain whether under old or new Reunion giving rules) and topped us by \$9,146. But records were meant to be broken.

On to news. Lots of 70th birthday celebrations were described. Bottom line amidst the variety is many of our birthdays were celebrated with families as the centerpiece.

Chris Smith Lowry's daughter hosted a dinner at home, with her grandsons providing personal serenades to Chris on violin and guitar; **Roberta Malone Henderson** and Ian were celebrated jointly and elegantly in NY with their children doing the hosting; **Dot Duncan Hodges's** plans for a gala with best friends in Vegas were cancelled with the death of her closest friend, but her daughter rallied and had friends in; **Flo Barclay Winston** birthday-ed at the beach with family and **Jody Rains Brinkley**, of course; **Nannette McBurney Crowds** went to DC to let her kids fete her. Because she always heard a different drummer, **Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas** and best beau Bill Dietrich whooped it up in St. Petersburg.

Then there are the class babies who cautioned me to slow down, they had not crossed the magic marker—**Day Gibson Kerr** in Shawnee Mission, KS was a mere 69 in June, which may well make her youth sweepstakes winner, and **Cynnie Wilson Ottaway** down in FL and **Page Phelps Coulter** in NH also have some months before joining the rest of us on the 70th meridian.

The most totally original birthday prize goes to **Nancy Godwin Baldwin** who arrived home to find 2 giant UPS boxes blocking entry to her SBC casa. When help arrived to provide muscle entry, Nancy found she had been gifted with 70 individually wrapped birthday presents from her sister, niece Sophie Crysler Hart '81 and Sophie's husband Rick. It took Nancy 2 weeks to get them all unwrapped.

From Paradise comes word from **Carolyn Scott Arnold**, still in Honolulu, that life continues to wax luxuriant. With 6 children and 17 grandchildren, **Scottie** also wins the grandchildren sweepstakes to my knowledge. Other good news is that **Scottie** will be on hand for our 50th.

Touring the mainland, **Barbara Tezlaff** remains in San Francisco: practicing law, writing a book, working out in the gym (no osteoporosis for this one, let me tell you) and visiting friends up and down the west coast. **Lainy Newton**

Peters in Pacific Palisades, writes that Gregg's Parkinson's is advancing, but blessed with fabulous caregivers she gets out and about, including a trip with Santa Barbara Museum of Art friends to NY and Philadelphia. **Dagmar Halmgyi Yon** and best bud, Bud, got halfway through an AK cruise and mountain camping trip when Bud's heart began to fibrillate, which ended the trip. They plan to complete the unused portion of the trip, camping in Denali National Park next summer. Dagmar and Bud spend a good deal of their retirement teaching kids to "learn to love reading." **Lou Wallace Wilemon** in Redondo Beach continues to ride and go to the track but says she does not bet on the ponies. She is maintaining a good exercise regime with an eye to our 50th and is hoping with 4 grand-girls at least 1 will attend SBC.

Heading east to CO, word for the first time in too long from **Joanie Grafmeuller Grier** who is downsizing from a big house to a smaller house, spends part of the fall in Carmel and lots of the summer in Prouts Neck, ME (no, they do not use apostrophes in ME), after which she and her husband travel New England in the glories of full foliage. Repeated requests for news from our other Denver resident, **Enid Slack**, brought no word.

From the Midwest, **Helene Bauer Magruder** and husband in IA say they are taking advantage of excellent health, lots of travel, twice to Peru and the Amazon, Japan, Holland and Belgium. **Sydney Graham Brady** and Bill in IL spent time visiting Chicago with kids and grands, then retreated to Galesburg for more family time, and then took the month of Oct. in Florence, that splendid Tuscan redoubt. **Diane (Dee) Robin** said adios to the Land of Enchantment after spending 24 years in the classics department at the U of NM in Albuquerque. And where did our esteemed Latin scholar take new root? In a high rise overlooking Lake Michigan where she is a scholar in residence at Chicago's Newberry Library. **Dee**, who was last heard from scrabbling about in Rome, has 3 books under contract. Also from the Land of Lincoln, **Diane Duffield Wood**, in Oak Brook, fought snow last Christmas, but escaped to sunny FL for a visit with **Char DeSerio** (Char says she talked Duffy into buying some glow in the dark slacks, but no additional news about that), took in Poland with a SBC gang and was expecting a new great-grandchild born in June. We need a tour

guide to keep up with the peripatetic **Char**, who spends time in PA, FL and Cape May, between treks and cruises to various spots on the globe. **Char's** son Bill bought an old place near Char in PA, which eliminates their annual trip to ME.

Also from the Midwest, **Ginny Marks** Page continues at Antioch McGregor in OH where she is developing a new Master's program in Community Change and Civic Leadership in conjunction with Pew. Ginny was in China with **Anna (Chips) Chao Pai** and David. More about that from **Chips** herself. Out of KS comes sad word from **Mary Elizabeth (Baba) Conway Debiki** that husband Andy lost his battle with cancer. Baba, who spent 3 terms at SBC before graduating from Hollins, drew strength from a number of letters from classmates after **Margie Scott Johnson**, her freshman roommate, let folks know of Andy's death. **Baba** is staying in Lawrence and will welcome visitors coming in from any and all directions. **Jane Campbell Englert's** husband John is also battling poor health. Jane keeps in touch with **Marj Aude Whitsun**. **Janet Pehl Ettele** and **Lou Wallace Wilemon** with instant messaging. **Jane** hoped for a 3rd generation at SBC, via oldest grandchild Emily, whose mom Anne Butler, graduated from SBC in 1984. But the U. of Pittsburgh is to be her alma mater.

Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas must be the darling of American Express with her travel schedule. In addition to her birthday in Putin-Land, Jane and Bill have been twice to the West Coast in the past year, as well as Sicily, Corsica, Mallorca, and Naples (the one in FL) to mention a few high points.

From WI, Paul Morrow e-mails that **Natalie Wittich Morrow** continues to travel thanks to handicap access on cruise lines. **Natalie** had a serious stroke more than 5 years ago, but has been cruising each year for the past 4 years. **Natalie** and Paul recently moved into a new condo with a number of special designs to accommodate her partial paralysis. Paul says **Natalie** sends all her best to each of us.

Marj Whitsun Aude in NY appears to be busier than ever, creating and making wall hangings, serving on her library board, including helping re-shelve all the books after a move to a new library. **Marj** says Fritz had a rotator cuff repaired, but that did not stop him from heading down to WV to help repair homes of flood victims. En route **Marj** and Fritz visited the **Englerts**. Life in

NH continues to inspire **Page Phelps Coulter** who was working on and may well have completed her 4th book of poetry. Some of the inspiration may have come from a barge trip in France's Midi. Page, spouse and 2 other couples operated their barge, sipped a few bottles of *vin ordinaire* and opened 61 locks in a 1-week period. **Page**, who spent Junior Year in France, helped eliminate verbal snafus. Across the border in ME, **Jane Rather Thiebaud** lives in Winter Harbor, but moves around a good deal. She and spouse Rene-Blaise Thiebaud, a Swiss lawyer, left for Maui, then settled down for some prime time in CO about the time I arrived in ME, so for 1 more year our paths failed to cross. After living in Geneva for 30 years, **Jane** and Rene-Blaise (who met at the Date House) returned to the U.S. to allow Jane to help her parents. **Jane** says "this is the busiest, most productive" time in her life. In MA, **Stella Moore McClintock** spent much of last year reconstructing her FL condo after being whacked by 2 hurricanes. Stella stayed closer to home this summer down Nantucket way.

Speaking of busy, to NJ and a report from **Anna (Chips) Chao Pai**, under whose feet grass would not dare to grow. On her 3rd African photo safari this year she witnessed and photographed a lion kill, and gruesome aspects aside, **Chips** said it provided her unique photography. Earlier **Chips** and David joined the SBC tour to Sicily with several classmates and spent time in China on a self-designed trip that included visits to both Chao and Pai "homesteads." **Chips** called it a "roots trip" for their American children and grands. Photography continues to be a major interest for **Chips**, who held 2 one-person exhibits in hometown Livingston in recent months.

In MS, **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun** says Natchez and the blessings of grands make her life pretty special. A revolution took place in TN where **Anne Ford Melton** hopped aboard the internet and e-mail train, which she calls "taking up e-mail." **Anne** got back to VA where she lunched with the VA Mafia—**Nannette**, **Ninie Laing** and **Anne Wilson Rowe**. From KY, **Joanie Lawson Kuhns** appears to stay busy 80 hours a week keeping the family farm operating, volunteering in multiple worthy causes, and being with spouse Greg, their 4 children and 8 grands. Our other KY correspondent **Roberta Malone Henderson** lured **Sandra Simpson Stingily** and Dr. Ed Laughlin up to her

place in Quebec on learning **Sandra** and Ed were headed to Camden for a visit.

A bit farther south GA way, **Elaine Kimball Carlton** and Sam made still another move, a final move. **Elaine** claims. The Carltons opted for condo life, and enjoy the benefits of being in Athens, a university town. Their daughter finally came back to the U.S. after years in India and son George is in Manhattan. Our other Peach, **Saynor Johnson Ponder** was saddened to report the death of both her mother and the spouse of sister Dilly Johnson Jones '54. More cheerfully, **Saynor** and Buddy purchased a condo on St. Simon's Island and extend visiting opportunities.

The Alumnae Office sent word of the death on July 24 of classmate **Patricia Johnson Brockman**, who lived in Charlotte, NC. No additional information was known. Hard times continue to haunt **Alice Barnes Robertson** in Battleboro, NC. Death robbed her of her parents, her spouse and her son in a brief period of time. I know each of us wishes better times for **Alice**, who I assume continues to play the piano like an angel.

Floridians **Fran Childress Lee** and **Cynnie Wilson Ottaway** don't seem to hang around the Sunshine State too often. The bionic **Cynnie**, now recovered from back surgery and hip replacement gave up golf, but has taken up Spain, Sicily, Poland and "spliffs" her time between FL, MI, WY, Indianapolis and "wherever else an airplane" can take her. **Fran** bagged her 7th continent with a trip to Antarctica earlier this year and staying cool, was in the far west in the summer touching WY, Canada and AK. **Fran**, bless her soul, drives with her dog.

Word from some of the North Carolinians involves lots of traveling also. **Flo Barclay Winston** and Charlie did the Wild West circle with their grands this summer, then decamped in the fall to China, with **Sandra Stingily Simpson** and **Jody Raines Brinkley**. This is a travel quartet of some vintage, with prior trips to Cuba and Africa, to name two. **Margie Scott Johnson** relates she gave up skiing last winter in Steamboat, having promised the Lord to never go up on a mountain with "those funny things" on her feet if she could just come down in one piece. **Dot Duncan Hodges** pulled out the stops and traveled to Thailand and Cambodia where she got to visit all the glories of Angkor Wat. Do not build your monuments in sandstone if you wish them to survive the ages. **Dot** advises. She also sang the praise of the Japanese

who have funded almost all restoration costs in the area.

Sandra Stingily Simpson continues to paint and travel. She visited Prague with Friends of Art where she saw son Karl and his Czech wife Ivana and dined with our Czech Republic Ambassador Bill Cabaniss and his wife Catherine (Caldwell '61); she also went down to Sea Island where she is in a gallery and spent some time with son Evan and his family. China was the fall site after a visit with us in Camden. **Jane Pinckney Hanahan** remains heavily involved with history, historic preservation and education in and around Charleston, having finished a trustee term at Episcopal H.S. and on the board of Charleston Day School, which includes 2 grants as enrollees. Working with young people is stimulating for **Jane**, who finds herself in good health, but wonders how it is possible that we are close to a 50th Reunion.

Lots of news from VA. **Mary Anne Wilson** is back in her SBC casita after spending a chunk of time in Spain with daughter Laura and family. She remains of multiple minds whether to move lock, stock and zapatas to Madrid or keep a foot in both places. **Nancy Godwin Baldwin** does not discuss any plans to retire from her splendid work getting the *Alumnae Magazine* out. **Nancy** always had lots of irons in the fire and in a disgustingly changing world, it is grand to know some things do not change. **Anne McGrath Lederer** is exceedingly happy to get her Marine son back from Iraq and contends, "At this stage in life, no news is good news." **Peggy Liebert Dobbins** and husband Gene still reside in Callao. **Peggy** writes that Gene has health problems. For her part, **Peggy** is enjoying a wee dachshund, which has become the guard dog of the area.

Jody Raines Brinkley, she of the perpetual tan, spends time in FL and at the beach. As expected, **Jody** says the rest of us can be 70 years old, she is 50. Period. Age is not having much impact on **Joy Peebles Massey**, who spends 2 hours at a time on the tennis court. She must own stock in the Fountain of Youth. She looks about 19.

From Winchester, **Judith Ruffin Andersen** happily details the joys of spending time in South Africa at a "bush camp" with her daughter, where many photographs were taken and shown at a luncheon meeting of the Virginia Mafia. Speaking of the Mafiosa, **Nannette** continues organizing the world, or any part that comes into her

patch, traveling in and out of the country; planning luncheons and trips to DC for SBC residents within shouting distance of Madison, VA, getting classmates up to Annapolis to see **Babs Falge Openbshaw**, who is recovering from a heart attack (**Babs** left her fabulous gardens and moved to an apartment, which, of course, she is developing); running a health hotline when classmates become ill, and still heading the Planned Giving Component at SBC. **Anne Wilson Rowe** says her health is grand after an all out attack on her cancer. **Anne** took a granddaughter to Paris for a week, then stood back while the grand handled luggage tickets, menus, the language, leaving **Anne** to wonder who took whom to France. **Ninie Laing**, the Indefatigable One, continues to lead SBC tours, Sicily this year, Egypt next year if all works out. **Ninie** remains involved with Garden Club activities and volunteer work, still rides her horses, mows acres of grass, eliminates weeds and wonders why none of us realized why retirement was such hard work.

Texans were pitifully represented in the response category, with returns from 3 of the 20 plus who started in 1953. **Jan Armstrong Neuenschwander** of Houston stays sharp with courses in continuing education, where she re-read, Elizabeth Bowen's *Death of a Heart*, which she had read in her Freshman English class. Jan dryly notes "what a difference 50 years makes." Question is how many of us really understood the loss of innocence 50 years ago? **Patricia Lodewick** remains in Dallas with duplicate bridge and spends 2 days weekly volunteering in ICU at Baylor Hospital. **Elayne Steele Shults** continues to call Amarillo home, spears in local operas and volunteers more hours than I can ever find in any given week. **Elayne** was in Austin to help celebrate my 70th.

Like **Fran Lee**, I also bagged my 7th continent with a trip to Antarctica in Feb., a sublime travel experience. The penguins were great, but nothing can ever compare to the multiple flights of albatrosses seen in the Drake Passage. Those birds have a wingspan of almost 12 ft. I had seen the occasional albatross crossing in the deep Pacific or Atlantic, but never had been privileged to see them in such abundance. Dudley and I had a fun boat trip to Holland to see the tulips, again spent the entire summer in ME where Dudley sailed about 5 days a week and Sonnet the Golden Retriever and I read

lots of books. Late fall took me to Oaxaca for a couple of weeks to study the *dia de los muertos*.

We are correct. Life is pretty damn good.

Mary Anne Wilson had an angel on each shoulder driving back to SBC from her Chattanooga 70th birthday fete by GPS friends in late Sept. A van loaded with 17 Guatemalan women cut directly in front of **MA**, giving her no time or opportunity to change lanes on a very busy Interstate. **Mary Anne** hit the van, an 18-wheeler directly behind her, hit **Mary Anne**. Once extracted from her totally smashed car, shaken but not broken, mashed or cut, **Mary Anne** proceeded to assist police and firemen for the next 90 minutes acting as translator, as the Guatemalan women did not *habla ingles*. This was a stop press addition to Notes, thanks to **Nancy Baldwin**!

1959

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As I write this in the heat of summer, mid-Aug., to meet my deadline, I realize you will probably be reading this during next winter's blizzard. Do we think that Sweet Briar's Alumnae Office should take over the State Department to solve our world's problems ahead of time? (HO HO!)

My only letter this time came from **Virginia Ramsey Crawford** who generously responded to my request for news. She writes: "Although we are retired, Mac and I find ourselves so busy that at times it feels as though we are still working! I continue to sing in our regional chorale and we're about to do a wonderful concert next week. We do "Meals On Wheels" on Mondays and Wednesdays. I paint (watercolor) and Mac tutors at Norwalk Hospital, we're active in our church, and I belong to a book study group. Our children (5 daughters between us) and grandchildren continue to thrive . . . our oldest grandson is at the RIT studying "media and the arts" and our next grandson will be leaving for Lehigh College in the fall to study engineering and business. Both have been awarded unsolicited scholarships. (I like to brag about them, like all grandmothers!) In Dec. I had a major back operation. . . and it seems to have been successful. The most exciting thing to happen in our lives

this year was a trip to Egypt, somewhere we had always wanted to go and lived up to all our expectations. We're looking forward to 5 weeks at our summer home in Chautauqua, NY"

So again I got on the telephone. I like to call people we haven't heard from in a while. If I haven't gotten to you, sooner or later I hope to, or better yet you could call me, or email me or write a card!

I had a great conversation with **Ann Hufendick Hamman** in Houston (who says she really wants to come back to our next BIG reunion! Hooray!) She has been back to VA since leaving us to go back to the U. of TX since all 3 of her children went to UVA! Her first daughter, Ann, married Billy Shepherd, whom she met at UVA. Both became lawyers and now have 4 children and live in Houston. Kendall, (Mrs. Michael Connors) the 2nd daughter went on to Columbia in architecture. She and her husband and 2 children live in Bronxville, NY. Ann's son, Russell, finished his degree in geology, and after years of working elsewhere is coming back to work with the family firm in Houston. Ann stays busy not only with her family, but also with many community organizations, particularly those involving the arts. She is on a committee for the Menil Foundation and on the board of the Contemporary Art Museum and Houston Ballet. She also serves on Houston's Board for "Communities in Schools" which works on integrating at-risk children into the school system. Additionally, Ann and Henry enjoy doing some traveling. We'll certainly welcome them when they come up this way again.

Ann also gave us great news about **Judy Welton Sargent** whose 2nd daughter Katherine, having recovered from cancer and entered medical school, is now a practicing physician in pediatric orthopedics at Johns Hopkins and is marrying a doctor in the fall. What a happy event to contemplate!

A call to the Lane Johnson household (**Ann Gumaer**) in Wellesley, MA, provided a lovely conversation with Lane who promised to get Ann to return the call, which she promptly did. She declares that she had such fun at her Emma Willard reunion she really looks forward to her 50th with us. (We're *really* rallying the troops!) And she knows a good outing when she sees one. As a travel consultant, she's been working on Scottish forays particularly, but has done trips from everywhere, everything from Tahiti to South Africa. Get this—she's treasurer

of the Caribbean Tourism Association. (Don't you think that's something each of us needs to remember?) She and Lane have 3 daughters, 2 in Boston and 1 in Columbus, all married, also including 3 grandchildren, 2 boys and a girl who are 9, 5 and 4. Lane, now retired, stays busy with golf and singing in the Wesley Choral Society. Ann loves her volunteer work with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

I chatted with **Nita Nixon Cox** in Valdosta, GA who lived in Lafayette, LA, training teachers at the university. (She was too modest to let us mention the heights in Academia to which she'd risen.) Her husband is an Episcopal minister. He also taught English at the university for a time. They are now happily retired in her home town, taking care of her 95-year old mother (a SBC alumna). Nita promised to write with more news. (She wishes we still had postcards, and so do I!)

Susan Timberlake Thomas and I also had a nice talk. She has 3 children (a son and 2 daughters—Stewart, a lawyer, who lives in Staunton, Sue who lives in southern MD, and Emily who also lives in Staunton.) All together she has 7 grandchildren, ages 17 to 2, and Susan and Cal enjoy taking them all to Cape Hatteras Beach, however their traveling has been curtailed slightly by Cal's hip replacement. (He's on the mend now.) They are looking forward to resuming their trips to the Caribbean.

That's ALL folks . . . I'm off to Amsterdam on a river cruise ending in Budapest with **Snowdon (Durham Byron)** and "Jamie-darling," her most adorable husband. More about that later.

1966

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* Reunion 2006, May 26-28 *

Please remember to return your reunion questionnaires to me as soon as possible so I can compile our scrapbook!

1969

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Your mortified and contrite Secretary begs your forgiveness for having dropped the ball so resoundingly. Please forgive me and send your news for the spring issue.

1973

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I have just returned from Homecoming at Sweet Briar and had a fabulous time, despite being the solo rep. from our class. (**Joan May Harden's** daughter was married in Lexington, VA the previous weekend and she felt she couldn't take additional time off.) But it didn't matter as there's an "instant bonding" among alums that transcends age and class year. Nancy Mortensen Piper '74, her committee and the Alumnae Office did a terrific job to keep us informed, entertained, and of course fed, it being Sweet Briar!

My first stop on Thursday afternoon was a lovely visit with Miss Sprague, our first year Biology professor, at the retirement home in Lynchburg where she now lives. She celebrated her 94th birthday the next day. Activities on campus began with a cocktail reception and dinner at the Sweet Briar Museum, followed by a lecture by Brian Greene, physicist, string theorist, and best selling author. Friday was packed with various workshops and alumnae colleges. Four articulate sophomores discussed their summer projects in various sciences from psychology to astronomy during lunch at the Wailes conference center. The mid-afternoon Founder's Day Convocation honored Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64—the first woman to earn a Master's Degree in aerospace engineering from UVA. The traditional bagpipe-led procession to Monument Hill was well-attended despite the 90+ degree heat. The seniors wore their "formal" plain black robes for the first time (separate robes, gaily decorated by their "little sisters" are worn to classes) and many realized how close they now were to graduation. Everyone gathered afterwards for a picnic in the Student Commons courtyard before heading off to the

Science Open House at Guion. The Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra gave a concert at 8 p.m., with Jonathan D. Green, Dean of the College, conducting. Afterwards there was a magician and Karaoke for stalwart alumni and night owl students at *Le Bistrò*, now housed in the building that was the Laundromat in our day. Saturday was devoted to various panels, career networking and volunteer training. A boxed lunch at the Boat House preceded the dedication of the new Nature Center (formerly the water plant). A fun time was had by all while watching teams from the engineering program race their self-designed cardboard boats on Sweet Briar Lake. Much to everyone's surprise, only one sank, which speaks well of the students and their instructor! With everyone's vocal chords warmed up, it was only natural that they be put to good use cheering the field hockey and varsity soccer games. Relaxation was the order of the evening with a dinner for members of the Friends of Athletics and a Billboard Dance Party at a DJ.

My overall impression of the campus is that it is a thriving, dynamic place filled with highly capable, energetic and talented students, who are pleased with the quality education they are receiving from a demanding, yet supportive, faculty and administration. The Class of 2009 is the largest in a number of years. Efforts by Diane Dale Reiling '73 and the Seattle SBC Alumnae Club yielded 3 students from their area alone. Way to go!

Homecoming is open to everyone, so do return for a visit or mini-reunion with classmates—and bring a prospective student or two—for a rekindling of the ties that make Sweet Briar such a wonderfully unique college. See you at "The Patch" in Sept.!

As you may have already seen in the Hurricane Katrina Forum on the Sweet Briar website, **Betsie Meric Gambel** and her husband, Jerry Alexander, survived the worst of the storm relatively unscathed. Unfortunately her brother and his family and her parents were not as fortunate. But **Betsie** reports that the city is returning to life slowly but surely. I have yet to hear about other members of our class who lived in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast so we will hope for the best and wish them all well as they rebuild their lives.

Ginger Woodard Gast is teaching 2nd grade for the 2nd year and finding it easier than last year. Her youngest daughter, Katie, is in 9th grade. Her middle daughter is with the English

National Ballet School in London. At the completion of the 3 year program she'll receive a degree from Trinity College. She initially didn't have computer or phone access so Ginger found it difficult to have to rely on snail mail for communications.

Laurie Norris Coccio and her husband, Chris, live in Milton, NY. Laurie has embarked on a new venture in academia and in Aug. became the principal of a small elementary school in the area. Her elder daughter recently completed her Master's at Oxford U. Laurie and Chris were happy to be in the audience to see her awarded her diploma in Oct. 2004 during a trip to England. Stephanie is now working towards her doctorate at Oxford. Laurie's younger daughter lives in the Albany, NY area.

All continues uneventfully here in our lives, thank goodness! Our daughter is a junior at Dickinson College, majoring in policy management studies. She plans to study abroad next semester so I am anticipating a trip to visit her and friends from my days at St. Andrews. My husband, David, continues to work for The Gordian Group, a job order contracting firm headquartered in Greenville, SC, but his efforts are based in Upstate NY. My prime focus is volunteering at an environmental education conservation center, teaching elementary students about the natural world out of doors. The 3 of us obtained our advanced open water scuba diving certification in Jan. 2005 during a family vacation in Ambergris Caye, Belize.

Here's hoping to hear from more of our classmates in the future!

1975

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Hello, fellow '75ers! Wasn't our 30th Reunion glorious? The 22 members of our class who attended were:

Ashley Randle Averell, Gwynneth Taggart Barter-Martin, Nelly Osinga Branson, Cynthia Manning Chatham, Penelope Czarra, Bonnie Damianos-Rampone, Heather McLeod Gale, Beverley Crispin Heffernan, Elizabeth Washbaugh Jarvis, Janet Shepherd Kelleher, Ella Hanson Magruder, Denise Montgomery, Janet Richards Oikawa, Patricia Parker, Lynn Norris Pfeiffer, Marsha Decker Powers, Ellen Harrison Saunders.

Cora Snyder, Maria Vonetes, Jody Anderson Wharton, Catherine Cranston Whitham and yours truly. We were also joined by 2 husbands and 3 daughters. I very much enjoyed chatting with Heather's daughter Megan (20) and Avery Studer, daughter of Becky Rowe, who succumbed to breast cancer 5 years ago. We also had the pleasure of spending time with Nancy Mortensen Piper '74 and Margaret Sexton Johnson '77, alumnae from 2 of our sister classes. Everybody looked great and had wisdom and humor to share. Beverley will serve another 5 years as class president and I as class secretary.

We took over a wing on the 2nd floor of Meta Glass dormitory and had a grand time partying out on the roof between planned Reunion activities. A few of us went to a Bistro party Friday night and sang along with the band. I realized that I had not lost the ability to quietly return to a dorm room so as not to disturb a sleeping roommate on Saturday morning when Denise told me, "I didn't hear a sound when you came in last night!" Ah, yes! It is an art to slip into the room, tiptoe around, change from street clothes to pajamas in the dark and settle into bed without causing the box springs to creak.

We woke up to a cool Saturday morning, traipsed to the dining hall for breakfast, then headed to Convocation, where we were entertained by the Class of 1955 and heard presentations by President Muhlenfeld and Dean Jonathan Green. Sweet Briar's leaders have a clear vision and an impressive plan for the College's future. Our *alma mater* is in good hands. Noreen Parker, who has done a fabulous job of editing our Class Notes for the magazine, was recognized for her dedicated service to the College. We all wish her a happy retirement. On Saturday afternoon, some went riding; others went fly-fishing. I swam 2000 meters in the pool and then joined a few of you for a romp through Sweet Briar House. It was the 1st time I had been to the 3rd floor. Thank you, President Muhlenfeld, for opening your home to us.

Saturday night's gala dinner was the highlight of the weekend. We were entertained by a fabulous band, *Island Breeze*, and regaled with delicious food. Most of all, we enjoyed re-uniting and conversing with our favorite professors, many of whom are retired and attended that function just to see us.

Those of us who worshipped at the Chapel on Sunday morning were treated to a gorgeous solo by Carrington Brown

Wise '76 and an inspiring sermon by Chaplain Guy Brewer. After lunch in the gardens at Sweet Briar House, we said our fond good-byes and headed for the highway or the airport. It seems that Reunion is over before it even gets started! The campus was beautiful, with peonies, heather and the Sweet Briar rose bush by the manor house in bloom. The weather was perfect. This was my 2nd Reunion experience. I am glad that I finally overcame my shyness about Reunion and started to attend. I urge those of you who have never been to Reunion to go to your next one. It is never too late to start going! On my flight, I met a member of the class of 1960 who was having her 1st Sweet Briar Reunion experience. I'll wager that, once you have had your 1st Reunion experience, you will wonder how you can wait another 5 years for the next one. Reunions are like Lay's potato chips: *You can't stop at one!*

Now, for the news:
Randy Anderson Trainor wishes that she could have made it to Reunion. She was in Richmond in Apr. to visit **Catherine Cranston Whitham** and **Libby Whitley**. "They both looked great!" exclaims Randy, adding, "In case Libby doesn't write in, she got married a few years back to a great guy named Dave. She is still very busy with her business of helping farmers import migrant workers to help with harvesting, etc." Randy's life is as hectic as ever! She still owns an INTERIORS by Decorating Den franchise organization and is vice chairman of the board that advises their Corporate Headquarters. At their annual convention in May, Randy was named Franchise Owner of the Year out of more than 500 franchise owners. In addition, a room decorated by Randy was published in a book called *Creating Great Guest Rooms*. Husband Tom is finishing up a data base that he is writing for the U.S. Ski Team. Tom's daughter, Sarah, and her husband are the proud parents of a year-old baby girl "who is sooooo cute!" Cliff has joined the National Guard and is working for the Adjutant General of NH. Cliff is also trying to complete the 11 1/2 years of school he has left. Cary will be a junior at the U. of NH this year. Right now, she is "having a blast" working on a dude ranch in WY for the summer. All of the Trainors are skiing and loving it! Tom skied almost every day this past winter on his newly replaced knee. "Bionic parts really do work better than old worn down real body parts!" notes Randy.

Bet Bashinsky Wise writes, "So sorry not to get to Reunion this go round. Too many irons in the fire." Bet and Doug have moved to a new house in Nashville. Since they still haven't sold the old one, Bet is taking care of both yards. Bet had a mare that was to foal at Reunion time and has also spent much time caring for her parents. "My car seems to be on auto pilot to Birmingham, AL," Bet muses. She also drove across the country with Doug to take Moxie, a 180 lb Great Dane and Scout, a 115 lb Golden Retriever, to the lake house in MT. (180 lb dog? Are you sure that isn't the colt, Bet?) After flying back to Nashville to take care of the house, family and horse matters, Bet was driving her horse to a new trainer in AL when her rig was hit by a Jeep Cherokee doing a 180 on the interstate at 70 mph. "Long story," Bet says, "but everyone was OK, including the horse. God was smiling at us that day. I've finally gotten to MT for the summer none too soon!" There, Bet has taken day hikes in Glacier National Park and has been sea kayaking on the lake. She is also shutting son Case to his classes at a local community college and seeing old friends. On July 14, Bet flew to Birmingham to accompany her mother home. "She'd been visiting us and really needs a companion. I guess all of us deal with this aging thing at some point," Bet observes. After taking her mother home, Bet returned to MT. She and Doug will drive back to Nashville in Sept. and take in some of the sights before rolling into the humid South!

Catherine Cranston Whitham had a great time connecting with so many old friends at Reunion. Daughter Ann will begin a graduate program in Urban and Environmental Planning at UVA this fall. Son Craig, recently graduated from Elon, is working on Capitol Hill. Catherine stays busy volunteering on a number of non-profit boards, doing mostly development work for them. She and Whit spend time at their place in the mountains of western NC whenever they can. Catherine had dinner with **Randy Anderson Trainor** and **Libby Whitley** during the spring. They talked and joked of old Eastern Weekends at UVA. "Randy's mother dug out Randy's old quilted hot pants from the closet and we made Randy try them on," Catherine recounts. "Of course, they STILL FIT her perfectly!" (Skiing, swimming, hiking riding, tennis, golf... Many of us still practice our favorite sports. I can tell you that it pays off in more than one way! As the Romans said, *Mens sana in corpore sano.*)

Nancy Cunningham Watson is thrilled to report that daughter Hallie Nixon Watson (18) will enter SBC this fall as a member of the Class of 2009. Hallie follows not only in her mother's footsteps, but also in those of Nan's aunt Hallie Tom Nixon Powell '46 and cousin Hallie Powell Cardwell '78.

Bonnie Damianos-Rampone writes that her husband Chuck has opened a Hummer dealership. Son Chuck, a Gettysburg College grad, works at the store selling Hummers and pre-owned cars that customers trade in when they buy Hummers. Son Chris, 22, and a Drew U. grad, has been busy setting up an accessories website at the Rampone's Corvette Center. "It's great having everyone home again!" Bonnie says. She spent the summer catching up on house projects and visiting family and friends. During the spring, she traveled to Italy and Portugal. She went to Fatima to light candles, buy rosaries and pray. "What a very special place!" Bonnie had a great time at our 30th Reunion and enjoyed seeing the Sweet Briar house in its entirety. She plans to spend a week on Block Island this fall.

Lisa Hall Isbell keeps busy as a paper conservator at the National Archives, as the wife of the minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD, and caring long-distance for her mother, who still lives in FL. The church's 5-day conference will be held in the Shenandoah Valley in Aug. Lisa is planning menus for 100 and coordinating conference participants into meal teams.

Helen Hodges Richards regrets that work obligations prevented her from attending Reunion. She is a psychiatric treatment manager (case manager/therapist) at Green Oaks Hospital in Dallas. "This last year," reports Helen, "I have survived being laid off, and then called back." Home, family and job keep Helen busy. For fun, she plays piano at church services. Helen and son James (23) are replacing the property line fence on 3 sides of their back yard. It is taking far longer than they thought and, of course, "it's hot out there." Home from the U. of Miami for the summer, James has one more semester before he graduates with a double major in marine science and biology and a double minor in chemistry and psychology. Daughter Sarah (25), still lives at home, has recently started a new job. Last summer, Sarah was ill and lost her job as a result. Thankfully, she is doing much better now. Amanda, Helen's youngest child, will be

a senior in high school this year. She is college shopping and trying to decide which one is right for her.

Linda Lucas Steele was unable to attend Reunion because daughter Molly, who will begin her studies at Johns Hopkins this year and will play on their women's soccer team, was competing in a tournament Memorial Day weekend. Son Evan just completed his studies at KSU. Son Austin is a junior at Culver Academy in IN. Linda finds her work at NTELOS, a regional telecommunications firm, challenging and rewarding. She directs marketing for landline telephone, Internet and long-distance services. Linda hopes to make it to our next Reunion. We will be very happy to see her!

As usual, **Denise Montgomery** shares a newsy letter filled with interesting anecdotes and observations. The big event of the past year was the trip that Denise and Gerry took to Japan. They spent 2 ½ weeks with a small group of 11 on a delightful tour from inside Japan Tours, a British travel company that specializes in reasonably priced tours of Japan. Denise gives 2 thumbs up to this alluring country: "Japan is beautiful, safe, clean, and the people are some of the friendliest, kindest and most service oriented of any on earth." In addition to Tokyo and Kyoto, they visited several smaller communities and even went hiking in the Japanese Alps! "The food is delicious. Every day was an adventure with delightful new discoveries, and there were so many beautiful, finely made crafts to purchase that I almost overran my customs allowance." Denise is saving up her frequent flyer miles for tickets for her next trip there, which she hopes to take in a couple of years. Denise has attended American Library Association conferences in Boston and Chicago, visited Gerry in Washington, and traveled to Providence last summer. All this, in addition to having a blast at Reunion! Denise's articles on "Royal Visits" and "War Brides, British" have appeared in *Britain and the Americas: Culture, Politics and History*, a three-volume encyclopedia published in Feb. Denise has also been busy as one of 6 Senior Research Editors on *The Yale Dictionary of Quotations*, which will be published by Yale University Press this fall. On the down side, Denise's father has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and her brother is battling lung cancer in a V.A. hospital. Our thoughts will be with Denise and her loved ones during this difficult time.

Patty O'Malley Brunger, who could not attend Reunion because her oldest son was graduating the same weekend, enjoyed viewing the pictures on the Internet. Son John has just graduated from Princeton and has moved to NYC, where he will work in investment banking. Philip will graduate from Southern Methodist U. in May with a major in marketing and international relations. Patty occupies her time with her men, cooking and volunteering. Last Sept., Patty visited **Betsy Brooks Jones** and Tombo in Franklin, VA. She also got to see **Ellen Harrison Saunders**, **Cathie Grier Kelly** and **Maria Jones Tisdale** at Betsy's beach cottage. At this mini reunion, they had "the best time catching up after those busy years of raising a family."

"So you signed on for another 5 years!!!!" writes **Kathy Osborne Spirtes**, who served as our Class Secretary from 1990-1995. Kathy is still on Long Island, deciding what direction her life will take after the death of husband David in Apr., 2004. In Jan., Kathy traveled to Antarctica, the 6th continent she has visited. Her goal is to see all 7! Daughter Alexandra (11) will begin 6th grade in the fall. After dropping Alexandra off at camp in NC, Kathy spent the night with **CeCe Turner Melesco** in Roanoke. "The years just roll away when we get together," Kathy says of her visit with CeCe. (To me, this accurately sums up the experience of re-uniting with any friend from SBC. We literally feel young again!)

Nelly Osinga Branson had a wonderful time at Reunion. She is already looking forward to the next one and to reading **Janet Shepherd Kelleher's** book, which focuses on the history of Janet's family and her grandmother in particular. We all were delighted by Janet's reading passages from her book with a warmly melodious Southern accent. Nelly's daughter, Susie, has been accepted into her high school's advanced program. Molly enjoys her swim team. Lindsay will be assistant coach of Women's Soccer at Montgomery College-Rockville this fall. Nelly is still in school, updating her skills.

Pat Parker enjoyed returning to SBC for our 30th Reunion. "I thought it was a great group," Pat enthuses of those who were there. "I had a terrific time!" Pat enjoyed seeing Mr. Grimm and his wife. "I am so glad I decided to be there this time. Hopefully, I will be there next time!" (Didn't I tell y'all? One Reunion and you're hooked!)

Cecilia Robertson Queen

was unable to attend Reunion because of unexpected events at work. "I know everybody had fun and I hated to miss it," Celia tells us. Celia and husband Mike have recently been to the beach and the NC mountains. At the end of Aug., they will go to Boston to celebrate a cousin's 30th wedding anniversary. Afterwards, they will spend 2 weeks in Nova Scotia. At the time of Celia's writing, they were having a hot and humid summer in SC, with Hurricane Cindy on the way and Dennis the Menace right behind her.

Sara Ruhle Kyle is passing through a "bittersweet summer of parenting" as her youngest son prepares for high school and his older brother matriculates at Washington and Lee, where Sara's and Ted's first born, Richard (19), will be a junior. In June, the Kyle's thoroughly enjoyed life with Richard during a trip to Bayreuth, Germany, where he is spending a semester. "His fluent German and adventurous spirit have helped us have an unusually rich vacation," writes Sara. In addition to volunteering at church, Sara is learning new organ music, plays occasionally at worship and is doing some freelance projects in musicology. She finds it to be a good balance to gardening and keeping up an aging house. Last fall, Sara and Ted stopped at SBC and spent time in the chapel, which still has "the same cool feeling" that Sara remembers.

Betsy Scott Kimmel, who attended SBC for 2 years and then transferred to the U of M, writes to Class Notes for the first time in several years. Betsy continues to work in special education, sail on the Chesapeake Bay and volunteer for many fine causes. She will travel to Italy this summer to enjoy both touring and sailing. Son Eric (22) graduated from Marist and works for ESPN in CT. 2 years ago, he went around the world with the well-known semester at Sea program. Betsy joined him in Kenya for a safari. She also joined him for the summer semester, traveling to Alaska, Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and HI. Betsy comments, "It was a fantastic experience traveling on a ship with 350 college students. So much energy and intellectual curiosity!" Daughter Kristin graduated from Cornell and received her MPH from the U. of M. She married Lt. Murray Dunlap, USCG, a helicopter pilot. They live in Traverse City, MI, near many relatives. Kristin currently works for the Great Lakes Intertribal Council.

Polly Shriver Kochan

and husband Jeff are still on the faculty at Temple U. Hospital and Temple U. Children's Medical Center. Elder son Michael graduated from UVA in May. He will start work on Wall Street on Aug. 1st. Son Andrew will begin his last year at The Haverford School. They expect to visit many colleges in Aug.! "I think he will pick a school in the South," predicts Polly, who, at the time of her writing, had just returned from a two-week trip to visit family roots in Ireland with her brothers and sister Maggie '77. It was a fantastic experience for all. Polly and Jeff have recently purchased property in Jackson, WY, where they hope to retire. "Doesn't seem to be in the near future, though!"

Cora Snyder, who was on campus for the final hours of Reunion, has left the hectic lifestyle of NYC for Charlottesville, where she enjoys relative peace and quiet. She loves the scenery, especially the pond near her house. Cora tells me that the ducks are mesmerizing to watch.

Ann South Malick is sorry to have missed Reunion. Family obligations prevented her from attending. Mary Frances (14) will begin high school this fall. Kacer (13) is going into 8th grade. "I seem to have become a horse show Mom," Ann muses. "Mary Frances is riding way too much. Now I know how my parents felt about my riding. I wish she would take up competitive needlepoint instead." Ann had a knee replacement in Apr. and quips, "I am still hobbling around and feeling sorry for myself." Husband Mark has been working for United Way and enjoys it. "Bad thing is we are back on the fund raising party circuit," adds Ann. The Malicks are planning to visit VA in the fall, where Ann hopes to "tweak my daughter's interest."

Gwynneth Taggart Barter-Martin seems to be seeking warmer climate than that typical of her state, ME. She and her husband spent time in Naples, FL, this past spring to assess the progress of their condo. Gwynne continues to work in Member Services & Accounting for a Corporate Credit Union. Gwynne was at our most recent Reunion, where she enjoyed the activities and chatting with classmates. Daughter Adrienne (20) is home from college. Gwynne and husband are looking forward to a trip to the Caribbean in Aug. Gwynne hopes to "avoid any hurricanes other than the one I'll be drinking!"

Gray Thomas Payne had to miss Reunion because son Thomas graduated from Woodberry Forest School that

weekend. In the fall, he will join his sister Catherine at Sewanee. Thomas has summer work as a sailing counselor in NC. Catherine is studying in Cyprus. Gray and Tom headed north in June and will now spend most of the year in Camden, ME. There are 9 SBC alumnae in the area. Tom and Gray enjoy sailing and kayaking in the summer and snow shoeing in the winter. Since gardening is one of Gray's favorite hobbies, she is active in the Camden Garden Club.

Patti Tucker O'Desky attended SBC for one year and returned for one winter term. She writes in for the 1st time in a while to say that she enjoyed hearing about Reunion. Patty and husband Billy have been married for 27 years. Daughter Aly (18) will enter Wellesley College this fall. Son Charley (15) is a rising high school sophomore. Patti's most interesting news is that "my wonderful, darling niece has decided to attend SBC!" Her name is Mallory Sherwood. She hails from Littleton, CO and will matriculate as a member of the Class of '09. Patti takes golf breaks while remodeling her home in Newport Beach, CA. She concludes: "I haven't strayed far from my roots!"

Ann Wesley Ramsey is very excited to announce oldest son Rick's engagement to his long term girlfriend, Libby Hoyle. Ann is happy that Rick and Libby will move back to VA in the fall, when Rick starts the Darden School. They will be in Charlottesville with youngest son Garrett, who is in his 2nd year at UVA. Daughter Alden is newly employed at a marketing firm in San Francisco. With fewer responsibilities at home, Ann and Rocket have traveled quite a bit. This spring found them prospecting for business opportunities in India and Thailand. Ann notes, "The world truly seems to be getting flatter!" **Rose Anne Toppin Crazn** and **Dorsey Tillet Northrup** went to VA for "a quick but hilarious visit." Ann welcomes more spontaneous visits from classmates and years for some middle-age female bonding. "Life at this stage is great." (I agree wholeheartedly, Ann. Whoever coined the phrase "Fifty is fifty" knew what she was talking about. I wouldn't trade these middle years for anything. They are truly wonderful!)

I obtained news from **Worden Willis** by my favorite method: Getting together! Worden lives in South FL, as do I. At the time of this writing, we have met twice for lunch at the Holiday Inn in Highland Beach. The years roll back

as we remember our student days. We have had a hilarious time remembering the ups and downs of being college students: dating, openings in Lexington and Charlottesville, boon docking, the boathouse, the gym, roommates, bad lighting in the dorm rooms, meals in the dining halls, shopping sprees, trips to DC, classmates, professors and (incidentally!) tests and term papers. Worden is Founder and President of FINO Doggie Rescue, Inc., a not-for-profit organization which rescues dogs from animal shelters and places them in new homes. At present, the focus is on Spinoani Italiani and Spinone mixes. According to Worden, "a veritable bevy of Spins have come from AL." FINO Rescue enjoys good working relationships with Police Departments across the Southeast. Police often notify FINO and ask for assistance in animal neglect or abuse cases. FINO Rescue's activities include sheltering pets that belong to victims of domestic abuse until their owners can safely take possession of them again. When an animal is placed in an adoptive family, transportation over hundreds of miles is often necessary in order to deliver the pet to its new home. Such trips are often made in relay style, with the 1st driver taking the dog up to Vero Beach, where a 2nd driver picks up the dog and takes it to a destination farther north, to pass it off to yet another driver. Worden is also establishing a program in which she and colleagues visit schools and talk with children about animal care and rescue. "A Spinone's gentleness is ideal for this!" Worden says. The bulk of FINO Rescue's expenses are for veterinarians' bills. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to: FINO Doggie rescue, Inc., 7040 West Palmetto Park Road # 4 - 254, Boca Raton, Florida 33433. Worden can be reached by e-mail at: www_doggie_rescue@yahoo.com.

As for me, it is has been a touch-and-go year. Late last summer, my area was hit by 2 category 4 hurricanes. Frances came through on Labor Day weekend. The storm was a slow mover which finally stalled and lingered for the better part of 2 days, causing extensive damage. I lost my electrical service early during the storm and was without power for 8 days. My spirits were greatly lifted by a telephone call from **Denise Montgomery**. We were just getting over the devastation caused by Hurricane Frances when, 3 weeks later, Hurricane Jeanne, which was predicted to blow north and skirt the Atlantic coast, made

a peculiar turn and subsequently made landfall in the area where I live. Hurricane Jeanne was intense. The eerie waiting of the wind and rattling of the windows frightened me. I was all alone in my house. I suddenly remembered that, when I was a child, I would sing whenever I was afraid. I started singing every verse to every song I know. I tried to sing loud enough to drown the noise of the storm. It worked! I settled down, collected my nerves and rode out the storm without further ado. Recovery after Jeanne was rapid and efficient, unlike that which followed Frances. My electrical service was restored within 48 hours. Within 3 days, everything was up and running as usual. Business re-opened. Traffic resumed its normal rhythms. I have a new roof on the house now, after losing most of the old shingles to the 2 hurricanes. I spent many hours picking up the yard, sawing fallen trees and branches, and carrying the debris to the curb for city employees to pick up.

I had a fabulous time at Reunion. I am delighted to serve another 5 years as your Class Secretary. Although many of you thank me for doing this job, I who thank you in return for letting me do it! We live in unstable and unpredictable times. We are truly blessed to have each other's friendship for life. I hope to avoid all hurricane-related activity this year. So far, so good! In the meantime, I keep busy maintaining the property, translating, tutoring and writing. I am currently putting a book of poetry together. I plan to take it as far as I can make it go. I send you all my love, hope that good things will continue to enter your lives, and thanks for helping me to make it through the night.

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Our notes come with reports of exciting travels in addition to changes in careers, homes, barns and husbands . . . just what you would expect from our very interesting class! It was also a thrill to hear of a classmate's daughter (and her horse) attending SBC, and a classmate's daughter thinking about it! We enjoyed hearing from you and appreciate the time you took to update us about your lives.

Feel free to send in your news anytime and your notes will appear in the next magazine. Summer is the season when we tend to remind you so we can enjoy a great winter read!

Toni Christian Brown and husband, Jim, started their own Real Estate firm in Oct. '04 in Lexington, VA after having been with the same firm for many years. Toni wrote that it was a very scary step but it has been wonderful and consuming. They love the area and specialize in farms, estates, historic properties and land conservation throughout the lower Shenandoah Valley. Claibourne (21), their oldest daughter is a senior at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC and Finley (18) daughter #2 is a senior at Purnell School in Pottersville, NJ. She sees **Robin Jones Eddy** periodically around "town." **Eileen Scully** gave a faculty commencement address at Bennington College, and feels old! The experience of working on the speech took her right back to SBC and the weeks and days leading up to her 1978 graduation day. She teaches various areas of history at Bennington College, having moved on from Princeton 4 years ago. She is working on a new book about an African American woman from Buffalo who ended up in a Hong Kong lunatic asylum in the late 1870s.

Cathy Finley Onder is still at Moran Kiker Brown as a legal assistant. Kelly is a senior in high school and is looking at colleges, including SBC. She's a dancer for the Latin Ballet of VA and plans to continue dancing in college. Sean is at VCU. Cathy shared that she and her family are "finally" moving out of the house where they've been for 20 years and are building a house in Midlothian, VA. When writing to us, Cathy planned to meet **Carey Johnson Fleming** for drinks as she was in Richmond on business. **Michelle Youree Hostler** wrote during the summer to tell us that she and husband, Bobby, traveled to London and Paris to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The tragic train station bombings occurred while they were in London! They were scheduled to take a train that same day to Paris and still did, as the tunnel remained open under the English Channel! It was frightening but she and Bobby made it to Paris to complete their special trip. This has been an exciting year for **Melanie Bowen Steglich**. Melanie and husband, Lee, had the "adventure of a life-time" when they traveled to Sanaa, Yemen where Lee lectured at the Dental U. They went by way of Dubai, a land of amazing

wealth. They even saw camels on the beach! Melanie had the opportunity to experience the culture first hand by doing what the Yemeni women do. She wore a black baido and covered her head with a black scarf when she was in public, went shopping to the spice, gold and silver shops, attended a traditional wedding and drank lots of afternoon hot tea. It was definitely a memorable experience! Melanie and Lee had the pleasure of a visit to Dallas from Mr. and Mrs. Greg Armstrong (her Religion Professor at SBC). This has been a special friendship over all these years. While in Atlanta on business, **Ann Thrash Jones**, Melanie's roommate, planned a surprise dinner with Frances Biggers Floch '79 and Bill Ewing a friend from W & L with all their spouses. They had such a fun time reliving SBC memories. Melanie stays in touch with another roomie, **Drusie Hall Bishop** in Nashville by way of telephone. Melanie and Lee celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2nd. Their dogs, Molar 7 1/2 and Doc 1 1/2, keep them busy with neighborhood walks. She remarked that "Life is pretty good here in 'Big D.'." **Liz Williams** reports that she and husband, Chuck, have spent the summer putting up a barn on their Middleburg property. This has been in the planning stages for a few years so Liz is thrilled that it is finally up. She brought her horses to their new home in July. She is riding more than ever! She had a great visit with **Carey Johnson Fleming** in Feb. Liz also reports that **Marybeth Lipinski** married Jose Luis Perez Soto, a horseman of note in Albuquerque, NM.

Katie Renaud Baldwin is back teaching and loving every minute of it. School started during the last week of Aug. Her oldest daughter Amanda worked all summer and was preparing to go back to college. Daughter Emily also worked over the summer and was very busy. She is in the 10th grade and busy with volleyball and basketball. Their days in AK are almost at an end and they will most likely move to OR in the next 2 years.

Carol Cordell Mullins wrote with a wish that "each of my classmates is well and happy." Her family was looking forward to son Charlie's junior year in high school and experiencing mixed feelings (early quasi-empty nest syndrome?) about his having his driver's license and the use of a car—they never see him! She was considering trying to return to work full-time after having enjoyed "part-time fun" for the past several years. She is thinking of

teaching law but not practicing it. She did report "wild and crazy" plans to celebrate her 50th birthday, her 20th wedding anniversary and Charlie's 18th birthday and graduation from high school in June 2007 by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and hot air ballooning over the Serengeti! Needless to say, she has lots of conditioning to work on, but she is back to hiking Colorado s't4-ers and admits to planning on supplementing those cardio workouts with actual training. She reminded us that she said, "planning!" If any classmates have been on this adventure, Carol would love to correspond. Carol also wishes to be remembered in the Denver area if any classmates got to her part of the country!

Lee Corrollo Boyes has been to Beijing teaching science to science teachers and also to 12th grade students! It is part of an environmental curriculum called Clean Air Challenge. They were invited by Agilent Technologies to be part of a science expo on cleaning up the environment. They worked very hard and did not have time for touring but it was still a fascinating experience. Otherwise, most of her energy is absorbed by her new Chesapeake bay retriever!

Dudie Hiemenz DiLeo has been married to Tony DiLeo for 26 years! They will be empty nesters in the fall. Dan (20) will be at Cornell and playing ice hockey. Laura (18) will be at Georgetown for nursing. Dudie planned to work part-time. Tony, Laura and Dudie drove through SBC a year ago when they drove the college circuit. She was thrilled to show Tony the campus after about 20 years and said that SBC was as beautiful as she remembered. Dudie stays in touch with **Ann Key Lucas** and sometimes sees **Kathy Mellow Goltzman**.

Mimi Borst Quillman wrote with lots of news. Her youngest son, Ian, just graduated from high school and will be a freshman at James Madison U. Travis is now 21 and spent his last semester at Regents College in London, studying economics and how to order beer and scotch in pubs! He is back in SC for his junior year. In Dec., several SBCers went to Paul Cronin's book signing at the Vic Mead Hunt Club. Libby White Drbal, '77, Meg Richards Wiederseim, Mary Goodwin Gamper, Cathy Calelio Staples '79, Robin Imschweiler '76 and more. Mr. Cronin looked wonderful and the book is great. Mimi really enjoyed catching up with old riding buddies. She got to visit with **Deb Davidson Weidner's** daughter, Whitney, when she was in town. She went

to the Devon Horse Show with Meg, her daughter Elizabeth and Whitney. Meg just heard that **Ginny Craig** was in Jackson Hole, WY for Leadership Training over the summer. She learned how to be a real pioneer woman! Mimi, Meg, and Mary Goodwin Gamber had a mini- reunion over the summer at the Jersey Shore. Mary's daughter, Liz, will be at the U. of NH this fall. Meg's daughter, Elizabeth, is at NYU and son Billy is at Westminster in CT.

Cathy Mellow Goltzman reports that her twins are going to be freshmen in high school in the fall, her daughter, Catherine, is playing field hockey and swimming and Christen is cheerleading. Woody will be in the 7th grade and is interested in lacrosse and tennis. Cathy is still teaching pre-school and doing some volunteering at school. Husband, Chris, is still "working hard at pedaling his shoe laces!" Cathy and family enjoy annual trips to Naples, FL and Minocqua, WI. She thought that the summers were flying by and way too short! **Suzanne Stryker Ullrich** continues to keep a very full schedule! She works at 2 jobs – 6th grade science and executive director of an after school program for middle schoolers at a nearby middle school. It is run completely by volunteers (210 on average per 6 week cycle) for 220 students (average) 3 times a school year. She remarks that it is very challenging and juggling all of the details midair can be daunting at times. At the home front, Alex (24) lives nearby so they get to see him 2-3 times a month. Andrew (22) will be a senior at Gettysburg majoring in Theatre Arts. He has spent this summer in NYC getting a taste of what he hopes will be his future! Ned (16) will be a junior in high school. Suzanne found it hard to believe that the college search would be starting up again! She stays in contact with **Julie Plautz Bodenstab**, **Marianne Hutton Felch**, **Carey Johnson Fleming** and **Ceci Garcia-Tunon** Lear and others, but never enough! **Hallie Cardwell** enjoys reading the class notes even though she only attended SBC for 2 years. Her first cousin's daughter is going to be a sophomore and adores SBC! Her youngest son, D.W., is entering the 1st grade at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Austin and will be graduating in the class of 2017! Her husband, David, D.W. and Hallie enjoyed the wedding of her niece in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico this summer. Hallie currently volunteers as Alter Guild Directress at Good Shepard Episcopal Church. **Ann Thrash Jones**

is pleased to report that her daughter, Mary Pat and her horse, Henry, will be attending SBC fall '05. Mary Pat will be on the 2nd floor of Grammer. She and family are very excited. Ann has seen **Lisa Wray Longino** and **Melanie Bowen Stiglich**. Both were doing very well. Lisa's daughter, Fleming, will be attending Rhodes! **Karen Kuhlman** continues to make Ann laugh via e-mail. **Deb Davison Weidner** had a great reunion in NC at **Kathy Jackson Howe's** mountain home with **Robin Jones Eddy**, **Mary Page Stewart**, **Cannie Cryser Shafer**, **Dru Springer Oswald** and **Lisa Wray Longino**. She thought that everyone looked great. They had a blast staying up until 3 a.m. catching up, drinking, eating and having "the best time." Deb was engaged to Terry Klein in Malpais, Costa Rica in July and is moving to Laguna Beach, CA. Terry is a surfer and has taught Deb to surf so now she is "Gidget!" They are combining her 3 children (Bo, 21, a jr. at LMU, Whitney, 19, a sophomore at CU in Boulder and, Peter, 13 in 8th grade) with Terry's 2 girls (16 and 18) so it will be an "adventure." Deb is still in real estate in Newport Beach and having fun.

Kathy Jackson Howe recounted the same reunion in the NC mountains with our classmates mentioned in Deb's report. Kathy reported that they all met in Cashiers, NC to celebrate old age! She thought we all should gather for a "hurrah" as we all turn 50! She said that the reunion was truly a great gathering, despite torrential rains and floods and a hurricane coming into the AL coastline. They enjoyed lots of catching up, do-rags, stories, wine, great food- and vowed to gather every year. The golf cart tour in the rain was classic not to mention the pocket book store in Highlands. She said 5 women grabbing for the same Kate Spade knock-off bag was a sight! **Howe** family status: Oldest child Trey graduated from W&L in June and will be attending grad school, Khaki is a junior at W&L but presently in Valparaiso, Chile studying for the fall semester and Janie will be a senior in high school. Kathy said that they are so ready to be empty-nesters!

Sally Ann Polson-Slocum wrote that she was on the road for 8 weeks, home 4 days in total...at least 2 weeks were in Europe where she fulfilled her promise to her godchild and niece to take her to Paris on her 16th birthday! She took husband, Bill and son, Steven as well and went over to Germany from France to show the kids her high school

in Heidelberg and then went up to Berlin where she had lived in 1966-67! Berlin was amazing from her perspective as she lived in the west but was surrounded by the wall. She was amazed to see the change. Where as the Brandenburg Gate used to be in the middle of guard towers manned with sub-machine guns and mine fields it is now the heart and soul of modern Berlin and the US Embassy is going up right there! For work she has been traveling from coast to coast meeting with clients and speaking at National Conferences on Disease Management. She is passionate about the subject so somehow she has gotten a reputation and does a lot of speaking engagements. It is fun but the travel has become a bit overwhelming! Her son Steven is entering 9th grade and has become a wonderful golfer so besides tournaments in the summer he started on the high school team next week. Her poor husband tries to keep up with him but Steven beats him by at least 25 strokes each time they play.

Carolyn Ennis wrote to us from Ankara, Turkey where she works with UNHCR as an Eligibility Officer. Daughters, Sara and Mariam are studying in Germany. Sara finished high school there in June. Her father runs a hyperbaric/diving medical centre in Sharm El Sheikh. She said that the bombs there were horrible and he was treating victims. Carolyn was in Rwanda prior to arriving in Turkey. Mariam was able to join her there briefly. Her Egyptian cat Tigger keeps her company much of the time as the rest of the family is busy in other countries! She looks forward to hearing from classmates.

Carrie Ruda Clark wrote that things are much the same except her boys continue to be moving targets! Andrew came of age for a learner's permit which often has Carrie with white knuckles. Andrew has a passion for "oldies" and constantly listens to the sounds of our college years—Spinners, Temptations and the like. He is also a connoisseur of vintage films with an interest in the literary aspects of cinematography. John (21) is a physics major at Elon U. (NC), planning a master's in engineering. He is still avid about lacrosse, playing all year round. Over Memorial Day Weekend, Carrie drove with him to Detroit where he had a summer internship. He worked for an automotive engineering and fabrication company, whose race team won the most recent LeMans with their company's formula-one Corvette. Carrie still works with **Janet Rakoczy** at Growth Stock

Outlook, an investment advisory firm, but Carrie works in the area of publications, not numbers! Their co-workers tolerate an occasional reference to "the Asses," "Bum Chums" and tales of living over each other in Reed. As far as keeping up with other alumnae, in addition to Janet, Carrie sees Laura Tucker Camp '79. Their kids are like cousins! Carrie recently heard that the head of Andrew's school, Darlene Pierrro '69, is an SBC grad.

Katherine Powell Heller writes that she hopes she and her husband live through the year as her younger daughter is in 8th grade and on the emotional roller coaster that is middle school. Their senior in high school is going through the college application process. The planned summer family vacation went by the wayside when she was selected to attend the GA Governor's Honors program. Unfortunately, she can't be convinced that "small, rural, and all girls" is a viable college option for her. At least her first choice, UVA is in Katherine's favorite state.

Julia Sutherland saw **Lu Litton Griffin** and her family in WA earlier this summer. Her choral group was in town for a couple of performances—one at the National Cathedral. She, Alan and the kids were doing great. Julia enjoyed the opportunity to catch up. She still shares UVA football tickets with **Debbie Snead Shrader** and Tom so they find themselves in Charlottesville several times throughout the fall for what increasingly is exciting and interesting football on the part of the Cavaliers. And they occasionally are able to carve out time for a round of golf. Debbie and Tom are busy running his law practice in Amherst. Julia is at Public Strategies Inc., an Austin, TX, based strategic communications consulting firm—but in the Washington office. She still lives in Alexandria. She enjoys her work and is happy the past year has not required a lot of business-related travel. Julia enjoyed a visit from her 10-year-old niece this summer. She stayed with Julia while she attended the Smithsonian's summer camp. They had many adventures together. Over the past several years, she's been able to satisfy her wanderlust outside the U.S. a couple of times a year. In Mar., she was storming the beaches of Normandy and before that, in Paris for Thanksgiving. The plan was to be in Rome for Thanksgiving '05!

Cecelia Garcia-Tunon Lear wrote with news of her surprising departure from the Washington area! She, her

husband, Steve, and son, Fred, made the decision to move their home to Bangor, ME from Vienna, VA over the summer. She's been wonderful about sending photos of their beautiful 12 year old house and keeping us informed about their upcoming plans but we will surely miss her in the DC area. She and Steve have many renovation projects ahead and they are very excited! She will continue to work for Sato Travel from Bangor. Steve's daughters, Alessandra and Vanessa visited Cecie, Steve and Fred with their new babies prior to the move, when the Lear's were staying temporarily in MA. They also were in MA for Steve's parent's 50th anniversary party. Fred is adjusting to the move and loved his visit with the babies. He's also taken up fishing as a new hobby! The Lear's have already attended events in Bangor and were looking forward to the Senior League World's Series which was to be held in the baseball stadium built by Stephen King—almost in his backyard and 2-3 blocks from their home!

Ike Osinga Scully and family have been back in the U.S. for a year now from Munich, Germany. They returned to their former home in Simsbury, CT. Their kids settled right in with their old friends. Brendan is (15) loves his sax, boy scouts and works at the local nature center. William (13) loves his violin, boy scouts and playing soccer and baseball. Kirk is (9) figuring out what instrument to play, loves cub scouts, soccer and baseball. Husband Mark is still working his former job in Munich, but commutes and telecommutes. They wanted to have the kids home for high school. Ike and Mark are both active in scout leadership, church activities and house projects. They try to keep some time for family and life is good!

Carey Johnson Fleming wrote that her family is fine. David (son) is going into his junior year at the College of Charleston, is off the beta-blockers and has been given a clean bill of health from the cardiologist. They now believe that his heart incident was a viral infection of the lining of the heart. They are so relieved! Ian is going into 9th grade and continues to live for ice hockey and golf. Carey is still working for the American Heart Association and happily riding her horse, Galina. David is still commuting to Atlanta for work which is not ideal but seems to work. Carey plans to go to Dressage at Devon and would love to know if others plan to attend.

Carol Baugh Webster reported that she and husband, Tim, have started a 2nd business, Chocolate Graphics Marketing USA. They are selling licenses for kitchens to make personalized, embossed chocolates! The first 3 U.S. kitchens are well underway in TN, AL, and CA. They hope to have 10 more before the end of next year. The product is very cool—if anyone wants to check it out, the website is www.chocolategraphics.com. Other than that, they are staying busy with grandchildren, Logan and Evan. They enjoyed a week in Ft. Morgan on the beach with Brandon and Angie and the kids in May. Son Blake is starting his sophomore year at the U. of TN. Tim and Carol are headed to Belize for a week in Oct. and really looking forward to it! Carol looks forward to hearing about all her other classmates, especially **Monte Costa, Sally Polson-Slocum, Dana Dotten Endicott and Jane Hemenway Sullivan**.

In July, **Cindy McKay** completed the Certified Lay Pastor program with the Presbyterian Church. She will be commissioned in Sept. at the Presbytery meeting. She has been doing some pulpit supply for small churches, mostly rural, in central OH that are without or between pastors. Cindy is not looking for a church assignment right now, because she has also taken on the job of Clerk/Fiscal Officer for the small, suburban Village where we live. Son Kevin in his junior year in high school is active on the cross country team, a sport Cindy never knew much about, but is really enjoying. He is also playing clarinet in the marching band and about 5 instruments in the jazz band. She is very proud, but the only real explanation for the musical and running talent is "wrong baby at the hospital" because Cindy is sure he didn't get it from her or her husband, Ken. They continue to work on their 110 year old, Victorian home, a never ending project. They vacationed in CO, UT and NM this spring and had a fun, two-day visit with Robbie McBride '79 and her 2 boys. Cindy sees **Muffy Hamilton Parsons** fairly regularly at the grocery store.

Susan Negaard Harley and family also visited VA this summer. Her husband, David was sworn into the DC Bar at the Supreme Court. They toured DC for a few days and then drove to Charlottesville, SBC and Lexington, reliving old memories. It was great fun. Their children are growing, 12 and 9 and a blast. Susan reports her job is still fun and that she is headed to Sorrento, Italy and Barcelona,

Spain in Sept. on business. Susan continues to believe that she doesn't look a day over 40 and remarks that denial is a good thing. It's a small world, too. A woman in her book club grew up down the street from Lochrane Coleman '76. Lochrane, if you're reading this, Louisa says "Hey".

Janet Rakoczy manages to stay busy with work and a plethora of volunteer activities, which include teaching religious education classes and social work. She vacationed with 10 other family members in Charlotte, VT on Lake Champlain this summer and they all had a great time. She is having tons of fun training her puppy, Brandy, an exuberant and energetic shepherd mix. Brandy accompanies Janet to work every day.

Since last we wrote, I've been busy in my commercial real estate business and having fun with my family. Both of our children are in scouting and both love basketball. JP (13) also plays tennis and Genny (10) completed her 3rd July on our local swim team. We recently traveled up to the Boston area to stay in the Kelley family summer house for a few days and had a great week! On the way, we sidetracked through MA and took the kids to visit **Jamie Murray Soper** and husband, Jack, on their farm in Ware near Sturbridge. We all had a great stay and were awakened by a rooster crowing each morning! The kids took riding lessons from Jamie and actually enjoyed their farm chores. Jamie and Jack have owned the farm for years now and are immersed in their friendly rural community. They have a beautiful setting! In the spring, I had lunch with **Carey Johnson Fleming** and **Liz Williams** in Bethesda, when Carey was attending a high school reunion. Liz called **Marybeth Lipinski** on her cell and we all had a great time talking with her. What did we do before cell phones? I often see Kate Evans Lluberes '79 and her family at church and catch up. She looks great!

Janet and I met for coffee recently to go over these notes. We remarked at all of the changes in our classmates' lives and the fact that everyone's news becomes even more important as we get older. Stay in touch with us throughout the year and we'll get the "word out" as soon as we can!

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Brandi Beck Fowler writes with regard to the recent death of classmate, Thea Cecile Michelet Grant. She was diagnosed with breast cancer 3 ½ years ago. At the time she was treated and her cancer went into remission. Shortly thereafter, she married her boyfriend, Cameron in their home city of Oslo, Norway. Cameron attended our 10th SBC reunion with Thea. Unfortunately, Thea's cancer returned and she passed away. Her funeral was on Aug. 9, 2005. There was a reception at the Continental Hotel in Oslo. Her husband, Cameron will run the NY marathon in Nov. in honor of Thea. Thea was an international student from Norway. She was loved and adored by all and many of us grieve with her passing.

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Sadly, Arleigh Davis Cobbs passed away on Dec. 3, 2005. She died of breast cancer and leaves behind a son and husband.

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Thanks to all of you who scrambled to get your notes to me despite my crazy deadline. If you are reading this and didn't receive an email regarding notes, it means SBC needs your updated information. Please email me with your new email address and notes at hmallos@yahoo.com. And now for the latest...

Jill Goolsby Baumhover and her husband, Brian, moved to Japan Jan. '05. And while her husband is still flying F/A-18s, Jill has finished her tour in the Navy and has been traveling, settling into life overseas, and preparing for her 1st child in Oct. '05.

Dr. Kelly A. Coggsall (A.K.A

Pepper) has been married to her dream man, Dr. James D. Anderson, for 2 years and has a dog named Sun Bear (named after a famous medicine man and teacher). Sun Bear was rescued from the Aussie Rescue Placement Helpline. Pepper is an adjunct professor, a partner in a dog agility company, and starting an online business selling doggie pulls and treats called "Pepper's Pulls." In 2004, she put on a career fair for middle school and high school girls called "Survivor Sweet Briar." She also participated in Brownie Science Try-It Day at SBC, and was inducted into Iota Sigma Pi, a National Honor Society for women in chemistry. She is also working on a chemistry newsletter, which includes notes from past albums and current faculty, called "The Extract."

Molly Becherer Hasty lives in Birmingham with her husband Derek (West Point '95), and daughter Lucy Albritton (2), and is finishing her last year of fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Derek is employed with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. Molly keeps in touch with **Lyssa Vaught** (now living in Charlottesville), and Marie Bandy Walls '96, who recently finished dental school and became a mother to Sophie Louise Walls.

Sarah Young Bass reports that it's been a year of life changes! She got married to her husband Mike in June '04. Leslie Byers Bush '94 and **Genie Stark** were bridesmaids. Kary Henderson '97 gave a reading and **Mark-Bryd Schroeder Braun** threw her an engagement party. Two days after Sarah's wedding, she left the East Coast for Colorado Springs, where her husband is VP of Engineering for a product company and she is VP of HR for the Professional Bull Riders, Inc (Giddy-up, Sarah!) Despite their busy schedule, they honeymooned in HI and Lake Tahoe. Sarah looks forward to visiting the East Coast over the holidays.

Tricia Lynn took a job as a collaborative professional development teacher working with the Alternative Schools in Springfield, MA. She placed 3rd in the Hot Prospects Writing Contest last summer, and is spending more time trying to get her fiction published. She keeps in touch with Susan Whitehead Froehlich '96 and Christie Kutney '96, who was recently deployed to Iraq.

Beverly Stone is still living in Richmond and teaching the 7th grade. She is the Assistant Manager for a local

Curve's Fitness Center. In between her 2 jobs, she still finds time to volunteer with the Junior League and plan her wedding in Apr. '06, where **Gwen Hicky Babcock** and **Bergen Hall Daley** will be by her side. Gwen should be able to give a lot of marital advice . . . and Devin will be married 10 years in 2006! Gwen and Devin have one daughter, Kaeden Grace, who will be 3 on 9/30/05. Devin is an engineer consultant, and Gwen has left interior design to be a full-time mom. She not only sees Beverly a lot, but also sees **Susannah Silverbrand Cooper** whenever she's in the states on break from the Foreign Service.

Speaking of weddings, **Robin Hendrickson Morgan** married Will in June '05, where **Holly Prothro Philbin** was Matron of Honor, and **Cathy Cummings** was a bridesmaid. Two of Holly's sons, Charlie (6), and Luke (4), were ring bearers. Holly said both had little crushes on Cathy and followed her around all weekend. And as if Holly didn't already have her hands full, she actually has a 3rd little boy, Mark Donald (1, on 10/05/05).

Paige Tomberlin Jobe and Ken had their 1st child, Jonathan, 2/08/05, and are expecting their 2nd child in Jan. '06. They are also in the process of buying their 1st home.

Katie Maxwell Schellhammer and Scott just welcomed their 2nd son William Brent "Will" on 8/12/05. Their older son, Maxwell "Max," is turning 2 in Sept. '05. Katie left her job at the National Restaurant Association in 2003 to be a stay-at-home mom. She loves her latest full-time job and stays active by volunteering in her community. Katie lives in Brambleton, VA (near Dulles airport). **Holly Elkins Marshall** and husband Stephen also live in Brambleton. Holly works for a mutual fund company in MD.

Katie also keeps in close touch with **Heather Aspinwall**, who owns her own place in Alexandria, VA and is a preschool teacher for the Alexandria school systems. She just recently spent the summer working in OBX.

Nicole File says she's sorry she missed Reunion—but a lot of her co-workers had kids graduating from college that weekend, so she pitched in so they could get time off (what a team player!)

Sarah Puckett Scales reports that things are great in CA. She and her husband, Mark, are expecting a child in Jan '05. Their oldest, Owen, will be 2 ½. Sarah and Mark bought a house in Marin last year, and are finally settling in and

doing some work on it. Sarah is currently teaching kindergarten, but will stop working once baby number 2 arrives. Sarah writes, "It is great to hear from SBC pals every once in awhile. Sorry to have missed reunion—it was Mark's reunion too. Lynchburg didn't win over Boston. Maybe next time!"

Meredith Melmed Williams lives in DC with her husband Lynden. He is an attorney with DHS. Meredith left private practice in spring '05, and joined the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General for HHS, where she prosecutes medicine fraud and abuse. She and Lynden live less than a mile from **Maren Howard Leggett** and Maren's husband, Peter. The 4 have a standing Friday night date. Maren teaches 2nd grade in NOVA. Meredith also sees **Eileen Yates Von Herbulis**, who lives in Stafford, VA, her husband Brian, and daughter Brinley (2). All attended Maren's Cinco De Mayo party last May. Meredith also visited **Carson Scheppe Hobby**, husband Scott, and daughter Mackie in Jacksonville last May to celebrate Mackie's 1st birthday. Meredith assures us that Carson is still CRAZY.

Carson Scheppe Hobby confirms that yes, she is still CRAZY. She and her husband moved back to Jacksonville after Mackie was born and have been renovating an old house. She said she sees Maren, Meredith and Eileen often. The 4 spent a fun, snowy weekend in DC last winter. She looks forward to seeing Eileen and family when they visit Jacksonville late summer '05, before Eileen's husband, Brian, is deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq.

Susan Woolridge Yeatts is managing an investment, insurance, and financial planning firm in Columbia, SC. Susan caught up with **Tina Carlton**, and Tina's life partner, Mary, at Reunion. Tina and Mary have moved to a large ranch outside of Tyler, TX, which they have named "Thunder Chicken Ranch" (after Tina's car in college). They are going to raise chickens and other livestock and plan to open some sort of educational operation to leverage Mary's old career as a teacher. They will be living in a tent until they build a dwelling there. Susan and **CeeCee Valentine** headed to Berryville, VA after Reunion to visit **English Griffith Koonitz** and her family. English married Glen (W+L 82A, 87L) in Nov. '03 and gave birth to Grace Hollandsworth Koonitz ("Holland" SBC '27) Jan. '05. Holland joins the 2 family Bassett Hounds, Davidoff and Dunhill.

Catherine Orr Nihem reports she and husband Jack doubled their family in Oct. '04 with the welcoming of twins, Connor Winship and Tyler Daniel. They're already attending horse shows in mom's arms, and Catherine has convinced her husband that it's the best way for them to meet girls. Catherine, Jack, and the boys will be leaving MI for Dallas soon (for Jack's new job). Catherine is currently working as an independent contractor for the advertising agency she left to be a full-time mom. She recently caught up with **Kara Dickey Moore**, who will be leaving MoMA as the Associate Director of Special Events, for a job with Union Bank of Switzerland as their Divisional VP of Cultural Events in fall '05. Catherine also met up with **Heather Aspinwall** and **Kathy Whitby** on the Cape summer of '05.

Kelly Hall enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion . . . then took off to England for the fall to teach 2 English Lit classes to students in FSU's International Program. She'll live and work in London and visit her boyfriend Simon there. Kelly recently went to **Jen Parker Raudenbush's** baby shower with **Cari Miller James**. Kelly says Jen and her husband Art are expecting their 1st child (a son) in Sept. '05, and have built a huge house!

Sarah Clifford Weaver reports "I had a great time seeing pals **Cari Miller James**, **Amy Woods Jarich**, **Karen Giorgetti** and **Kelly Hall** at the 2005 Reunion. **Lisa Buckingham Darr** and **Julie Fivecoate**, we missed you; let's all get together in 2010." Sarah is a stay-at-home mom for her 2 boys, RJ (5) and Tyler (3). Sarah tries to stay in touch with her artistic side by doing pottery in her basement and doing freelance art by faux painting children's room, dining rooms, bathrooms, etc.

CeeCee Valentine also enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion, and hopes to see more at the 15 year. Her contract with the judge was up in June '05, and now she's a criminal defense attorney for the Pima County Public Defender in Tucson, AZ.

Jessica John Ponce and her husband, Steve, have their hands full with Treatt (3), Gabrielle (2), and John (1 in Jan '05). Jessica is living in Vero Beach and is a VERY happy stay-at-home mom. She started home schooling her oldest, and she and Steve will celebrate their 5th year anniversary in Jan. She says Vero Beach is full of current SBC students, and she hopes to have a reception for them over the holidays.

Kathryn Czarkowski Jerz had a busy '04 and '05! She married longtime boyfriend John in June '04. **Kat Madden** (living in New Orleans) and **Cat Ehlen** (living in Boston) came to CT to help celebrate. She then attended Kat Madden's wedding to Dr. Richard Pearl in Apr. '05 in New Orleans, where she and Cat were in the bridal party. Kathryn was also promoted to Director of Clinical Services for the Women's Behavioral Mental Health Research Program she runs at the Yale School of Medicine, and she and hubby bought their 1st home in New Haven, CT after 9 years of renting!

Stephanie Arnold Floyd is happily married to husband Carter and has 2 children, Nora (5) and Jack (4).

Kimberly Roda Moorhead, her husband Tim (W&L), and daughter Georgia (2), live in Louisville, KY where Kimberly is a stay-at-home mom and still works a few hours week running the Membership Department at ITAA. Kimberly says Georgia is growing like a weed, is full of personality and is very strong willed (sorry, but you can't blame the last trait on Tim). She, Tim, and Georgia vacationed with **Mary-Byrd Schroeder Braun**, husband Jack, and son Drew (1 in May '05), in FL. Kimberly says the kids hit it off, and looks forward to a pre-arranged marriage in the future. I hope to enjoy a mint-juliup or 2 with Kimberly when I visit in-laws in Louisville in Oct '05.

As for me, I left my crazy, but fun job in advertising over a year ago to pursue my new role as a mother to my son Walker (1 in June '05). Paul (W&L '93) and I will be married 5 years in Sept. '05, and live in the suburbs of Baltimore. I see **Cathy Cummings**, **Lucile Page Martin**, and **Dr. Nancy Weigle** a few times a year. I enjoyed staying with them at the lovely Boars Head during Reunion, where Cathy and Lucile left a lasting impression on the town of Charlottesville with their dancing at "James's Bar."

Cathy Cummings is in Charlotte, NC, where she is VP of Sports Marketing/ Sponsorships at Bank of America. She has run several triathlons and a half-iron man over the past few years. She was also training to do a full iron man in Oct., when her training was sidelined when she was struck by a car while biking (she's okay, but not sure if she'll be able to compete in Oct.'s race). You know Cathy though, she's determined as ever.

Lucile Page Martin and her husband, Bud, are living in Atlanta, and recently celebrated their son Carter's 1st

birthday in Aug. '05 with a huge poolside celebration in Columbus, GA. I heard there was quite a crowd, and rumor has it there was a celebrity sighting or 2. Lucile works part-time in anesthesiology.

Nancy Weigle and husband, Jay Smith (HSC), also celebrated their daughter Julia's 1st birthday in June '05. Nancy is a doctor in Durham, NC, and Jay is an architect.

That's it for this time... take care and please continue to email me with the latest happenings, successes, and of course, good gossip.

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As always, I'm amazed by the things we're doing and the places we're going. The Class of '97 has been busy since the last set of class notes. I think you'll be as entertained as I was with what our class has been up to!

Ticia Harbour Berg and husband Scott are proud to announce the arrival of son Austin Scott Berg 7/20/05, at NAS Lemoore, CA. Big sister Ashleigh is quite enamored with her little brother who, in Scott's words is the "cutest little boy we've ever laid eyes on!"

Jennifer Swisher Lynes has big news—on 3/12/05 she married Richard Gadsden Lynes III in Thomasville, GA. **Gail Mesdag Shrader** flew in from AK to be a bridesmaid. Jenn also reports that, "I graduated Family Medicine Residency, in Columbus, GA, 6/24/05. After a lifetime of being some sort of student, I start my first 'real job' sometime in mid-late Aug. I will be doing family medicine, OB, and pediatrics in Clinton, NC. This is a perfect position for me and I am very excited about the opportunity. Richard and I bought a sweet, renovated, older house in Clinton and are happily making it home."

Another marriage to announce is that of **Katherine Johnston** to Jeff Hotz 2/1/05. They had a very small "courageous wedding" in Arlington, VA. "Married life has been great so far—we're very happy! Other than that, I'm still living in the same place, working at the same place, and doing a lot of the same stuff (dancing, traveling, etc.). I still go to Lebanon about 4 times a year for work, and I just got back from a vacation to Newfoundland. **Jill Gavitt** visited me

in DC for a weekend in Jan., and I got together with Sarah & **Jill Butcher** in Lancaster, PA, in Apr. Jill G. reports that, "I will be moving to Charlottesville in early Aug. to take a position as a private tutor with a family that travels frequently. I am hoping to catch up with more SBC alumnae in the area. I spend time with Jill & Sarah Butcher and Kathy Johnston when possible and I recently heard that **Ginger Carter** will be getting married. My niece and nephew continue to grow by leaps and bounds and all the babies my friends keep having make being an aunt a wonderful joy."

Katrina Balding Bills tells me that they are all great in Purcellville, VA. Son Kenny, husband Kevin and Katrina are having a terrific summer. Like all of the "moms" in our class, Katrina is constantly amazed with what her son is learning and the rate at which he is growing! She continues to be thrilled with her career path in Mary Kay—she's currently a Sr. Sales Director. Her favorite part of the job is being a work-at-home mommy. Katrina writes, "We had a great time throwing a book signing for Paul Cronin back in Dec., and in about a week, many future and past SBC gals will descend on my house for a cookout before school starts again." She tells me that our four-legged classmate, Fella, is still going strong, and is as fun and athletic as ever at the ripe age of 18. The Bills family gets to see **Cassie Thomas Campbell**, hubby Jason and their baby Lexi often. They also visit as much as possible with **Annette Dusenbury**, **Susanne Nifong**, and **Liz Drendall**. Cassie reports, "Same stuff for me. Living in Amherst and still working at Peaks View Animal Hospital in Lynchburg. Lexi is almost 6 months old and very close to crawling. She's turning circles and can go sideways, just hasn't figured out the forward thing yet! I guess I should be glad!"

Tyler Louthan Childs and husband Ethan are celebrating the birth of son Linden Silas Childs. He is keeping them quite busy! They still live outside Charlottesville in Ivy, and Tyler is still training horses, but is currently on maternity leave. Ethan is running his own landscaping, horticulture and horse logging business. **Stephanie Pappanikou Foley** is still living in Raleigh, NC, and selling new houses for Centex Homes. She got married this summer on the island of St. Thomas to Jonathan Foley. **Leigh Wilson** and Alex Stewart Marwarren '94 were there for the occasion. She says, "Life is good!"

Molly Cameron Dreux is living in Richmond with husband Mark (HSC '98) and daughter, Lillie Kate, 1 yr-old and a future SBC grad! Molly is an Operations Manager for a global Assistance company and is active in the Junior League. She sees Cakki Latimore Namorato '96 on a regular basis. If you are looking to move to Jackson, MS, track down **Leighton Barrett**. She's busy selling real estate and would be happy to help you find a house!

Amy Yakubinis has all sorts of news to share with us about her busy 2005. "I bought my 1st home; a brand new townhome. No more renting and I'm having a blast decorating and making it my own. After not dating for over 5 years, I met someone in Jan. His name is Jeff Cybart; he recently relocated here to AZ. We have not set a date yet, but I'll let you know when we do! Jeff is a real estate investor; he sells insurance and is getting his real estate license. I also switched jobs in May. I left my career as an Information Systems Consultant, where I was traveling nationally every week, and am now the Community Action Network Director for The Center for Arizona Policy (CAP). CAP is a nonprofit family policy council endorsed by Focus on the Family. I finally get to work in town and I am doing something I believe in!"

"After 8 years, I'm still here in Gainesville, FL," writes **Thea Galenes**. "I expected I'd move after finishing my master's degree in poetry in 1999, but there are so many great things about Gainesville that I fell in love with it. I am still an editor for an American/ Canadian publishing company that is headquartered here, but I'm planning on branching out soon to do technical writing for a software company. I've also been pursuing avenues in the alternative health circuit on the side; I received my first Reiki attunement last year, which allows me to practice Reiki on others. After more practice and classes, I'll eventually reach the Reiki Master level, which will allow me to teach this type of energy work to others. I still do yoga on a regular basis and ride my bike when it's not too hot (which is most of the year here). I'm involved with a wonderful man who works for an alternative record label here in town; he's intelligent, fun, centered, and has a wonderful heart. We have a great connection and I can't wait to see what the future brings!"

Elizabeth McClung James has been thinking of SBC recently and can hardly believe we've been away from

the Patch for 8 years. She finds it even harder to believe we're becoming 30-somethings. (Can any of us really get a grip on that fact?!) **Robin Sayre Juliana** is living in humid OH with her 3 cats and is a lab technician in a paper mill. She also works at an outdoor store and travels to MI to pike and walleye fish a couple times a summer.

Tanya Ketchum is still living in Charleston, SC and has met up with SBC grads in the area. Currently, she is working with a general contractor and enjoying it. She still keeps in touch with **Kerry Coleman-Proksch**, **Ronda Lehenbauer**, **Nessim Al-Yafi**, and **Rachelle Colquitt** and has a trip planned to visit **Alysia Turner Townsend (JYS 95-96)** in Chicago. Kerry recently saw **Amy Cook Rexrode**, her husband Jason and 2-year-old Anna. She is now working with Webster U. as the Coordinator for their Fort Belvoir site and advising graduate students pursuing their degrees in Procurement & Acquisitions Management and Business & Organizational Security Management. She lives in Woodbridge with her husband, Steven.

Holly James is working for Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP as an attorney in the litigation department of the DC office. She lives in Falls Church, VA, with her Old English sheepdog, Sydney, and sees **Kristen McCowan DeLargy** and **Nicole Kelleher Linkonis** regularly. **Lucinda Polley Howe**, Jon, and Sarah (her 4 year old daughter) still live in Montgomery, AL. They never thought that they would still be in Montgomery 7 years later, but they are and they're happy there. They are still playing tennis, volunteering with the Junior League and enjoying being a stay at home mom. The Howe family finds themselves at the pool and lake house a lot during the summer. She reports that **Stacy McKimm Stevens** and her husband, Rick, just moved to GA so they hope to see more of them since they are now living closer.

Ann MacDonald Carter tells me that, "Carter and I are enjoying a new addition to the MacDonald family! We have our 1st nephew, Charles Paul MacDonald V, who is also my parents' first grandchild—so our family is spoiling the little guy like there's no tomorrow!" **Ann**, husband Michael (W&L '98), and their faithful dog, Whisper, are in the process of moving to the Virginia Beach area, where Michael is taking a promotion with his company, Progressive. They will miss Lynchburg, but are excited for

this next adventure in their lives. This past summer, Ann began her 8th year of working in SBC's Alumnae Office—she is really going to miss being part of the campus community, but looks forward to being an alumna in the Hampton Roads area. She sends love and well wishes to all classmates, and will be in touch with a new address soon! **Kate Hall Lombardi** reports, "Things are going great here in Midlo! Nicholas Maxwell was born in Dec. and Grace turned 4 in Feb. I have won my 2nd free car with Mary Kay and enjoy all my free time with my family!" **Becky Moats** has some exciting news. She is getting married to Charles (Chip) Miller on 9/17/05 in her hometown of Warrenton, VA. They went to high school together and just moved into a new home in Gainesville. Becky is still selling real estate in Northern VA with Keller Williams, but she and Chip started a property management company last year, allowing him to quit his job in DC.

Stephanie Garcia has been pretty busy recently. "We just moved to Hummelstown, PA (5 minutes from Hershey Park and Chocolate World). My husband started a fellowship at the Hershey Medical Center, and I decided to follow him. Luckily, I was flexible enough in my postdoctoral fellowship to be able to move and continue working from home since I'm just writing up the data from my research now. But the best news ever is that I am expecting a baby boy 8/15/05! So it's nice to be working at home so I can take a little nap during the day. After the baby arrives, I will be doing more contract work as a Toxicologist so I can spend time with the baby."

Katie Gurnerson Altschuler was full of happy news. First, she got married 7/31/04 to Brooks Altschuler also from Oklahoma City. **Kara Vlasaty, Lisa DuCharme** and **Lindsay Rollenhagen** were bridesmaids! Kinda Samuel '98, Darrell Pfeifer '98 and Laura Radford got attended the wedding in Oklahoma City. They live in DC. Lindsey is getting married 7/30/05 to James Zook in PA and they will reside in Paradise, PA. Kara recently got engaged to Kevin Smith; a wedding date has not yet been announced. Kara and Kevin will reside in DC. **Cape Healey Boyd** claims, "I pretty much fall under the no news category. Brian and I have been in our house in Silver Spring for over a year now, and still love it, and still have some decorating to do! I am still working as a scheduler for Senator Chris Dodd on Capitol Hill. I have been with him for 4½ years now.

Work keeps me busy, but I love it! I run into **Katie Gurnerson** and **Kara Vlasaty** in the hallways on occasion, and I try to keep up with **Ann Barrett** in Boston when I can."

Amy Everett Carter and husband, Daragh, were planning on going to **Lindsay Rollenhagen's** wedding at the end of July; but they're expecting their first child 10/05 and Amy will be too far along to fly. Amy is so disappointed because **Katy Seder**, **Lisa DuCharme**, **Kara Vlasaty**, and **Katie Gurnerson Altschuler** will be there. **Elizabeth McIntosh** was in TX for a visit this summer. Amy is "retiring" from the workforce to be a stay-at-home mom. Daragh graduated from law school in May and will begin practicing in Nov. They'll have 2 months of neither of them working before the baby arrives and then a month of both of them home with Baby Carter.

Lots of changes—but they're looking forward to them!!

Leslie Brock and fiancé, Will, have arrived in their new home in Sydney and are doing well. (Leslie assures me she drank 2 VBs for me and is looking forward to exploring the rain forest soon.) She is busy planning her stateside wedding while residing in Australia. She has been taking art classes and learning Italian. The new addition to their family is a tiny toy poodle crossed with a maltese named Ozzie. Leslie and Ozzie have been busy exploring Sydney when she isn't busy planning a Sept. vacation to Thailand.

Katy McCartney Gilliam, Dave, and Scott (their 2-year-old) are still in Durham, NC. They are expecting their 2nd child 11/05 and just found out that it is a girl. They couldn't be more thrilled! In the spring, she was able to be a part of **Maia Pearson Bannon's** wedding. She writes, "It was so beautiful and the most fun I have ever had. Maia has always been one to throw a good party!"

Amy Campbell says, "Things here in Northern VA/DC are grand. My consulting business, Bloom Consulting LLC, just celebrated its 2-year mark and I have 6 employees, so that's very exciting. Among other clients, we're running a multi-million dollar capital campaign for a national public interest law center based in Philadelphia. We also just published our 3rd issue of *The Little Black Book* for every busy woman. I'd like to say hello to everyone and please look for me (and pray I don't make an idiot of myself) on *Good Morning America* if Ruth Bader Ginsburg retires. They've invited me as a guest if she does step down to talk about

my book on her. I will also be working at Sweet Briar this spring as an adjunct instructor of Government. Perhaps most shocking—I have been dating someone for about 6 months and it's getting serious. I might have news when the time for the next update comes around!"

Sarah Betz Bucciero and husband, Paul, are in the process of moving to Davidson, NC. Paul has taken a job with Hexcel in Statesville, NC, and Sarah's going to finish out her contract teaching in Fort Mill. Still teaching 7th grade LA (writing and grammar). They purchased a condo on Lake Norman in Davidson. She sees Robin Bettger Fishburne '96 frequently (I'm her daughter's godmother) and **Melanie Chriscoe** and keeps in touch with **Annette Dusenbury**, **Alison Hall**, **Jess Hivley**, **Katie Clarkson Robertson** and **Kerri Rawlings Burtner**. She's looking forward to being the Charlotte alumnae president this year. Katie, husband Mark, and 2-year-old Chase welcomed new baby, Gracie, to the world 8/2/05. Katie will be on maternity leave from Wachovia until 1/06 but will keep busy as a Sales Associate for Write Away, Inc., selling personalized stationary. Mark started a new job with Inmar, Inc. as a Client Sales Rep while still holding his Real Estate Brokerage license. Chase is talking non-stop, already riding horses, and is just the essence of pure joy! **Jess Hivley** is building a new house in Little Canada, MN, which is another St. Paul suburb. "It will have plenty of room for guests, so let me know if you'd like to visit!" She is also planning to fly down in Aug. and tag along on Alison's road trip to see Melanie, Sarah, Katie, Annette, Susanne, and me. As for me, I keep busy with Abby (soon to turn 3) and Eli (1). Chris remains very active in the Boy Scouts as Scoutmaster which keeps me busy helping with fundraisers and serving as district newsletter editor. I'm also keeping busy as the marketing director for our local newspaper. **Amy Cook Rexrode** and daughter, Anna, joined us for Eli's 1st birthday celebration, and I look forward to having Alison and Jess as house guests in a few weeks!

Thanks to all who submitted information this time and I look forward to hearing from more of you for the next issue!

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Reunion is not that far off—only two years away! Please keep the date of May 2008 in mind and know that we wish to have a great turnout for the class of 1998! How much fun we will all have reconnecting! In the meantime, if you aren't already on the email list for our class, please email cynthia_puckett@hotmail.com to be included. **Dawn Everett Grobe** has put together a nifty map at www.frapp.com/sbc1998 to track us all. Drop by and sign in and include a picture if able.

There are many big milestones in the lives of the class of 1998! Most of us are turning or have turned 30 and we are doing amazing things! **Joanne Hopkins** spent 3 weeks in Australia over Thanksgiving, competing in Ironman Western Australia in the town of Busseton, south of Perth. It was a great race and a great trip. She visited Perth, Fremantle, Busseton, Margaret River, Hobart (Tasmania), and Sydney and loved them all. She wishes she could have stayed and found an Aussie husband, but plans to go back! **Penelope Spain** (formerly Proisie) has successfully established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington, DC called Mentoring ToDAY. They provide mentoring and advocacy services to youth returning from juvenile detention to the DC community. She also graduated from American University's Washington College of Law and passed the bar exam! Though her work with Mentoring ToDAY is not the typical legal career, she finds it incredibly challenging and rewarding. The intelligence and vibrancy of the kids never cease to amaze her! When she was at SBC, she tutored in the alternative high school just down the road and wonders if that's what started her down this path. For more information (or for those interested in making a donation!), visit www.mentoringtoday.org.

Heather Smith was laid off in July 2005 and decided to go back to school. She is working on her 2nd degree, this time in Nutrition/Dietetics. She still lives in Chattanooga and will complete her schooling there at the U. of TN-Chatt. She

and some friends are headed to Vegas for their 30th B-day's sometime in 2006. **Kelly Bowman Greenwood** will receive her degree in Landscape Architecture this year from UC Berkeley. **Anna Meres Wade** is finishing up her masters in Marriage and Family Therapy at the U. of NH. After graduating from SBC with a B.S. in psych, Anna worked in higher education for 5 years both in ME and WI. She then moved to NH where she married Patrick Wade. She will be working for Community Partners in Rochester, NH with youth and families, hopefully sitting for the national exam either this fall or next spring and become a licensed MFT within 2 years once she accumulates 2500 supervised clinical hours.

Laura Fitton Pieper wrote in and said, "After almost 4 years learning the basics of journalism at a small town weekly paper, I joined the staff at *The Des Moines Register* in 10/04 as a school feature reporter. The Iowa Newspaper Association recognized me as 1 of 3 Outstanding Young Iowa Journalists last year. I love being able to write on a daily basis! Nathan and I have been married 7 years now. No kids yet—3 cats and a dog are more than enough for now!" She covers the entire city of Ankeny (a suburb north of Des Moines) and loves it! She misses her SBC friends though and hopes to stop by and see the changes at campus.

Valerie Walston recently bought a house in Santa Barbara, CA where she's working as a public relations specialist with Davies Communications. Santa Barbara is a wonderful mid-size town with all the amenities of a big city but with small-town charm. It's like living in Sorrento, but still calling yourself an American. She's never been happier!

Jayme Calabrese Pomroy says that she works for Dell Inc., developing desktop computers. She is also in the process of obtaining her MBA. Jayme keeps in touch with **Marnie TC**, **Jessica Cronin**, and **Scarlett Swain**. **TC Weisman Kennedy** informs us that she has legally changed her first names to Tatum Carolyn and added the last name of Kennedy when she married Burke in 9/03. **Marnie Tokaruk Bates**, **Deirdre Flannery**, Elizabeth Groves '96 and Evangeline Easterly '00 all attended the wedding. TC and Burke reside in Norcross, GA where TC is a VP for Wachovia and has responsibility for all Customer Service for Treasury Operating Services in the Southern and Mid Atlantic regions (from Tyson's Corner,

VA to Orlando, FL). TC attended Elizabeth Groves Aycock's '96 wedding in Baltimore and met up with Laura McGlammery Million '96 and Kelly Knappenberger Foit '96, making it a girls-only weekend. They lunched with **Erin Wortley Valliere** and **Joanne Hopkins**, and were later joined by Janine Paris-Meskanko Schofield '97 and Evangeline Easterly Taylor '00.

Marquita Belzer Rhodes recently joined Write Edge Communications in Gansevoort, NY, as an Account Executive with their marketing communications team. Quita conceptualized and piloted organizational and marketing strategies and programs for the past 8 years in the government, education, and business arenas. Prior to accepting the Account Executive position with WriteEdge, Quita was the Public Private Venture (PPV) Liaison for the United States Navy Housing Office under the auspice of the Department of Defense, in Saratoga Springs, NY. In the PPV Liaison role, she successfully spearheaded an international marketing plan to recruit military affiliated renters into the newly privatized military housing program. She and her husband Dustee live in Saratoga Springs.

Chantel Bartlett still lives in NOVA and works in DC. She is a Program Manager focused on the education of budding entrepreneurs. She has started a hand-made beaded jewelry business, Chouchou Beads (pronounced "shoe-shoe"). Looking for gifts? Visit www.chouchoubeads.com. Chantel keeps in close touch with **Alicia Foster Wilbur**. They visited in Oct and got a start on shopping for the expected Wilbur baby, due in 2/06. Chantel also saw Andrea "Andy" Kubler Robinson '00 while in Seattle over the summer. Chantel was thrilled to catch up with **Alison Burnett**. **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett**, and **Melissa Coffey** while visiting Sweet Briar for Homecoming 2005. Chantel attended the wedding of **Natia Nemetisheva** to Ted Tsahourides on 10/9/05. In 2/06, Chantel will go to Paris to spend a few days with **Kristell Barreyat (TA)**. They will be "just the girls" before Kristell gets married in 10/06! She keeps in close touch with **Candice Broughton Maillard**, **Fionna Matheson** and others.

Candice Broughton Maillard writes that: "We have just moved back to Los Angeles, and there is much to be done. It was a timely arrival, as I was able to be here to celebrate Father's Day with my dad and not miss out on yet another family gathering (like the ones I've been missing for almost 7 years now!) All of

the changes of which I'm aware and those which I know will inevitably surprise us can be overwhelming, but I know this is where we are supposed to be at last. Richard has likened this experience of starting over to climbing Everest—you don't do it in a day, and for every day of the adventure you make a plan and do what you can for that day alone, otherwise you might as well stay at base camp. Georgia felt too much like Base Camp, so we're ready to mount up and go. Who said the Pioneering days were over?"

Candice and Chantel (with a huge dose of hands-on help from **Heather Smith**) hosted a baby shower for **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett**. Although Chanti (due to a tonsillectomy) couldn't be there in person, she was there in Sweet Briar spirit as the decorations she sent were pink and green and made for a lovely display on the buffet table and daisy vases for take-away gifts. **Kathy Carr** knit together a jaw-dropping mile outfit for Cynthia's baby as per Darrin's request in regards to a West Point football tradition. Cynthia was able to meet up with **Kathy Carr** and **Heather Thomas Armbruster** for lunch and baby shopping later in the year. Cynthia introduced **Joelle Jackson** to her baby Virginia Grace, while visiting family in Murrefreesboro. If ever in the Atlanta area, please email her to get together! Now that she is a stay-at-home-Mom, she has a bit more free time to visit with Sweet Briar friends.

Tricia Mohana Summers and family bought a new house in Virginia Beach. Brian is on shore duty, after a tour in Afghanistan, and is training the younger guys in the Navy how to fly the Hornet. Tricia has become a consultant for Do-Re-Me & You! Toys developed by Kindermusik on the side. Her website is www.drmyoffice.com/summers. Of course, she is very busy with their 2-year-old son James and preparing for baby #2. Tricia and Brian spend their falls in Annapolis for Navy football games. They have a large group who all get season tickets together and thus, have taigating down to an art! They have also become very involved in their church: Brian is teaching Sunday School, they are both in choir, they serve on a military missions board, and they are developing a flagship model of ministering to military personnel.

Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes is a Migrant Education Recruiter at the Education Service Center-Region XI in Ft. Worth, TX. She goes to migrant families' homes and interviews them to see if they qualify

for the Migrant Education Program. She evaluates the children to assess if they are developing educationally in a time-appropriate manner. If pre-schoolers are in need of extra help to prepare them for kindergarten, then she makes trips to their homes to teach the parents what they should know and how to teach their children. Suzy's own family moved into a new house where they got the Siamese cat she has always wanted. They are close to Suzy's parents, which is her daughter Dominique (now 3) loves!

Madge Miller's fictional work was published in the E-zine "Whispering Spirits" (<http://klik.to/whisperingspirits>). She has her own website for her work at www.madgemiller.com. **Rush Harris** is working to publish her research on elk and preparing to give 2 presentations (if accepted) on her project at the annual Uintah Basin Research Conference in UT and the 6th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop in Reno, NV. **Charlotte Higgins** is working as a medical surgery nurse at Duke University Hospital and is now applying to pharmacy schools.

Anne-Claire Wackenhut moved to a great, sunny apartment near Logan Circle DC last Mar. and traveled to France to see family and some SBC girls attending the religious wedding ceremony of Benedicte Valentin Lamothe '00. At home, she took a bartending class, which eventually led her to a part-time job at the club level for the Washington Redskins this past fall. She changed teaching jobs and is now teaching Pre-K/Kindergarten at Capitol Hill Day School, a small Pre-K-8th grade private school in DC, and loving it! She keeps in regular touch with **Mary Lea Martin Harris**, who is busy with her daughter Emma and with graduate classes in art. She also sees Emily Pegues '00, who now works in the Children's Education department at the National Gallery of Art. Anne-Claire's youngest sister Celeste is a happy member of the Class of '04 so Anne-Claire visits campus regularly. She has heard from Caitlin Russo '01, who currently lives in NY.

Isabel Jean-Pierre is practicing law at Covington and Burling in DC doing FDA Compliance. She is in contact with **Joelle Jackson** and **Gretchen Gravelly Tucker** at least once a week. They along with Tarrah (Holly) Moore '99 went to the Bahamas on the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas for 4 days and had an absolute ball!

Kim Izquierdo is still in US

Marketing at Pfizer and recently earned her MBA in marketing and management. Additionally, she spent 2 fabulous weeks touring China (Beijing, Xian, Guilin, and Shanghai)! **Melissa Coffey** is going on her 6th year of working in the Alumnae Office at SBC. She still sees **Jennifer Anderson** and **Rhonda Tyree** often and is enjoying her travels abroad. Melissa is learning to speak Spanish and Italian and still serves as the Treasurer of the Humane Society of Amherst County Board.

Serena Putegnat is living in her hometown (Brownsville, TX) and working as an associate for a small law firm concentrating mainly on property litigation. She saw **Angela Elliott Merrick** in May and **Cady Thomas** over the 4th of July. **Cady** also wrote in: "I have moved to Raleigh, NC and am an attorney in the Capital Markets Practice Group with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP. Things are finally settling down in Raleigh. I will close on my house in July and will move in after the painting and decorating is complete." She has visited with **Serena Putegnat** and Tara Putegnat ('00) in Texas. She also regularly sees Elizabeth Davis ('00), **Susan Barney**, **Lindsay Culp**, and chats with **Bronwyn Beard** and **Katie Martin**.

Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar, our class president, is doing great with her family and enjoying their summer. Her boys keep her busy (Joe 5 and Carson 2). She is still teaching but has changed to 4th and 5th grade science, which she loves because it's all hands on learning. She is also still choreographing for the high school and teaching creative movement for enrichment programs.

Sam Brodlieb wrote in: "I just got engaged on June 21st to my boyfriend of 3.5 years. We plan to marry in June '06. I have been living in NYC since graduation. Currently I am working for Bloomingdales and also doing image consulting and fashion styling with personal clients. This past fall I started riding again. This summer I am leasing a horse on Long Island and riding on my days off. It is giving me so much joy. I have a beautiful Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Gorden who is turning 4 on 7/10. He is such a light in my life." Sam also sees Carol Skirloff when she comes to town and **Leslie Farinas**, who is still living in Spain but makes annual visits. **Mary Friberg** is also living in NYC and working as a publicist on beauty, fashion and lifestyle accounts.

WEDDING NEWS: Cyndi Hague

became Cyndi Hinelein when she married her beloved Shawn in Nov. They bought a house in Fremont, OH and expanded their family of 4 (2 human, 2 feline) to 5 with the addition of another kitten. Shawn teaches 8th grade history and Cyndi is still actively involved in community theater. She, most recently, was Marion in *The Music Man*. On 1/2/04, **Tonya Grudier** married Tom Montgomery. **Katie Martin** was a bridesmaid, and **Sarah Noltan** and **Bronwyn Beard** attended the ceremony. After the wedding, Tonya and Tom spent a few days in NY, but waited until this summer to honeymoon in the U.K. and on a Mediterranean cruise (Italy, Greece and Turkey). Tonya has been named Associate Dean of Student Life at Oldfields School. Her job now includes heading up their residential program, coordinating all on and off campus student activities and teaching a history course, among other things!

Katie Martin is still in Chicago and was recently promoted at *Modern Baking Magazine*. **Pam Fine** married Brent Auble in Oct. and together ran in the 30th Marine Corps Marathon 8 days after their wedding. She also completed her first season of coaching a group of elementary school girls for their first 5K. She is still working in IT and loving it! **Catherine Zahrn** had a commitment ceremony with her partner, Shannon Bazar '99, on 9/17/05 at Seabrook Island, SC. Heather McLeod '99, Marisha Bourgeois '99, Sarah Herndon Sydnor '01, and the Magraders were all in attendance. Catherine is teaching in the dance department at UGA. "This is my 3rd year here. I teach Dance Appreciation, a lecture course in which we study dance around the world, and several levels of modern dance technique. It's a WONDERFUL department, and I feel very lucky to be teaching here."

BABY NEWS: Heather Thomas

Armbruster gave birth to her 1st child, Brain Caelan on 8/30/05. HAT is planning to be a stay-at-home Mom with her Brian for at least 2 semesters after teaching part-time at Southern Union State Community College for the past 4. **TC Weisman Kennedy** and husband Burke welcomed baby boy, Loki Xander. **Shelley Shreve Oliver** announced that she gave birth to baby boy Loren on 9/26/05. **Marnie Tokaruk Bates** and her husband, Kerry, just had a baby boy. Connor Appleton Bates was born 11/14/05. They still live in Richmond. **Melissa Rothwell Pembroke** and husband

Pete had a son, Peter Charles in 5/04. Melissa and Pete bought a house outside of Philadelphia after Pete's training in VA for the FBI. Melissa said that her daughter Sarah, who is 3, is a big help with her new baby brother "inch-worm." **Erin Wortley Valliere** and husband welcomed baby Paul George to their family this past fall. Joanne Hopkins helped Erin pull off Paul George's Baptism 10 days after he was born; Erikka Sund and Page Darney visited the Vallieres before Thanksgiving to meet him. **Diana Jordan Avery** and husband Brent welcomed Meredith Blake, in 1/05. They reside in Richmond, VA. **Angela Elliott Merrick** and her husband Justin (HSC 97) birthed new daughter, Virginia Grace in 12/04. **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** and husband Darrin joyfully greeted their own Virginia Grace in 2/05. **Jessica Pavia Tra** and husband Ken welcomed a 2nd little boy, Donovan Xavier in Mar. Jessica is still the department chair for the Special Education Department in Fairfax County. She deals with the high incidence programs. And although things are going well at school, she is considering making a move next year to the Juvenile Detention Center. **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** gave birth to her 2nd child, Cora Ellen, on 3/20/05. Her 1st child, Liam, turned 2 on June 1st and he is adjusting to having a new baby sister. Mary Ann is enjoying the difficult task of being a stay-at-home-mom but also keeps busy by tutoring Algebra in the afternoons. **Natalie Lindfors Recupero** delivered her twins on 5/14/05. She now has 2 little girls, Lina Christine and Emma Marie. She decided to stay home with the girls, and now questions her sanity with 2 of them and only 1 of her while her husband is at work. **Candice Broughton Mailard** and husband Richard welcomed their 2nd son, Judah Luke, in 9/05.

EXPECTING BABIES in 2006: Jayme Calabrese Pomroy, Tricia Mohana Summers, Lesya Shroades Yeatman, Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes, Alicia Foster Wilburn We're so excited about the new growth on our list! Holla, Holla, Holla class of 1998!

2000

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Hello Class of 2000! It was great to see so many classmates at our 5th Reunion this year and we missed seeing those of you that couldn't join us. I am looking forward to serving as your new class secretary until our next Reunion, and our new co-presidents, **Alison Stockdale** and **Emily McGregor Fenlaw**, are also excited to lead our class. Now on to the news!

Susan Bobb writes that she is planning to finish coursework for her Ph.D. at Penn State in Cognitive Psychology in '05 and continues to do research in bilingualism. From Central FL, **Alison Cooper** writes that she will complete her master's in Reading Education at Stetson U., and that she's looking forward to being an aunt for the 2nd time with nephew Sebastian. Alison plans to be a 9th grade remedial reading teacher. **Chris Turner** writes that she is living in DC while she finishes her Ph.D. in International Relations with a focus on China—India Relations at Johns Hopkins. She is also working for the Asia Foundation and traveling to the UK and Asia. Speaking of traveling, **Allison Davis** writes that she is returning home from Timor after spending over 2 years there as a Peace Corps volunteer. She plans to travel through Malaysia, Thailand and parts of Europe on her way home to the U.S. Allison says she can't wait to meet up with her SBC girlfriends in Las Vegas! **Christine Bump** enjoyed seeing so many girls from the Class of 2000 at Reunion, and says she saw **Elissa Pugh**, **Amy Scott** and **Amanda Ankerman** at **Evangeline Easterly Taylor's** wedding in Knoxville, TN in July. Christine is practicing food and drug law in DC and has recently purchased a condo.

Kibby Bryenton Fergusson and husband Donnie welcomed their son, Iain Cameron Fergusson, on July 15. Kibby and her family are living in England while her husband is stationed at a Naval Base there. They are planning to travel around Europe once little Iain is old enough. **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** teaches middle school math in Newport News, VA. She sees **Marleen Sarien Edwards** and her daughter regularly. **Josie Beets** recently ran into **Alissa Harris** in Los Angeles. Josie is living in Brooklyn, NY and plans to begin her 1st year of law

school at Brooklyn Law this fall. Alissa works for 20th Century Fox as a post-production assistant but looks forward to moving back to the East Coast soon.

Tarah Kehm returned from a trip to Italy with her mother during the summer, and continues to travel with her job at a consulting firm in DC. She plans to move to London in Jan. 2006 to work for 6 months! **Liz Keating** and **Lindsay Perkins** are roommates in Arlington, VA. Liz teaches high school English in MD, while Lindsay teaches English to special education students at a middle school, also in MD. **Emily McGregor Fenlaw** and husband Jay live in Dallas, TX and Emily is working towards her master's degree in Architecture. **Alison Stockdale** and fiancé, Adam Newcomer, are busy planning their wedding. Alison continues to work for the Department of the Interior in DC. She is active in the DC Alumnae Club and volunteers for the Red Cross.

As for me, Brian and I are still enjoying small town life in Smithfield, NC. I have been at my job with the community college for over 3 years, and my current project is pursuing my master's in English and Adult Education from East Carolina U. I continue to serve as president of the SBC Triangle Area Alumnae Club in Raleigh, where I've gotten to visit many '98 and '99ers at different events and welcome new alums to the area. I had a ball seeing so many classmates at Reunion, and I hope we'll have an even better turnout at the next one in 2010! Until then, we can still meet back at SBC each Sept. for Homecoming. Keep sending in those notes!

2001

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* Reunion 2006, May 26-28 *

Hey Gals! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer! From all the updates I received it sounds like y'all have been keeping busy!

Sarah Houston Kenning graduated in May with an M.S., and started her new job in Williamstown, MA in Aug. She and her husband, Tyler, have moved to Albany, NY. In July, Sarah visited with **Lys Burdette-Paulhus** at her home in Alexandria, VA. Lys and her husband, Michael enjoyed a trip to Europe in Aug.

Sarah, Katie Wood-Rea, and Lys also attended **Megan Frier's** bridal shower in July. Megan married Nick Stawasz (W&L '01) this past Aug. **Christine Rangel** visited **Megan Beley** and **Chanel Smith** in FL this past Mar. In Apr., Christine began work as the Marketing and PR Director of Hosung NY, an international creator and manufacturer of children's toys. She is currently working on the launch of miYim an organic toy for children, and SimplyFido, an organic toy for pets. She's also on the creative team, designing new products. In June, Christine returned from her official graduation ceremony at the U. of St. Andrews, Scotland, where her 2 sisters Victoria '04 and Jane '06 and her mother Helena Papis '64 were in attendance.

Angela Aiken and her boyfriend, Carl, bought their 1st home in Grenbelt, MD in Feb. and became engaged in Apr.! Angela also started her 2nd year of her Master's in Social Work, in addition to working full time at an HIV organization. **Whitney J. Smith** was married in Louisville, KY on Oct. 15 to Chas Jordan. Whitney and Chas moved from Richmond to Virginia Beach, VA after the wedding. **Jessie Batchelder** is now in her 2nd year of her MSW program at FSU. She did a 4-month internship through this program in London, where she did HIV/AIDS support work. Jessie then returned to Tallahassee, FL where she will be until next Apr. when she will graduate. **Kim Schmidt Miscavage** and her husband Brian moved just outside Albany, NY after he became a nuclear instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, NY. They have 2 cats and added a Sutrainline Cattle Dog to the family this past summer. Kim is working as a human resources representative at Contec, LLC in Schenectady. She still sees **Ariana Wolyne-Warner** and **Nia Fonow Hughes**, and managed to visit them over Memorial Day weekend back at SBC where they started planning our 5-year reunion!

Allison Johnson Haley celebrated her daughter Danielle's 1st birthday on June 30th, and she and her husband Don went sailing on a catamaran in the Grenadine Islands this past summer. She is still teaching Psychology classes for Tidewater Community College, and is thinking about going back to school for her Ph.D. **Julia Kientz Ambersley** finished her master's in teaching at SBC on May 14. She and her husband, Robbie moved to Southern Pines, NC, where he is working at Pine Needles Golf Resort,

and she started teaching 3rd grade at the Episcopal Day School. They also attended **Ebeth McGovern's** wedding to Michael Brann in June. Julia, **Sarah Farber** and **Lauren Kaplan** were all in the wedding. **Sarah Belanger** also attended **Ebeth's** wedding. **Jess McCloskey** moved to London in May where she is working as a therapist, and still getting used to the accent. She is still with her partner, Rolfe who she met in Finland 3 years ago.

Megan Thomas bought a house in Bowling Green, VA last Oct. and was engaged to Matt Rowe (HSC '03) last Dec. They were married in Sept. **Angela Rodriguez** was her maid of honor. Megan also had a luncheon with **Kate Talaber Williams**, **Brianne Kennedy Harvey** and **Sarah Diefenderfer** in Fredericksburg, VA this past spring. **Amy Sherman** will be married in New Orleans, LA on June 3rd. She is still living in NYC, where she was preparing for a dance performance with Artichoke Dance Company in July. **Natasha Nickodem** graduated from Leadership St. Pete in June, and set off for St. Andrew's U. in Scotland this fall. She will be there for a year, pursuing her master's in Museum and Gallery Studies. She is excited about being back in Europe and traveling. On July 18th, **Sarah Belanger** traveled to the Middle East for what will most likely be her last trip there for awhile. She visited Syria and Jordan during her stay, and resigned from her job when she returned to the US because in Sept. she left for grad school in England. Sarah is pursuing a M.S. in Comparative and International Education at the U. of Oxford. She is about an hour north of London, and just a train ride away from **Natasha Nickodem**. If anyone is passing through London, they should let her know! **Laurina Kaatz** will be teaching this spring at Sweet Briar as an adjunct Physics instructor. Talk about coming full circle!

Ameke Reeves Cruz finished a year of working as an adjunct faculty member at Liberty U. teaching Developmental Math, which was a big change from teaching high school! She has gone back to teaching high school at Jefferson Forest High, in Forest, VA, where she is a Special Ed/Mathematics teacher. Ameke is also in her 2nd year of her graduate program at Lynchburg College, where she is pursuing a Master's in Special Education. She can't wait until May '06 when she finishes. Her daughter, Kaylah (they call her Timbre) turned 3 in Oct. She is a bundle of energy and loves to sing, just like mom! Ameke

and her husband, Scott, are working on finishing the basement of the home they bought 2 years ago, and Scott is pursuing a degree in Engineering. Ameka still keeps in touch with Liz Hyland Swann '00, Angela Aiken, Kaneia Mayo '03 and Donyele Gibson Wilkerson '02, and can't wait for their Reunion.

2002

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Things have been going well for all of the Class of 2002 in the 3 years since graduation. Here's what is happening with some of us:

Donyele Gibson Wilkerson has been doing fine, but extremely busy. She and her husband recently bought a townhouse in Severn, MD. She will be starting her 3rd year as a Spanish teacher at Glen Burnie H.S. in the fall. She is currently working on her Master's in Intercultural Communications at UMBC. She's working this summer as the Spanish Interpreter for the Title I summer school program in Annapolis, MD.

Sonya Truman is still living in New Orleans with her beautiful golden retriever, Langley. She graduated from Loyola U. School of Law with her Juris Doctor in May and is presently preparing for the LA Bar Exam. She's planning a visit home to PA in Aug, once the chaos of studying is over. **Christi Rose Hart** is flying down for her visit the last weekend in July and she, **Leigh Riddell** and Sonya will be celebrating the marriage of Audrey Dickson '01 to Christopher Pool on Aug. 1st! We're all very excited! Other than that life remains steady for Sonya in the Big Easy.

Meg Anderson just got back from London (it was wonderful and she was also able to visit Amsterdam and Prague). Now, it's back to school for her. She finishes her Masters this summer and will start on her 3rd year teaching high school this Aug. She teaches 12th grade.... not too exciting she says. And, guess what? **Krista Schuler** just got engaged!

Heather Minor Gelormine and her husband Tony and daughter, Brenna moved from Germany to Columbia, SC this past spring where he is attending the AG Captain's Career Course at Ft. Jackson. They're still waiting to hear where their next assignment will be, but are hoping to stay here for awhile. She's keeping busy by taking Brenna to swimming and gymnastics classes, and just setting up another house.

Heather saw **Jen Brown** this past weekend; she got engaged to, Andy Robinson, this past May and they have a May 2006 wedding date planned. She graduated with a 2nd B.S. in nursing, and recently passed her boards—she's now officially an R.N., and will begin working in Aug. at MA General Hospital.

Leigh Riddell graduated from George Washington U. Law School in May, and has since moved back to her home in LA, where she recently finished bar classes and will take the LA bar exam at the end of July. She's enjoying being home with all her family, and especially her 4 nieces, again.

Corinne Wieland just finished teaching her 1st year as an elementary school teacher at a private Catholic school in MD. She's still taking graduate classes, and is closer to earning her master's degree in education. This fall she'll be teaching 5th grade, rather than the 3rd grade, which she taught last year.

Monique Moshier Belcher has moved from working in the UVA lab and as a part-time retail employee to being a small business owner—she and her husband, Steve, bought out the Happy Cook in Charlottesville where she had been working, and is now running the business on her own.

Lindsay Keller writes: "I am currently working at The Pinnacle Dinner Theatre as their Production Stage Manager in Littleton, CO and I just purchased my first home! Yeah! ... Let me know if anyone wants to come to CO and ski! I have plenty of room!"

Amanda Barbour-Johnston will be going into her 3rd year of the Master of Divinity Program at Duke in Sept. This summer she is interning as a hospital chaplain at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC. She is still serving as youth minister at First Baptist Martinsville, VA and is teaching dance part time.

Liz Waring got engaged to Chris McCracken (HSC '03) in Italy last June (2004) and randomly met **Sophie Wackenhut** in line at the Eiffel Tower. She's busy planning a wedding for Dec. 2006 and is going to UNCg full-time for a Master's in Dance Education. She graduates in May and is moving to Norfolk, VA where she can hopefully find a job teaching dance in the public schools. Her backup plan is to work at Starbucks. (just kidding!)

Amy Gardner writes: "I can't believe it's been 3 years since SBC! Things are going very well here... I am still a management consultant with BearingPoint, now on a project for the State Department. Last fall I purchased my 1st home, a condo in Northern Virginia, and I love it! I also adopted a puppy this winter and she's been keeping

me very busy. I've been able to visit Christy Maxwell '03 at her new home in Atlanta a few times this year and see some other SBC alumni. Hope everyone is doing well!"

Julia Rowland is continuing to work on her masters in art education at the U. of Houston. She begins student teaching in Aug. and she is eligible for a teaching position at Christmas, hopefully teaching art in an elementary school but she will be certified K-12.

Christi Rose Hart and her husband Jason bought a house in Richmond, VA. She graduated from law school and starts work with a firm in Fredericksburg in Aug. She sees **Kim Martin '02** and Alisa Cline '03 frequently, and will be attending Audrey Dickson's wedding on Aug. 1st and hopes to see some other SBC girls there as well!

Maria Thacker graduated from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in May with a dual degree in Health Education/ Communications and Maternal and Child Health. She just moved back to Atlanta, GA and will be taking a few months off before she starts working again this fall in public health.

Tia Trout married Sergio Perez on July 9, 2005 at the Clarendon United Methodist Church and the reception was at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. **Becky Cefaratti**, Meredith Taylor Eades '01, and Tamara Trout '01 were all in the wedding. In attendance were **Aja Grosvenor**, **Ashley Trantham**, **Jee-Yon Park**, **Amy** and **Joanna Mullen**, **Meg Fronk**, **Katie McNamara**, **Anyia Moon**, **Kate McClellan**, myself, **Julia Schmitz '03**, and **Laura Pearson '04**. It was a beautiful wedding and they honeymooned in HI. **Becky Cefaratti** is starting her final year of coursework in the Ph.D. program at U. of Buffalo in Classics. She's been doing work in Albania and thinks her dissertation may involve Roman influence in the Balkans. She was an attendant at **Misty Vandergriff's '04** wedding.

Aja will be moving into her own apartment in Aug. and is still working as an event planner. **Ashley** is living in Crystal City with **Jee** and **Amy** and working at the American Public Human Services Association. **Amy** had her tonsils out on July 20 and is still working for the architecture firm, Gensler, in DC.

Katie Gjeldum recently moved to DC and is now working at the International Republican Institute. She is planning to move in with **Jee**, **Ash**, and **Amy** in Aug.

I changed jobs, and I am now an Event Consultant with Catering by Windows in Alexandria, VA. I absolutely love it and it keeps me quite busy. I plan everything from corporate lunches to dinner parties to weddings! I still live in

Old Town Alexandria with my younger sister. In May I saw **Megan Tarnowski** who will be moving to a new school in the Bronx to teach 7th Grade literacy. She keeps in touch with **Emily Johnston** who is still working in PR for Spink Auction House in London. Luckily, Emily was not involved in the recent London bombings, but was incredibly close to where they were happening. **Misa Sarmiento** has just finished her 1st year of PA school and has moved to Mineola (close to NYC) to begin her clinical rotations. **Sophie Wackenhut** is living in Brooklyn and working in Manhattan at a law firm. She works very long hours but still likes her job. She and her boyfriend have a dog and are enjoying life in the city.

As usual, feel free to email me at anytime with more class notes. I hope everyone is doing well!

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Sasha Moran is currently living in Charlottesville, VA with **Denise Uribe**. She works for the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce as a Membership Support Assistant.

Katie Niemeier got a history teaching job for Henrico County Public Schools at Deep Run high school in Richmond, VA.

During the summer, **Mariana Lazarova** worked at the CIT and assisted with the running of the Palomar 60-inch telescope. In Aug., she traveled home to Bulgaria to visit family and friends. In the fall, she started a Ph.D. program in Physics at the U. of CA - Riverside. **Beth Goldring** works at Goucher College as their new barn manager. She absolutely loves her job.

Samantha Angus moved to TX to attend graduate school at Sam Houston State U. She plans on getting her masters of Fine Arts in Dance. **Sarah Kidd Burchett** married Jeff Burchett on May 16, 2005 in the SBC Chapel and had their reception at the boathouse. Congratulations to the happy couple! Sarah and Jeff moved into an apartment in Charlottesville after the wedding. Sarah works as an administrative assistant at Rosewood Village, which is an assisted living community for the elderly. She says the residents are very nice and she enjoys the job.

Hilary Cooper passed her licensing requirement and started her job on July

6 as a Financial Advisor with American Express in Richmond, VA.

Mandi Ponton works as an intern for the Nelson County Historical Society. She conducts interviews with residents of Nelson County and transcribes the interviews so that the Historical Society can have them on permanent record. She also volunteers as a docent for the Nelson County Historical Society at different events that they host during the summer.

Ashley Forehand is busy selling real estate in VA, so if you are looking to buy a house in the VA area, give her a call at (804)731-2755. **Christie Sears** currently lives in Miami, FL, and is working through an organization called DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection), which provides week-long

opportunities for youth groups that come to seek mission work in Miami. She is also working with the Miami Rescue Mission, a position she obtained through the DOOR organization. She loves every moment and claims it is incredibly rewarding.

Samira Houssain works for Earnst and Young in DC. She shares an apartment in N. Bethesda, MD with fellow classmate **Diana Boncheva**. **Diana** works for the Commission for Labor Cooperation in DC.

Tamara Himeilright Helton got married on June 17, 2005 to Brian Helton! They were married in the SBC Chapel and had their reception at the Conference Center. Congratulations to the happy couple!! Tamara is pursuing her Physical Therapy degree at Shenandoah U. starting this fall.

Michelle Moshier is currently working as a Sales and Marketing Coordinator for SNL Financial in Charlottesville, VA. She just recently moved into a new apartment with fellow classmate **Janie Glen**, and is enjoying life as a grad.

During the summer, **Heather Wright** worked as a recruiter for the Maryland State Migrant Education Program. She was responsible for locating and documenting all the children of migrant agricultural workers for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. She loved the position because she got to help people, speak Spanish all day, and explore some of the more rustic areas of where she lives.

Christina Marchetti started a new job at Williams & Connolly LLP on

Aug. 1st. **Joyce Scott** attended Misty Vandergriff's '04 wedding in May where she met up with **Beth Farnsworth**, **Denna Jackson**, and **Sheena Belcher**. She moved to Marietta, GA on June 1st and started working with All Atlanta Realty. She also got a new cat and appropriately named her Daisy. She enjoys visiting Atlanta and is slowly getting use to the "city life". **Mindy Wolfram** started Boston College's M.A. program in Philosophy this fall.

Amanda Palmore got accepted into the graduate program at Virginia Tech and plans to attend this fall. She is also in the process of moving into an apartment in Blacksburg.

An Association With Sweet Briar Since I Was Two Years Old!

Dear Sweet Briar Alumnae Office, Thank you for inviting me each year to the Alumnae gathering, but I am 87 years old and do not drive to Phoenix anymore. I have had an association with Sweet Briar since I was two years old! My grandfather, who had bought Mt. St. Angelo from Sweet Briar College in 1909, was very ill that year, so mother and her sister took us children to visit him. His name was Dr. George E. Walker. Grandmother Walker, Dr. Will, Miss Ruby and Miss Winifred eventually built West Holme on Route 29 and were part of the Sweet Briar community for many years, until Aunt Winifred died at age 96 in 1982. The Walker Scholarship and the lights on the Chapel are in their memory. I lived with them while attending college and returned in 1941 to teach for a year while Dr. Morenus was on sabbatical leave. My grandmother died a few months after I returned. I simply adored the whole Sweet Briar family.

— Kathleen Ward Allen '40,
Green Valley, AZ

So Much News!

Dear Sweet Briar College, What a wonderful Issue: *Volume #76, #4, Fall 2005*. So much news! I was very pleased to see my poetry prize, in my mother's memory, listed under Commencement Honors (first time, I think!). And my letter to the editor about Miss Bennett (though my fellowship was listed as N.H. instead of N.I.H....I am being picky).

Now, I am really writing about the flags in the Student Center Atrium...do

you have one for Scotland? Sierra Leone? China? Kosovo? Let me know because, if not, I would like to give one or more of these.

Again, the direction the college is taking (business management, masters programs, etc.) is so exciting!! How forward thinking...and why not... Sweet Briar forms future leaders!

— Jean Meyer Aloe '63

I Don't Know When The Last Time Was...

I don't know when the last time was when I sat and read an entire issue of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine. It's occurred with this Fall 2005 one.

Perhaps it's because I have another granddaughter, a high school junior, that's asking my thoughts to combine with her parents' thinking about college. And/or my longtime interest in Sweet Briar. A quick history note. When I traveled for business in the 1960's I'd look for lunch places that were individualized. One of those was the then Tea Room at Sweet Briar.

Information, useful, seemed to pour from the pages of Volume 76, Number 4, and it was supported by enthusiasm.

Three articles lifted up studies with my granddaughter's indicated interests. Within the Study Abroad pages I spotted that "Next year, Professor Chang (Anthropology/Sociology/ Archaeology Program) will...". While my granddaughter was here for Christmas we discussed Archaeology and suggested she chat with our nephew in Pennsylvania who is an Archaeologist and also teaches. What I'd appreciate is for you to pass this note on to the person/office that can

provide me with a description, catalog, of Sweet Briar's program.

Two articles by Rebecca Massie Lane emphasized her current other interest. She is taking all the art courses that are available in her high school presently. Having personally visited the Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery a few times, and toured the campus during which students and professors informed us about their fields causes me to request similar information about the Art Program.

May I encourage, and even urge, all of the Sweet Briar College Team, collectively, to live the vision (Habakkuk 2:1-4) of the Sweet Briar Promise.

Shalom!
—Dale Bennett

Very Excited About It All

(Letter to Gretchen Tucker Gravley '98, Associate Director, Admissions)

Dear Mrs. Gravley, Thank you for getting back to me, I'll be sure to send in my SAT scores and I hope to get my application mailed within the next week. On Jan. 6th I went to the Sweet Briar Day Luncheon held by the Washington alumnae club and had a wonderful time. All of the women had such incredible things to say about Sweet Briar, my mom wants to go now too! I'm very excited about it all. Since you were from the class of '98 maybe you knew a girl named Chantal, her mother was there. Anyway, I hope that you are having a wonderful day when you receive this.

—Alle Taylor

Letters

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Outstanding

The last Alumnae Magazine [Fall '05] was outstanding!

—Beth McMahan Tolbert '57

IN THE SWEET BRIAR *tradition* Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

One of the first alumnae to support *Our Campaign For Her World*, Ethel Ogden Burwell '58 made a pledge in 1999, laying the foundation for an internship that will create a resounding effect over generations: The Ethel Ogden Burwell Internship. Preference for this award goes to a student with an interest in Christian ministry or human services. A provision in Ethel's will further enhances this internship fund.

Ethel graduated from Sweet Briar in 1958 with a degree in religion, and shortly thereafter married Armistead Burwell and moved to Indianapolis. The alumnae club there was an extension of Sweet Briar and compelled Ethel to want to give back to her alma mater.

Armistead also has a deep fondness for Sweet Briar—after all, he spent quite a bit of time on campus while courting Ethel. Knowing Ethel's desire to help Sweet Briar, Armistead surprised Ethel by arranging the groundwork for setting up this internship.

Ethel explains why she chose this particular gift. "I believe strongly in this internship. It enriches the hands-on experience of the students, which is equally as important as the classroom life. This internship replaces a regular job and lets them do something in their area of interest while paying some of their expenses."

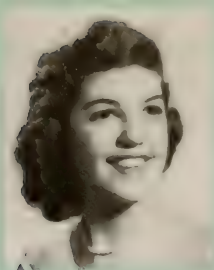
Ethel chose to major in religion because of inspiring mentors including Dean Hosken, associate professor of religion, and Ascension Church minister Richard Lee, the unofficial campus chaplain, and his wife, who was the niece of Meta Glass. They opened their Amherst home to students on Sunday nights for dinners of waffles and chicken hash.

Although religion was not her vocation, it is a foundation for everything Ethel has done. "Especially in hard times, we need this kind of [spiritual] grounding," Ethel explains. Kerri Faust '06, of Franklin, Tennessee, recipient of the Burwell internship, agrees.

"I have worked in the Chaplain's office for the last three years, and have served as the Burwell Intern for the past two. During this time I have been able not only to express my vision for spiritually oriented programs on campus, but actually initiate, plan, and help carry them to fruition."

Kerri, who has a double major in psychology and business management, sums up the importance of the Burwell Internship to her life.

"Because of my involvement with the Chaplain's office and through community service, I know that I would like to work in the nonprofit sector. I find that serving others—while emotionally, spiritually, and physically exhausting—offers innumerable benefits and irrepressible joy. This next chapter of my life is coming at me full force. However, I feel that my experiences at Sweet Briar have more than adequately prepared me for whatever may come next."



Ethel Ogden Burwell '58

- National Chair SBC Annual Fund 2002–present
- Junior Bench Giving Society
- Indiana Fletcher Williams Associate
- Outstanding Alumna 2003
- President of the Alumnae Association 1995–98
- Former Board of Directors
- *For Her World Campaign* Steering Committee
- Alumnae Board
- FOCUS chair
- Past President, Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Detroit
- Past Director of Admissions, University Liggett School



Kerri Faust '06

- Sweet Spirit
- Habitat for Humanity
- Angel Tree Project
- Relay for Life
- Unsung Heroes Banquet
- Varsity Volleyball
- Club Tennis Team
- Campus Christian Fellowship
- QVs
- Earphones
- Co-Curricular Life Peer Communicator
- ARC tutor
- Psychology club
- Psychology honor society: PsiChi
- Study abroad semester (New Zealand)

Chaplain Guy Brewer is eloquent in his praise of Ethel's dedication to Sweet Briar. "Do you remember this limerick?" he begins by asking.

**"I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see."**

All of us have a physical shadow. Even more, we have the shadow of our personal influence on others. Ethel Ogden Burwell is a woman who casts a very long shadow.

Through the Ethel Ogden Burwell Internship in the Chaplain's Office, Ethel has provided seven different students internship opportunities in community service and faith-based organizations. Burwell Scholars have participated in experiences including Miriam's House, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, and the Salvation Army. Briana Beckham '04, a Burwell Scholar, initiated the Unsung Heroes Banquet to recognize hourly staff at Sweet Briar College.

By engaging students in compassionate service, Ethel Ogden Burwell is helping to raise the next generation of servant leaders. And her shadow grows longer every day.

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EGYPT

In Petra, Jordan (from left to right)

Nimie Laing '57 and Ashlee Bartleson '04



Germany

On the Sweet Briar tour, "Germany's legendary
Holidays, Now!" November 28-December 6, 2005
Aboard the MS Swiss Pearl in alphabetical order: R.
Hornig, S. Hornig, P. Leick, D. Musgrove,
T. Nerse, J. Sullivan



Anna Chao-Pai '57

Sicily

On the Sweet Briar tour, "Sicily During
the Cultural Season," February 26-
7, 2005: At the Temple in Agrigento

in alphabetical order: R. Arias, M. Ca,
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K. Lord, C. Massey, E. Massey, G. N.
Stark, J. Moulton, M. Nelson, C. O.
A. Pai, D. Pai, D. Paulus, R. Paulus,
C. Perry, J. Perry, C. Reynolds, K. R.
A. Russell, A. Rowe, J. Rowe, A. R.
J. Seymour, E. Stark, M. Talman, B.
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On the Sweet Briar tour, "Alumni Ca
Abroad in Krakow," June 22-30, 201

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C. Dilorio, R. Dilorio, M. Dunson,
J. Goodridge, S. Greer, J. Guttry, L.
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greetings

LOUISE SWIECKI ZINGARO '80, DIRECTOR OF THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION



Hats off to the Class of 2006! Seniors and faculty enjoy a garden party at The Farm House.

Mark your calendar!
Come back to campus this fall to celebrate our second Homecoming Weekend, September 21–24, 2006.
There are so many opportunities during Homecoming to interact with our student body and also with the entire on-campus Sweet Briar community.

On Saturday, May 13, 2006, during our Commencement ceremony, Alumnae Association President Linda DeVogt '86 welcomed the Class of 2006 as the newest members of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association. As I watched from the audience, I was both pleased and saddened. While proud of their accomplishments and delighted to have them join our alumnae ranks, I was also painfully aware that I would miss my day-to-day interactions with these remarkably bright young women. During their senior year Linda and I had the good fortune of spending time with the Class of 2006 at dinners and events planned by our Student Relations Committee. Supported by the Alumnae Association Board, our goal was to help bridge the transition from student to alumna. It was a great deal of fun for us to make new friends and discover how diverse and talented the Class of 2006 is. They have added their unique imprint to the tapestry that is Sweet Briar College, and I am confident they will continue to enrich it as involved, supportive alumnae. You would be so proud of them.

I am excited to share this issue of our *Alumnae Magazine* with you as it focuses on what is at the heart of this College: our students. Our editorial committee made the decision

to do this based on what we learned from the alumnae research, carried out last summer by Arts & Science Group LLC. We were struck by the answers to the question, "How has the quality of the student body changed in the past four or five years?" While 51% of the group surveyed indicated they felt the quality of the student body had remained the same, somewhat improved, or greatly improved, 45% of the group said they didn't know.

We found this figure unacceptable and decided the *Alumnae Magazine* could be helpful in better acquainting you with our student body. I hope that you will take the time to read this issue from cover to cover. You will be proud of the accomplishments of Joanna Wood '06, this year's Presidential Medalist. Enjoy reading Kristin Chapdelaine's '08 overview of her Fundamentals of Management class. Be sure not to miss what Alison Sims '09 has to say about our Riding Program, and meet Michelle Badger '06, the newest member of the Development Office staff who has a passion for politics, people, and fundraising. Oh do I wish we could profile the entire student body for you!

Since that is not possible, I have another suggestion. Come back to campus this fall to celebrate our second Homecoming Weekend, September 21–24, 2006. There are so many opportunities during Homecoming to interact with our student body and also with the entire on-campus Sweet Briar community. We would love to have you join us. It will be especially exciting this year as we celebrate the successful conclusion of *Our Campaign For Her World*. There is much in store, including Founders' Day festivities, lectures by our excellent faculty, athletic events, and the gala celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to join us. We look forward to welcoming you home!

Louise S. Zingaro

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THE SWEET BRIAR STUDENT OF today

The Sweet Briar student of today is confident, intelligent, outgoing, talented, and ready to conquer the world—much like the Sweet Briar student of your generation. While it may be easy to recognize these common bonds that are created by attending Sweet Briar, it is a little more difficult to feel connected to all the unique qualities of Sweet Briar's current students. According to research carried out last summer by Art & Science Group LLC, when asked "How has the quality of the student body changed in the past four or five years?" 45% of the alumnae responding said they didn't know. It is important for alumnae to feel connected to the current Sweet Briar; therefore, in this article, 17 students have been "spotlighted" to help you better know the student body—the activities Sweet Briar students are involved in, what they like to do for fun, what internships and classes they experience and even their favorite food in the dining hall—and perhaps most interesting how they plan to change the world. Enjoy!

1.

Michelle
Leigh Badger
'06

MAJOR

History and International Affairs

HOME TOWN

Plymouth, MA

BIRTHDAY

May 13, 1984

LAST BOOK READ

JUST FOR FUN

The Opportunity: America's Moment to Alter History's Course, by Richard Haass
(I know I am a geek, I love foreign policy)

FAVORITE

DINING HALL FARE

Spinach Lasagna
and Popcorn Shrimp

People would be surprised to learn... I fainted in a Mosque in Spain when I was a junior in high school. It was directly in front of something associated with the Holy Spirit.

I MADE MY DECISION TO attend Sweet Briar because it seemed like a place that truly cared about creating well-rounded, empowered young women who could achieve anything on which they set their minds. As a prospective student, I felt the warmth of many professors and saw the connections they had with their students. One example that comes to mind is meeting Professor Key and a current student at an academic fair. I could feel his passion for his field and the wonderful relationship he had with his student. Sweet Briar felt like a place that would help me to achieve my goals.

When I came to Sweet Briar, I was shy and quiet (many of my classmates now would probably say "No Way!", but my high school friends would tell you the truth). I had never considered myself to be a leader outside of my field hockey team in high school. I was involved in one or two clubs and played two sports (field hockey and track), but I never held an office. *It did not take me long to realize that making a positive environment I could do something I set my mind to as long as I was willing to work hard.* Once I realized this, I began to join club after club after club. I have played various roles in the Judicial Committee, Circle K, PAWs (Protecting Animal Welfare), Amnesty International, Young Democrats, Unsung Heroes, Student Relations Committees, QVs, and Earphones. I have also worked in the Development and Admissions (as a tour guide) Offices. Each experience, in addition to my academic pursuits, gave me confidence in my potential as a leader as well

as direction for what I wanted to do with my life.

As we all know, Sweet Briar students are always busy—going to meetings, class, work and practice—so when I was organizing community service events for my clubs, the best way to involve everyone was through donations. My sophomore year, I began to get my clubs involved with fund-raising. We were able to raise substantial amounts of money to donate to UNICEF, Mercy Corps, and the American Red Cross, as well as many other organizations. Leading fund-raising campaigns was a positive experience. This showed me an otherwise unknown interest. My junior year, I was the fund-raiser for the Unsung Heroes Banquet. This event is organized, paid for, and staffed by the students. I was able to get money from all of the offices on campus, as well as many student organizations.

Last year, I interned in Senator John F. Kerry's (D-MA) office on The Hill. It was a Massachusetts' girl's dream (well, one who follows politics at least). I worked primarily with the Health Care Legislative Assistant and the Legislative Correspondent, something I had never done before. Health Care was always an interest but now I find it fascinating after hours of attending briefings and hearings, writing memos, and reading up on all of the changes happening to Medicaid. Along with my work in Health Care, I had opportunities to attend many other hearings and to attend the speakers series held for all senate interns. It was such an amazing experience. I met so many politicians. I would walk down the hall as I was running an errand and see Senators Kerry, Kennedy, Biden, or Obama. I was able to meet all of



Michelle Badger with Office of Development co-worker Terry Nash

these politicians because of the confidence SBC had given me. Most of the other interns would not go up to the Senators, but I would. One day I was walking out of a hearing at the same time as Senator Lincoln. I saw her and, when I got closer, asked her if I could have my picture taken with her. She talked with me for a couple of minutes and when I mentioned that I went to Sweet Briar, she told me she had attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College. We had a long conversation (five minutes probably but it felt like forever) about Sweet Briar and R-MWC, and her memories of them. It was amazing! The best part about working in Senator Kerry's office was his wonderful staff and the opportunity to learn so much about Kerry and our government. I also enjoyed meeting so many other college students who shared a passion for politics. As we liked to say in D.C. "who needs rock stars when you have politicians."

Back at Sweet Briar, I have continued my passion for politics, people and fund-raising. This semester, I am the student intern for the Annual Fund



Michelle Badger with Senator John F. Kerry (D-MA)

Office. I am responsible for Young Alumnae Giving, Senior Pledge Campaign, and assisting with Phonathon. I am beginning to understand how fund-raising works for an organization as I continue to develop fund-raising programs in my own organizations.

Sweet Briar has given me opportunities to develop and find the things I enjoy. Sweet Briar has fulfilled its promise to me: I will leave Sweet Briar on graduation day confident and ready to reach all of my goals.

2.

Natalie A. Batman '08

MAJOR
Economics

HOME TOWN
Amherst, VA

BIRTHDAY
June 26, 1988

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
Captivating
by John and Staci Eldredge

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Fresh Spinach Salad Topped
with Grilled Chicken and
Asian Sesame Dressing

People would be surprised to learn... I once ate chicken feet and frog legs in a single meal (not exactly voluntarily— as a matter of respect for the host).

In ten years I'll... be running the race of life hand in hand with my soul mate, serving my Savior.

Natalie Batman '08

IF SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME years ago that I would pursue an undergraduate degree at Sweet Briar, I think I would have doubted their sanity. *Amherst isn't one of the purposes of college to "escape" from home and everything familiar? I was raised within ten miles of campus* As a child, I attended dance classes taught by students in the dance program and participated in recitals held in Sweet Briar's Murchison Lane Auditorium. My father, a general contractor, has built houses for SBC faculty members and many of my family's friends are staff members at the College. These things, combined with my desire to explore the unfamiliar, made attending Sweet Briar unlikely.

Being home-schooled, I was able to graduate from high school a bit early and I began looking for a "temporary" place to begin my undergraduate career. I say "temporary" because I had planned on transferring after two years. Sweet Briar was suggested to me by Lee Taylor, then a Sweet Briar employee working in Development, who was an old family friend. His words bore a lot of weight in my opinion, and as I began to explore the possibility of attending Sweet Briar, I was surprised to find myself slowly falling in love with the close-knit community atmosphere and dedication to academic excellence that Sweet Briar provided. After careful thought and consideration,

I decided Sweet Briar was my first choice—no longer as a temporary school, but as my *Alma mater*. One of the most significant reasons for my decision was a series of conversations I had with Chaplain Guy Brewer (or "Chap" as we affectionately call him). He gave me insight into the spiritual life on campus. These conversations, along with the qualities that attracted me in the beginning of my search, ended up securing my interest for the long haul. I am pursuing a B.A. in economics, planning to study in China for the spring semester of 2007, and will graduate with my class in May of 2008.

In the big picture of my life, I have one single goal—to seek the Lord and to know Him. While extremely important to me, academic pursuit is secondary to this desire. One of my greatest passions is leading fellow believers in expressing their devotion to Jesus through worship. I began taking piano lessons when I was about four years old and playing with the worship team at a local church ten years later. During my second semester at Sweet Briar, I was privileged to be invited to play the piano at weekly Open Door Services. Playing at the services is such a great way to contribute to the wonderful student community, and I'm sincerely grateful for the chance to be a part of this tradition. These services are held in Sweet Briar's beautiful chapel and are designed to provide a welcoming atmosphere to any and all who wish to come. This opportunity is an indescribable blessing in my life, and most of all, a chance for me to serve my Savior and sister students who are also seeking Him.

Amy Bebko McCarty '06

(GRADUATE STUDENT)

MAJOR
Master of Arts in Teaching

HOME TOWN
Forest, VA

BIRTHDAY
September 17, 1975

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
All the Names
by Jose Saramago

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
The Desserts



Amy Bebko McCarty '06

People would be surprised to learn... I love to play air hockey.

I WENT TO HOLLINS COLLEGE IN ROANOKE, VA AS AN undergraduate. There, I studied physics and upon graduation in 1998 immediately jumped into the IT world, as a software developer. Growing up, I had always thought that I would be a teacher. However, the allure of the booming software industry in the late 1990s got me. I spent seven years as a software developer and project manager. It was challenging work exposing me to the latest technologies, while working with some of the brightest people I have ever encountered. My employer encouraged me to begin studying toward an MBA through Virginia Tech's distance-learning program. The classes were challenging and enjoyable, but I felt something was missing. I didn't get excited about economics like my classmates. That led to thoughts that perhaps I needed to consider a career change. Throughout my time in IT, I enjoyed opportunities to train people. In the fall of 2005, I decided to test the waters of teaching by tutoring in Bedford County. I had to relearn much of the content every night before the sessions, but I loved it! That experience convinced me that teaching was what I really wanted to do.

At the time I was living in Roanoke; my fiancé was commuting to his job in Lynchburg and thinking of moving there. I started Sweet Briar's MAT program in the summer of 2005. Before classes started, my fiancé and I came to campus and hiked around the woods. During that time it really sank in that I was about to make a major career change! Initially I was nervous about returning to school. It's quite a shift to go from the business world to a college campus. I was uncertain about the environment I would step into, not having been part of a college campus for many years, not to mention coming to one as a graduate student. I anticipated that it simply would be a place to take a few classes and then go home.

Once classes started I encountered graduate and undergraduate classmates, as well as faculty and staff. Time on campus seemed more like time at home. Prothro and the Bistro became my major food sources—what they offered was much better than what I had at home. I also found “my” spot on the library balcony where I spent the afternoons studying (and occasionally napping).

As the fall semester wrapped up, I was pulling together the foundation of my thesis, while working on the final details of my January wedding. December was a mixture of tracking down articles to support my paper, and finalizing reception details with the caterer. Both efforts came together right on schedule.

After the wedding, we were able to take a honeymoon before jumping back into work and school. Just four days after returning home, I started my first day of student teaching. I had taught two lessons at Amherst County High School the semester before, so I had a little exposure to the classroom. It was funny—although I had presented IT proposals to managers and bosses, I was not prepared for the nerves that caught me the first few times I taught high school classes. I think it was the realization that students might say or do anything, at any time, where most managers and bosses generally acted in a predictable manner! Over time I have become better able to predict and understand the students in my classes, and with that familiarity, I am enjoying teaching more and more. Occasionally I have time to chat briefly with fellow Sweet Briar student teachers as we pass in the halls of the high school, and it always strikes me how quickly my year at Sweet Briar is rushing by.

Meagan Bell '09

MAJOR
Business

HOME TOWN
Madison Heights, VA

April 5, 1987

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
The Red Hat Club
by Heywood Smith

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Salad

*People would be
surprised to learn...
I like Latin.*

THERE ARE SO MANY different emotions tied in with being the first child in a family to go to college. Encouragement, but also pressure, comes from everyone. One of the rewards I get from being the first in my family to go to college is the recognition I receive from my family. They are constantly saying, “I am so proud of you.” It makes me feel good to know that I am accomplishing something my mother and father have always wanted for me.

My mother, never having gone to college, always wanted me to go farther than a high school diploma because she has seen all of the things in life she could have accomplished with a college degree. She regrets not having gone to college herself. Therefore, I feel like going to college is not only an achievement for me, but also for my mother. All the years that she supported me, and helped me through grade school, junior high, and high school have finally paid off. Hopefully someday soon I will become very successful and be able to stand on my own two feet.

Although pleasing my mother and father, as well as the rest of my family, played a large role in my deciding to go to college I also wanted to be a good role model for my younger sister. She and I are two different people but I always try to set a good example. I hope that my sister will follow in my footsteps and go to college. I try to tell her how much fun going to college is. I want her to see not only how happy it makes our family but also how happy it makes me. Although some days are a struggle, I always tell myself that



Meagan Bell '09 (#14) spikes the ball as teammate Laurel Watts '08 (#8) watches.

I made the best choice. At Sweet Briar, I am able to get a great education so that I can be happy and successful in the future, while also continuing to play sports and meet many different people.

Although there are so many good things that come out of being the first in my family to go to college, there are also many pressures. I feel constant pressure to please my family. I know my family would be disappointed in me if I left college and that would make me feel extremely bad. I also feel constant pressure to overwork myself. If I have too much free time, then I am not doing enough work. This is why I am a college athlete with a job who is taking 18 credit hours.

Although being the first in my family to go to college has its positives and negatives, I feel that the positives outweigh the negatives by a landslide. I think that I made a great choice by going to Sweet Briar, and I love the fact that it pleases my family so much!

5. Kristin Chapdelaine '08

MAJOR
Business Management

HOME TOWN
Chester, VA

BIRTHDAY
November 11, 1985

**LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN**
A Million Little Pieces
by James Frey

**FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE**
Stir-fry

*In ten years I'll...
have my MBA,
be working for a marketing
firm, and hopefully be
happily married.*

I CAME TO SBC KNOWING I wanted to be a business major, but I did not realize how much I would really enjoy it. Sweet Briar's business program allows students to learn theories in the classroom and then apply them to real world experiences.

As a first-year student I jumped right into the introductory business classes. The first class I took was Fundamentals of Management. The class consisted of 3 credit hours based on lecture, and an additional hour a week for lab, where we practiced management skills. The class ran a simulation company of OXFAM, an international organization focused on helping world hunger.

During my sophomore year, I have been able to participate in the lab as a manager. Due to increased student interest in the business program, the class had to be offered both semesters. So I, along with two other students, with the help of our professor, worked to create a management lab based on Habitat for Humanity.

We decided to have four main events for the class to manage during the semester to promote awareness and raise funds—a penny drive, a speaker, a Battle of the Bands, and build days. As a manager of the class I was able to start a completely new project. I oversaw all of the necessary elements needed to ensure the success of the lab. My colleagues and I meet weekly to discuss plans. We also meet with our professor and the Habitat representative. The lab provides management skills that cannot be learned from a textbook. I am very grateful to be able to be in a management position as a

sophomore, and I feel confident that I will be able to start new projects in the real world because of this experience.

Also as a first-year student, I ran for the position of treasurer of the class of 2008. I was elected and very excited to be representing my class. Holding the position of treasurer my first year allowed me to help generate funds for our class and future events. As a class, we decided to sell ElizaB products and the sale was a huge success. Because the fund-raiser was so successful, we continued it this year.

The funds we raised helped us to fund an amazing Fall Mixer. It was a Masquerade Mixer. Our hard work paid off; the dance was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Kristin Chapdelaine '08,
class treasurer

6. Miriam Choi '06

MAJOR
Sociology

HOME TOWN
Oxnard, CA

BIRTHDAY
February 28, 1984

LAST BOOK READ
*The Curious Incident of the
Dog in the Night Time*
by Mark Haddon

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Salisbury Steak and Rice

People would be
surprised to learn...
I took Taekwondo when I
was younger but quit at a
brown belt.

In ten years I'll...
This is horrible to admit,
but I'm not much of a
planner. I like to take
things day-by-day.
Ideally, I'd like to be
an editor for a publication
and be married, possibly
with kids.

AFTER DISCOVERING THAT I'M FROM CALIFORNIA, people always ask me, "So what made you decide to come to Sweet Briar?" I don't blame them. Who in her right mind would go to school 3,000 miles away from home? Who would leave year-round 60-80 degree weather and a five-minute drive to the beach for a small, all women's college in the middle-of-nowhere Virginia with snow in the winter and humidity in the summer? To tell you the truth, the main reason I came here was because Sweet Briar offered me a large amount of merit-based scholarship (hey, just because I live an hour from Hollywood does not mean my family is rich). The money was a self-esteem booster—"If this school is willing to invest in me," I thought, "I might as well go." Looking back on my years at Sweet Briar as a senior, I realize just how many beneficial experiences and opportunities this College has given me, one being pursuing my interests and developing professional experience as the editor of the school newspaper for two years.

I was editor of the school newspaper in eighth grade and as a senior in high school. When approaching college, I was getting tired of journalism. What if journalism wasn't really for me? I wanted to explore other possible interests. I was going to stay away from the school newspaper in college, I thought. I was wrong. It all started when I enrolled in a News and Feature Writing class during the fall of my first year. The students in the class acted as the staff writers for *The Voice*, the campus newspaper. At the end of the year, the editor was having difficulty recruiting an editor for the following year. She divided the position into three areas. As a rising sophomore, I became co-editor of *The Voice* by default. After much dedication to the newspaper, *The Voice* was awarded "Comeback Club of the Year" by Inter-Club Council. During the fall of my junior year when I studied away at American University, the school newspaper took a temporary leave of absence because of a lack of interest by students. When I returned in the spring and Co-Curricular Life was once again requesting applications for editor, my thoughts kept fluctuating. On the one hand, I wanted my senior year to be less stressful and I wanted to dedicate more of my time to my senior seminar project and my post-graduation job search. On the other hand, I didn't want



Miriam Choi '06, editor, *The Voice*

The Voice to die, and I wanted to leave the school with a bang. Guess what? I was the only one who applied. Once again, I became editor by default.

If I had gone to a larger school, the chances of me becoming editor of the school newspaper, especially as a sophomore, would probably have been slim. But *Sweet Briar* has provided me with that experience.

Managing a school newspaper is tough. I've learned to work with people with whom I don't get along. I've learned to motivate staff writers to contribute—since submitting articles is completely voluntary—and to be patient with staff writers when they miss deadlines. I've learned to work with administrators and to use them for our benefit rather than to work against them. With many long nights and weekends spent in the Publications Office, I've learned what commitment takes and how to manage my time effectively.

I enjoy being involved with *The Voice* for three major reasons. One, I've always loved to learn and to share that knowledge, especially if it's interesting, with other people. I value dissemination of information. We all live in a pink bubble. News is important to keep us up-to-date on what is happening in our community, to connect us with other members. The newspaper is also important as a forum to share ideas and express opinions. Two, I love the whole process of working together, as cheesy as that may sound. *The Voice* staff is like an organism, composed of interrelated parts (being a sociology major, I have to point out that that is the functionalist theory). Without the writers, I don't have articles to place. Without the distribution manager, the newspaper may be done and ready but it won't be accessible to the public. Without the layout editor, I'd have to do layout all by myself (and believe me, it's really tedious). Last but not least, I love the camaraderie between the staff during meetings. There's also one first-year in particular whom I know I have impacted in some way. By encouraging her with her writing, by delegating her copy editing tasks, I am helping her grow as a person.

Although I spend most of my time working for *The Voice*, I've also participated in a variety of other activities on campus. I currently work as a student assistant in the Academic Resource Center, helping students edit their papers. I also act as a representative of the Sociology Department for the Academic Affairs Committee. In the past, I've worked as a tour guide and a Phonathon assistant (contacting alumnae for donations is not an easy task!) and performed community service through Circle K (the college and university arm of Kiwanis International).

7.

Mercedes Conde '06

MAJOR

Education (Preschool Education
and Educational Counseling)

HOME TOWN

Seville, Spain

BIRTHDAY

July 30, 1977

LAST BOOK READ JUST FOR FUN

La Tabla de Flandes
by Arturo Perez-Reverte

FAVORITE DINING HALL FARE

Polato Omelette

*People would be
surprised to learn...
I like raw meat.*

*In ten years I'll...
be in a house in the
country, growing my own
vegetables, working on
creative projects, raising
kids, enjoying the sunset.*

THE FIRST TIME I HEARD about Sweet Briar I was in Seville, a beautiful city in the South of Spain. I asked one of the teachers I worked with if she knew any course I could take during the summer in the United States. She told me about the possibility of studying abroad and working as a teaching assistant in the Spanish Department in a college in Virginia. My first reaction was, "Virginia? No way!" The reason was very simple. My boyfriend was living in California and Virginia was too far from him.

The next day at work she showed me the Web site and told me more about her experience at Sweet Briar years ago. She also told me I only had one day to decide if I wanted to accept the opportunity. Too many thoughts came to my mind. I had to quit my job, leave the apartment I had bought a few months ago, my family, my dog...After talking with my parents and my boyfriend, it wasn't such a difficult decision. Coming to Sweet Briar was a once in a lifetime chance that I couldn't miss.

I was very nervous and a little scared at first. This would be the first time I would be out of my country for such a length of time, and although I spoke English fluently I still needed to learn a lot. I was also afraid of being at a college full of girls. I've never been the typical girl—feminine and delicate. I've never liked to talk about shopping or body lotions. Fortunately, at Sweet Briar I found some girls like me.

Although I haven't been to any parties or many social events, I have met some very interesting girls who have changed the prejudices I had

*Katherine
Anne Ellis*

Katherine Anne (KC) Ellis '08

MAJOR
International Affairs

HOME TOWN
Fontana, CA

BIRTHDAY
March 15, 1986

LAST BOOK READ JUST
FOR FUN
Ann Veronica
by H.G. Wells

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Chicken Strips and
Sugar Cookies
(but not simultaneously)!!!

*People would be
surprised to learn...
I'm terrified of Steven
Spielberg's E.T.*

*In ten years I'll...
Hopefully be working
overseas in an Embassy
where I can live in a
beach-side condo with
my dog Fabian!*

I'M FROM THE SUNNY suburbs of Southern California and never really expected to leave. So naturally, I stayed in California for my first year of college. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite what I expected, and I was a little disappointed. Ironically, that year I met Victoria Rangel '06 at a community service event in CA. Without knowing she was a Sweet Briar alumna, I had mentioned how I was unsatisfied with my current university. She suggested I transfer to Sweet Briar. I was familiar with the school because in high school I had actually gotten the paperwork to apply to SBC. I came out to visit that May and fell in love with the College. Some say I haven't been the same since.

Terrified and anxious. I transferred to Sweet Briar in the fall of 2005, not knowing what to expect. I didn't realize how hard it was going to be to meet people since I had never had that problem before. ~~And~~ everything is different when you're 3,000 miles away from home. I adjusted to everything and continue to every day. I moved here on my own and as a result developed a profound sense of independence. Yet, the friends I have made and the resources here have helped me adjust. Transferring to Sweet Briar College quite possibly has been the most difficult thing I have ever done, but I've been taught that the only way you can appreciate life is to step outside of your comfort zone and experience things on a totally different level.

I have also learned a lot from my professors. I have enjoyed their classes and laughed often. I will never forget Professor Metzidakis gesticulating, the sarcasm of Rosalia Ascari, and the sweetness of Natasha Copeland. I have learned to be more patient—thanks to Professor Monk, and Paige Critcher, my photography professor, has opened my eyes and my heart to a wonderful world full of images in black and white.

I'd like to be funny, write something hilarious, but when I think of the days I have lived at Sweet Briar the only words I can write are adorned with gratitude. This year also gave me the opportunity to live closer to my boyfriend and to begin making important decisions about our future. I have accepted the fact that I am going to live in Virginia for the next couple of years. I'll miss my country, my friends, my family, the language and the food, but I have also found that home is where the heart is, and my heart is with the man I love. Virginia is for lovers, right? A new life has just begun for me thanks to Sweet Briar.



Mercedes Conde '06

about living in an all-female environment. I am older than most of the girls on campus. Sometimes I have felt too old for certain activities. I have found myself remembering how I used to be when I was 18. This has not only given me the opportunity to analyze how I was and how I have changed through the years, but also to reinforce who I am. Thanks to this experience, I have found the strength to be faithful to my convictions and always to be honest with myself.

I also have felt ridiculous and embarrassed at times trying to understand the English language through a thick southern accent. In any case, I have laughed at myself and always tried to be positive. There are times when I am sitting in class, and all I hear are nonsense words. I feel like my eyes are about to pop out of my head because I am trying so hard to understand and catch every sound or movement the professor is making.

The professors probably thought I was concentrating, when really my mind was repeating only one word—"WHAT?!"

My experience at Sweet Briar has taught me not only about academics but also about life. In the time I've spent here, I have matured more than the past three years

in Sweet Briar. I have found I can do more things than I had ever imagined. Taking a photography course has been one of the best things I have done here. I have always wanted to study photography but never had the chance. Now I have made a dream come true.



Katherine Ellis '08

I have been able to enhance my awareness level and create a sixth sense that allows me to connect with all kinds of people. I thank my roommate for this, actually. She is a Japanese foreign-exchange student. I love hearing her opinions on everything, from pop-culture to politics. We are so alike; it is as if we were the same person, only from different sides of the world. As a roommate, she became my best friend and I'll never forget the things she taught me. Sometimes, I think that I transferred here to meet her. Fate is a funny girl.

Sweet Briar gives me the opportunity to be in control of my first priority—my education. Small classes allow my voice to be heard and dedicated professors make learning natural, not a chore. I have come to love the many leadership opportunities that are here, in addition to all of the resources that ensure my happiness and health, not only as a student but also as an athlete and leader.

When I'm not living in the library, I'm out on the softball field. I never thought that I would be playing ball in college, but as fate would have it, I made my way out to the field. Now I'm a part of something bigger than just myself. Being on a collegiate athletic team has taught me to be confident in my skills and abilities, both on and off the field. I have made friends that I'm sure I'll have for life, and that's just icing on the cake.

Transferring to Sweet Briar probably has been the best decision I have made, since I am actually seeing my dreams become reality. I'm becoming the person I've always wanted to be. I'm learning about my passions and finding new ones.

Jessica Hopson '07

MAJOR

Sociology

HOME TOWN

Leesburg, VA

BIRTHDAY

October 8, 1985

LAST BOOK READ

JUST FOR FUN

Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld

FAVORITE

DINING HALL FARE

Grilled Chicken

and Curly Fries

People would be surprised to learn...

I love tomatoes—they're like candy to me.

In ten years I'll... be involved in law...moving up in a city system as an Assistant District Attorney.

I FELL IN LOVE WITH SWEET Briar the moment I drove on campus. The beauty of the campus coupled with the friendly attitude of the students and faculty appealed to me from the beginning. I've always been shy in new social situations, but once I find my niche I suddenly become an opinionated, rather talkative person. My first semesters at SBC were difficult because I was having a much different experience than my high school friends who attended large, coeducational state schools. As is average behavior for a seventeen-year-old girl, I questioned my decision constantly.

I decided to immerse myself in my studies and friends; getting involved around campus was not a priority, but as my sophomore year rolled on, I realized I was bored. Luckily, I lived in a quad with three good friends, two of whom were very involved upper-classwomen. They encouraged me to go out for positions and jobs around campus and to my surprise, I managed to get everything for which I applied. When I came back this year I couldn't escape the feeling that I'd simply fallen into a very busy schedule. It took some trial and



**Jessica Hopson '07,
Culture Shock chairperson**

error but I feel I've managed to find the right balance of classes, free time and activities with the help of friends, bosses and some nights of very little sleep (but it has happened to us all!).

The best part of getting involved has been discovering what I truly love. CEO (Campus Events Organization) has been one of the greatest experiences I have had and it has everything to do with the people. The training session was a long, but very fun week with a great mix of bonding and learning how to plan and run an event. I am now the chairperson of a group titled Culture Shock. Culture Shock's mission is to make people aware that the viewpoints of minorities and international students are different. This is accomplished through movies, forums and different events. Culture Shock is meant to expose SBC to another culture or subculture through art, performances and workshops.

The idea for Culture Shock came out of a meeting with other members of CEO at the NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) conference. It began with a conversation about the organization trying to appeal to as diverse a group as possible. The conversation continued and evolved until we came up with the idea to begin Culture Shock to appeal to the ethnic and racial minorities on campus, as well as to raise issues not normally discussed among students.

I love being a part of such a great organization that is so inviting to anyone who shows interest. The people in CEO have taught me how easy it is to get involved in anything you choose and that enthusiasm is contagious.

10. Kate Lydin '09

MAJOR
Undecided

HOME TOWN
Mercer Island, WA

BIRTHDAY
June 2, 1987

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
The Princess Diaries
by Meg Cabot

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Make your own Pizza

*People would be surprised to learn...
I crochet afghans for fun.*



Kate Lydin '09

WHEN I FIRST GOT TO SWEET BRIAR. I WAS OVERWHELMED because I was in a new place, had new professors who had new ways of conducting class, and didn't know anyone. However, with all this "newness" around me, there was one familiar thing that made my new environment less intimidating: swimming. Yes, there were new coaches, but the swimming remained the same, and I could draw many parallels to my high school swimming experiences. Swimming forced me to use my time wisely. It, along with my numerous other activities including the Leadership Certificate Program and the tap club, Sweet Tones, kept me very busy during the week, and because I hate turning assignments in late, forced me to do all of my homework for the entire week on the weekends—ensuring everything would be turned in on time.

Over this year, I have spent so much time at the pool with fellow swimmers that they have become a second family. We became especially close after a training trip to Florida over winter break. I never wanted that trip to end. Luckily, the swim team took another very similar trip when we went to our championship meet. During this trip, the stakes were much higher. If we didn't swim well at preliminaries in the morning, we wouldn't make it back for finals in the evening. In addition to swimming, we had fun cheering our coach on in the coach's relay, pretending to ride fake roller coasters, and choreographing a routine for the flex-off contest for which we had to wear snorkels, goggles and water wings.

At the end of the season, the more I wished I could slow down time, or even stop it so that I could still spend every day

Swimming at Sweet Briar has been a great experience and helped me adjust to being so far from home.

11. Renee Modzelewski '06

MAJOR

Government and Economics

HOME TOWN

Virginia Beach, VA

BIRTHDAY

September 9, 1983

LAST BOOK READ

JUST FOR FUN

*Harry Potter and the
Half-Blooded Prince*
by J.K. Rowling

FAVORITE

DINING HALL FARE

Fruit and Cheese Night

*People would be
surprised to learn...
In the future I would like
to open my own event
planning firm.*

DURING MY FIRST semester I was not involved with any aspect of campus life. It was during my second semester when I started to attend events and decided to run for vice president of the Campus Events Organization (CEO). I didn't really know what I was about to get into, but I knew CEO was a great opportunity to get involved in campus life; it is a student-run organization responsible for planning, promoting, and producing programs in all facets of student life. Last semester CEO planned and executed approximately 32 events—numerous dell parties, comedians, novelty events, trips off-campus, and two Homecoming events. The past two years I have been president of CEO and rebuilt the organization with the help of all the great CEO members. Through this rebuilding process, I faced many adverse situations, and individuals who had very different ideas of campus life. From this I learned how to handle confrontational situations in a mature and professional manner, which has made me a more effective leader.

As CEO President, I think delegating has been the most challenging aspect of leadership. I am a "doing it myself to get it done" type of person. I believe this stems from our family motto, "It doesn't happen unless you make it happen," which has been my driving force in life. During my junior year, I realized that the individuals who were involved with CEO were just as passionate about campus events as I was. Their passion gave me incentive to learn how to effectively delegate the organization. This year I have been able to be CEO President instead of chair for each committee.

My recent involvement with the Alumnae Office as Homecoming Intern has also given me experiences that will be helpful in the future. Last summer I spent my time at Sweet Briar, working under Ann Carter, to plan the first-ever SBC Homecoming. My role was to provide the office with ideas on how to make Homecoming a student and alumnae event all would enjoy. I gave my opinions on various events and contributed to the organization of events such as Founders' Day, the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Pink and Green Tailgate, DJ party, and Karaoke Night. The months spent working with the Alumnae Office helped me better understand their role on campus and what they have to offer seniors and other current students.

In a recent job interview with Wachovia I was asked various situational questions regarding leadership positions, confrontations I had to face within those positions, and how past experiences will help me be a success in their firm. Fortunately, I came from a college which gave me the opportunity to pursue my passions in event planning and throughout the interview

I was able to give examples of the various situations I had experienced. I was not sure that I was what they were looking for, due to my math background and government/economics B.A. At the end of the interview, I brought this fear to the interviewer's attention, and she reassured me that math can be taught, but leadership abilities are something that individuals are born with. Two days later I received a call asking for a second interview in Richmond. Going into the second interview I was more confident about myself and my ability to be a success for Wachovia, due to the leadership skills I learned at Sweet Briar. In December, I was offered the position of Financial Center Manager Associate in the General Banking Group—Capital Region. I have recently accepted a job with Wachovia in the Northern Virginia area and am very excited about becoming a member of the D.C. Alumnae Club. *Sweet Briar College has shaped my ideas of leadership, helped me become a more effective leader, and given me experiences that will help me be a success in everything I do.*



Renee Modzelewski '06

12.

Rebecca Helen Penny '08

MAJOR

Biology, B.S.

HOME TOWN

Charlotte, NC

BIRTHDAY

October 18, 1986

LAST BOOK READ JUST FOR FUN

The House of the Spirits
by Isabella Allende
(for about the 10th time)

FAVORITE

DINING HALL FARE

Grilled Sandwiches with Humus
and all the Veggies
from the Salad Bar

*People would be
surprised to learn...
I've never broken a bone.*

*In ten years I'll...
be 29 years old and happy.*

I THINK I GOT LUCKY WHEN I STUMBLED upon a Sweet Briar brochure in the eighth grade. I know that most people don't settle on a college that early (especially not one they had never heard of before), but Sweet Briar was my dream from that day forth. I was attracted to every aspect of the College, and it has been the perfect environment for me since I arrived last fall. I've always had the inner drive to be a leader in my immediate community, but it took the right environment for me to be able to act on those abilities. At Sweet Briar, I was immediately swept into leadership positions and in the second semester of my sophomore year, I find myself more involved than I ever imagined. I'm an instructor for the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP). I also am working toward the new Leadership Certificate, am a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team (IHSA), and the treasurer for Alpha Lambda Delta. It sounds like a lot, and it is, but I enjoy all of my activities and I would never have been able to be so involved at another institution.

The Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP) is the main reason I decided to attend SBC. As soon as I got on campus, and even before, I was asking the program director, Laura Staman, how I could become involved, and how I could become an instructor. It turned out that they needed me, and I started in October of my freshman year. I was excited to jump right in, and with this enthusiasm I was given as much responsibility as I was willing to take. It was amazing how quickly I felt a part of the team, and how easy it was to take an active role in the program. SWEBOP really is a student-run program, and there's plenty to be done. As an instructor, I have had so many opportunities to learn, lead, and follow. Observing the more seasoned instructors has taught me how to run a trip, teach others, and interact with participants. I have gained confidence in my abilities as a leader in any situation through my involvement in SWEBOP. My skills and abilities have been tested in real situations as well as in intensive training programs; this has shown me that I can do far more than I might have imagined. I have led backpacking, canoeing, and climbing trips, and through each activity, my skills, both in technical pursuits and leadership, have been strengthened. I even led a backpacking and canyoneering trip to Utah for Spring Break. SWEBOP hasn't simply been about learning how to do things, or even just how to interact with people; it's learning that I'm capable of almost anything I set my mind to. I can



Rebecca Penny '08 repels from a mountain in Goshen Pass, VA on a day trip with SWEBOP

lead, and people will follow, and we'll all have a great time in the process.

Being a member of the class of 2008, I also have the opportunity to be in the first class to earn the new Leadership Certificate. The program focuses our thoughts and efforts on leadership and gives us a framework in which to reflect upon our experiences. The first component I completed was the Leaders Emerging and Achieving Program (LEAP). Over the fall 2005 semester, I met with Kelly Espy, Director of Residential Life and Housing, and the other members of my group to plan a service project for the Amherst community. We organized a holiday event for a nursing home near campus complete with cards, cookies, crafts, and, of course, Bingo. It went fantastically well and was something of which we were all proud. I can't wait to have more experiences like this during the completion of the last two phases of the Leadership Certificate, and I value the experiences I've already had with the program.

I feel that every day at Sweet Briar is an opportunity for leadership. There is always the chance to assist others or serve

the campus community. It might be in my job at SWEBOP, a formal extracurricular activity, or just in a conversation between classes. These experiences have strengthened me beyond anything I've ever envisioned, and I am excited for the future.

13. Natalie Pye '07

MAJOR
Classical Studies

HOME TOWN
Atlanta, GA

BIRTHDAY
March 3, 1985

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
Perfume
by Patrick Suskind

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Breakfast/Brunch—nothing
beats a fresh Grapefruit and
a Bagel with Chive Cream
Cheese...yum!

*People would be
surprised to learn...
I'm trying to teach myself
Swahili.*

*In ten years I'll...
hopefully be putting my
law degree to good use
working with a human
rights NGO.*

IN MY THREE YEARS AS A SWEET BRIAR student, I've been able to take advantage of many fantastic and diverse opportunities. I've gotten involved in SGA, I'm a member of tap clubs, I've studied abroad, I've gone to lectures, concerts, and comedians, and I've made some enduring friends. However, one of my favorite experiences is participating in the Summer Honor's Research Program last summer. At the end of a grueling sophomore year (known rightly by college students everywhere as "the sophomore slump") I made the trip back to Virginia from Atlanta with some trepidation. Would I get bored out being at Sweet Briar for another two months? Would my project be good enough to measure up to years past? Would I have any human contact during the quiet months on a campus that doesn't really bustle during the semester? With these questions buzzing in my head I moved into my new home in Carson and waited for the summer to begin.

I did not have long to wait before my worries vanished and I knew that I would not be disappointed with my decision to apply for the grant. As a classics major, I had always considered the Summer Honors program to be more for the science students attempting to cure cancer and discover theorems, but at the urging of my advisor, Eric Casey, I began the application process. With the ancient world as my oyster, I made the difficult decision to narrow my research to determining the nature of 'madness,' especially as evidenced in the lives of the early Roman Emperors. Luckily this topic was broad enough for me to read both Greek and Roman materials, an ancient history buff's dream come true. Professor Casey, as well as his inconceivably comprehensive personal library, was invaluable in the research process; each weekly meeting left me scurrying from his office with an armload of books and a list of even more to check out from the library, eventually forcing me to find another bookshelf for my room.

As if the material wasn't enough to make the experience unforgettable, the other participants in the program were the icing on the cake. With two freshly graduated seniors serving as research role models, many of the girls doing humanities research soon bonded together, helping each other find books or get distracted. Taking full advantage of the portable nature of our projects, we would often be found on the Dell surrounded by small mountains of books. Getting carried away by our research, we soon formed a reading group, reading a book by the French philosopher, Michelle Foucault, each week and then gathering

to discuss it with Professors Casey and Gutierrez, usually over a home-cooked meal. These "book club" meetings became a high point, allowing us to take a break from our projects and have a nice discussion with our friends and some of our favorite professors.

While the various projects caused a natural split between "humanities" and "Guionite" camps (like the Sharks and Jets, but without the hostility), on Thursday afternoons we all gathered together to hear what two of the advising professors were working on themselves. These meetings not only allowed all the participants to gather for a free meal, but also gave us examples of what was expected of our own final presentations looming at the end of the summer. While I enjoy public speaking and was pleased with the progress of my research, I was certainly nervous about standing before my peers and professors to present my own theories. In the end, however, everything came together and the presentations turned out to be an enjoyable culmination of eight weeks' hard work.

...and we all enjoyed the cozy academic family we had created, knowing that our idyllic afternoons researching on the Dell were at an end, ... But I left with a feeling of satisfaction, knowing that I could be proud of the work I had done and happy to add that experience to the many others that I will always look back upon with fondness.



Natalie Pye '07 in Athens, Greece

14.

Alison Sims '09

MAJOR
Psychology/Classics

HOME TOWN
Alpharetta, GA

BIRTHDAY
January 16, 1987

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
Their Eyes Were
Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Moose Tracks Ice Cream (haha)

People would be surprised to learn... that while living in Alaska, I accidentally rode my bike underneath a moose.

In ten years I'll... be working in a Children's Hospital after hopefully attaining my master's or doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

Alison Sims

COMING TO SWEET BRIAR as a first-year rider was a little intimidating, but mostly exciting. Once I arrived, I was eager to finish my placement rides and to meet some of the other riders in the program. Riding placements went well, and soon I was in a regular lesson and schedule. When it came time to decide whether or not I wanted to try out for certain teams, the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) team in particular, I thought it would be something I would really enjoy. Having no idea what I was up against, I figured trying out would at least put me on the map for future teams. I was very excited when I learned I had made the team, and to my delight, I have had a fabulous season competing in the Open division.

In addition to IHSA, I enjoyed competing as an individual in on- and off-campus events with Sweet Briar horses. I am also fortunate enough to be riding for the ANRC team. *someone had told me that I would make the team as a freshman I probably would not have believed them. Already, I've accomplished more than I anticipated in my first semester of*

When I was looking at different collegiate programs, I was at a point in my life where I was ready to be taken apart as a rider and put back together. I chose to ride here because I thought I could get the most constructive criticism and focused training from the program and its many options.



Alison Sims '09 with SBC's horse, Renaissance

I have been riding for 12 years. I was never the kid with the natural talent or perfect body type. I did not have the ability to own the perfect made horse or show every weekend. Everything in my riding career has taken intense work, patience, and passion. I am proud of the work I have done so far and now that I am at Sweet Briar, I have so many more opportunities to go even further.

Besides riding, I have participated in and enjoyed several on-campus organizations and events. I am a member of the Student Relations Committee and PAWs (People for Animal Welfare). I have recently picked up a job at the barn and am involved in the Honors Program. I owe a lot of my academic success to Professor Eric Casey and Professor Cathy Gutierrez. I have a feeling they will be the kind of teachers and friends I will never forget. I know I will never be able to thank them enough for their patience and guidance during the frantic late night phone calls discussing intense paper topics and mind-boggling interpretations. I hope to major in psychology so that I can go on to graduate school. I would like to be an Occupational Therapist in Pediatrics.

My experience at Sweet Briar has been very constructive—even on a personal level. Training in the riding program as well as SBC's excellent academics and close, personal atmosphere have allowed me to thrive.

15.

Karen L. Summers '07

OFFICE MANAGER,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

MAJOR

Sociology
(Turning Point student)

HOME TOWN

Madison Heights, VA

BIRTHDAY

December 2, 1962

LAST BOOK READ

JUST FOR FUN

The Corrections
by Jonathan Franzen

*People would be surprised to learn...
I am a self-taught gourmet chef!*

*In ten years I'll...
be working at Sweet Briar,
with at least a Master's
Degree, and hopefully
grandchildren!*

WHEN I BEGAN MY EMPLOYMENT HERE TWELVE years ago, I never thought my position at Sweet Briar would develop into a professional career, nor did I think Sweet Briar would become my *Alma mater*. With the strong encouragement of my superiors, Deborah Snead Shrader '78, and President Betsy Muhlenfeld, I decided to become a Turning Point student. A Turning Point student is a student who is at least 24 years of age or who has been out of formal education for at least four years. I began to take one class at Sweet Briar each semester. I explored various disciplines by enrolling in a range of courses before settling on sociology as my major. It's ironic that I developed a love for the studies I enjoyed least in high school; they now have become my focus in College. I have finished the courses for my sociology major and will graduate in 2007.

President Muhlenfeld once told me that my children probably would not remember what I packed them for lunch, or that I ironed their clothing, but rather that I worked a full-time job, raised a family, and went back to college. Now that they are grown and college students themselves, I believe this to be very true. As the Statement of Support for the College's Mission identifies: "Sweet Briar continues its commitment as an independent undergraduate women's college in order to devote its resources to the education of women in the full range of the liberal arts..." I feel that Sweet Briar has indeed fulfilled this commitment in my regard by being flexible with my work hours and providing me with the autonomy I needed in this personal quest.

Being a Turning Point student, I feel I have been able to set an example for Sweet Briar women of today—it is possible to pursue your own career and education and still be there for your family.

Though I am not quite at the finish line, I must say that despite all of the extra work and demands on my time, working toward my degree has been a rewarding journey. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had here and for the support of my superiors.



Karen Summers '07, Office Manager, President's Office

16.

Olivia Ungerer '06

MAJOR

Sociology/Spanish

HOME TOWN

lakewood, NY

BIRTHDAY

May 3, 1984

LAST BOOK READ

JUST FOR FUN

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

FAVORITE

DINING HALL FARE

Blueberry Scones

*People would be surprised to learn...
I still sleep with my
baby blanket.*

*In ten years I'll...
be running a charity
organization that focuses
on helping and improving
the lives of underprivileged
and neglected children in
Latin America, and happily
married with a child and a
couple more on the way.*

MY TYPICAL RESPONSE

when asked why I came to Sweet Briar all the way from western New York is simply, "Well, my older sister went here and I could easily see myself following in her footsteps." I know it sounds like a rather generic response, but it is the truth. *Now that I'm almost ready to leave SBC I realize that while my older sister may have been the reason I came, she was definitely not the reason I stayed.* Don't get me wrong, having her here helped me to understand the inner-workings of Sweet Briar traditions, Hampden-Sydney boys, dorm life, drinking wine on "school nights," sleeping until noon on weekends and throughout Christmas break, and the crankiness that comes along with a college workload.

Although she graduated right before I got here, her friends weren't about to leave me to fend for myself; they dragged me out to Hampden-Sydney, Boathouse Parties, introduced me to "secret" clubs, and welcomed me with open arms.

Following my sister, who I look just like, sound just like, and walk just like, I worried I would always be known as "Tasha's little sister." But it was relatively easy to pave my own path. Now there is another girl on campus, who looks just like me, sounds just like me, even walks just like me, and is going through the same things I once went through as a freshman. Luckily for her, she has her fun older sister on campus to drag her along to all the typical Sweet Briar activities. She gets to decorate my senior robe, walk with me at Founders' Day, be my driver during the garlic festival, come to the Boathouse parties, and walk beside me for lantern

bearing, wear the robe she once decorated, share my lineages, and show the incoming freshmen where to find the fun Sweet Briar. She may have spent the year being known as "Olivia's little sister", just as I was once "Tasha's sister", but to anyone who knows both of us, it is apparent how different we are, despite the looks, voices, and walks. I know that Sweet Briar will do for her what it did for me: really let her flourish as her own person and let her leave her own legacy.

Sweet Briar, sisters aside, has provided me with the most amazing experiences of my life. I spent my junior year abroad living in Seville, Spain. This experience let me explore the world outside of America and outside of my small-town rural life. I spent how much there is to see in the world and realized that I cannot spend my life stuck in one place—I was meant to travel and live abroad! This year has been filled with anxiety, anticipation, excitement, and curiosity about what is next in my life, but I finally feel that I have some direction and a true passion that will drive me toward my career ambitions. I know that the next two years will be full of adventure, learning, diversity, and unforgettable experiences due to my decision to work and live abroad. I am working my way through the Peace Corps application process as well as applying for teaching positions in Latin America. The mission, ideals and goals of the Peace Corps match my personal ideals and goals to a "T," and I hope to receive an ideal placement. My interests and current goals



(L-r): Olivia Ungerer '06 with younger sister Mary Ungerer '09

revolve around Latin American culture because of my plans to pursue the Spanish language further, but my true passion lies in helping others and working hands-on in the humanities field in different cultural societies, so I won't be too disappointed if the Peace Corps decides to send me elsewhere.

As my time at Sweet Briar draws to a close, I find myself feeling confident that I can approach whatever it is life has in store for me with assurance, an open mind, and confidence because of my experiences and opportunities here at Sweet Briar. I saw how SBC prepared my oldest sister for the "real world," matured her, and made her nicer to her younger sisters; now I see what all it has done for me: and I have so much confidence that it will do the same amazing things for my younger sister.

17.

Joanna Katherine Wood '06

Philosophy

HOME TOWN
Hopkinton, MA

BIRTHDAY
November 11, 1983

LAST BOOK READ
JUST FOR FUN
100 Years of Solitude
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

FAVORITE
DINING HALL FARE
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies!

In ten years I'll...
own a slow foods movement
restaurant.

Joanna Wood '06
with a robe from the
University of St. Andrews

I SPENT MY JUNIOR YEAR Abroad at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, the home of golf and, perhaps, the best scones in the world. St. Andrews is a picturesque and quaint fishing town that retains old world charm; shops and cafés line the streets while the fragmented St. Andrew's Cathedral and Castle loom over the sea. The Fishmonger, the Cheese store, and the North Point all mesh in aromas and tastes that attract locals, students, and golfers.

Looking for a challenge and a way to burn off those extra calories from all of the scones, a friend and I decided to train for the London Marathon. Although injuries prevented us both from completing the marathon, our training gave us a unique perspective of Scotland as well as other European countries in which we traveled. We spent months running through golf courses, down sea-scaped bike trails, and on country roads that wound through sheep pastures and farms. We jogged to nearby Scottish towns, such as Crail, and recovered on bus rides back to St. Andrews. In Vienna and Budapest, we persevered on treadmills in gyms where the women sported white jean shorts,

and red spiral staircases rose up to the locker rooms. We ran on cobblestone streets in Prague and passed the Danube River and the numerous shops that sell amber jewelry. Running proved to be an interesting way to immerse ourselves in the culture of different cities and countries; we were able to encounter culture, literally, off the beaten track.

Not surprisingly, many of the highlights of my experience abroad were my travels. I spent a week in Paris with three friends in a flat near the Eiffel Tower, bathed in thermal baths in Budapest, sipped the world's best coffee in Vienna, and made snow angels in the square in Prague. In London, I shared Thanksgiving dinner with friends from Sweet Briar, and I spent a week in a house in Crete overlooking the Aegean Sea. I danced at balls in St. Andrews, and I saw Michael Douglas and Hugh Grant play golf on the Old Course. In my travels I encountered all different peoples, customs, and foods. I learned to think, to question, to venture, and to thrive outside the traditional academic setting.

Recently, I attended a Sweet Briar Day Tea at the Zebra Room in Boston where I met several alumnae who studied abroad at St. Andrews. One woman I met had a mother, Katherine Parker Niles '36, who went to St. Andrews. A couple of weeks after the event she sent me her mother's red robe that the students of St. Andrews continue to wear today during the traditional Pier Walks. It never occurred to me that not only would my experience abroad allow me to meet new people overseas but also serve to forge a connection with Sweet

Briar women who have been to St. Andrews in the past. It was a wonderful way to bond with the alumnae of Sweet Briar.

From my experiences abroad I have grown in knowledge and understanding of both the world and myself. I experienced a variety of emotions from sheer exuberance to the inevitable questioning of why am I here. I have learned what I don't know, what I want to know, and how to achieve it. So many of the European students with whom I spoke understood so much about the world and it was humbling. In particular, being abroad during the 2004 Presidential election made me realize how individuals are increasingly becoming citizens of the world and less citizens of nation states.

This insight resonated with me and served in conjunction with a Philosophy and Public Affairs class I took at St. Andrews as a springboard for my Senior Honors Thesis. My thesis examines malnutrition and cosmopolitanism, a global ethic theory, and illustrates the relational aspect of the global food order. The class encouraged me to become much more aware of how interconnected we are and how our choices affect others, in particular those outside the United States.

Studying abroad facilitated a new way to question and think about the world. From training for the London marathon, walking down the streets of old European cities, and savoring the cheeses, wines, and national specialties throughout Europe, I have developed a better sense of self and cultural awareness. My passion for adventure has been kindled and I can't wait to go back.



Promises Matter

Prospective Student/Parent Response to the Sweet Briar Promise

KENNETH T. HUUS, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS



In the fall of 2004, after the various components that make up the Sweet Briar Promise had been approved, we began talking about them loudly and to anyone who would listen. In the Admissions Office, we made it a point to talk about the Promise ideas with every visitor to campus, with every student we saw during our travels, with every high school guidance counselor, and to anyone we passed in an airport, restaurant, or tollbooth (OK, maybe the last three places are an exaggeration, but you get the idea). In addition, we altered slightly the organization of our on-campus open house programs so that we could highlight and showcase the components of the Promise to these large audiences.

The response we received was not surprising—all four primary components (advising, leadership program, study abroad, and internships) resonated very well with both students and parents (and guidance counselors!), with the advising system sticking out as the shiniest of the shining stars. I know in my conversations with individual families, parents especially appreciate what the team approach to advising will mean for their daughter and her preparation for life after college.

And the concept of being able to make connections with alumnae working in areas of career interest has literally been icing on the cake—virtually everyone acknowledges the importance of networking, and the fact that the College is intentionally going to help each student build her own network has garnered special interest and excitement.

This year, as these concepts are being put into practice and have faces associated with them (testimonials from first-year students involved in the leadership program, for example), we're able to talk more specifically and concretely about the programs in place and the benefits our students are realizing. And as this first class of students builds advising teams and completes the expanded leadership certificate, we'll have even more first-hand testimonials at our disposal.

Time will tell whether these programs make a noticeable difference in enlarging the size of the incoming class. Because these are not the only changes being made to increase our enrollment, it may be impossible to measure exactly the individual effect of the Promise ideas. However, I know that parents and students are noting with interest the groundbreaking changes taking place at Sweet Briar and recognizing that the College, looking forward, is making a significant commitment to student success.

THE SWEET BRIAR PROMISE

outlines Sweet Briar's distinctive approach for providing meaningful, enduring education for women. It guarantees:

- Global discovery through summer, semester or year-long international study
- Resume-building internships and work opportunities
- Research opportunities with faculty
- "Customizable majors" to fit the student's goals and interests
- Advising teams comprised of faculty, staff and alumnae
- Extensive opportunities for student leadership through campus organizations and the Leadership Certificate Program

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SRC Milestones: 2005-2006

BY ERIN ROGERS '08 AND KATE DOBIE '06

The Student Relations Committee (SRC) is a group of students who work toward enhancing communication and interaction between the alumnae and current students. During the past academic year, SRC worked diligently with the Alumnae Office in a number of endeavors that successfully strengthened ties between the student body and the alumnae.

SRC kicked off the new school year with two open houses held right before Sweet Briar's first-ever Homecoming Weekend. The open houses were hosted at The Farm House by SRC and Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, director of the Alumnae Association. These competitively-spirited pink (for the even-year classes) and green (for the odd-year classes) occasions offered a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with their sister classes, SRC and alumnae. It was announced at the open houses that whichever group had the most participation at Homecoming (the pink team—seniors and sophomores or the green team—juniors and freshmen) would win a pizza party. Sophomore Diana Simpson noted, "The pink party was an amazing experience! I felt like I understood the

SRC more and felt significantly more comfortable with the alumnae after the event."

The pink team, classes of 2006 and 2008, won the competition and enjoyed a triumphant Pink Pizza Party in celebration of their Homecoming victory. This event was also hosted by the SRC, and greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The occasion and company were so enjoyable that a number of students and SRC members did not want to leave! Next year, the SRC hopes to include alumnae participation at Homecoming in this competition.

Homecoming was a great success and SRC members enjoyed assisting and attending almost every event of the weekend while having fun and learning from the visiting alumnae.

Following the weekend-long occasion, committee members created a survey under the guidance of their adviser, Missy



Photo courtesy of Michelle Badger '06



Suzanne Ramsey, College Relations Office

ABOVE
L-r: Andy Zingaro (Louise's father-in-law), Michelle Badger '06, Katie Vaughan '06, Jill Frier '06, Meg Hammock '08, Laura Jahnke '08, Erin Rogers '08, Liz Killiam '08

BELOW
Standing L-r: Sara Coffey '06, Doreen McVeigh '09, Ferrell Lyles '07, Kelly Crist '06, Jennifer Milby '08, Kristin Palbicke '08, Emily Clifton '08, Emily Vermilya '08, Kristin Chapdelaine '08, Caitlin Keany '08, Alison Sims '09, Katie Beth Ryan '08, Lelise Lewis '09. Kneeling L-r: Michelle Badger '06, Jill Frier '06, Kate Dobie '06

Gentry Witherow '80, assistant director of the Alumnae Association. The survey provided feedback from the student body regarding opinions about Homecoming. The committee enjoyed a large response, producing a useful and comprehensive view of student opinions from the majority of those who attended.

SRC also hosted a series of senior class dinners at The Farm House. The purpose of these gatherings was to introduce the soon-to-be-alumnae to the members of the SRC



Students support QV's and SRC athletics during a SRC sponsored event at Homecoming

Special Recognition

and Alumnae Association. Hosted over the course of several months, these intimate dinners allowed students and alumnae alike to wine, dine, and discuss life after Sweet Briar. Senior Leigh Darrell said, "I really enjoyed my senior dinner at Louise's house—the food was wonderful and it was so nice to get to know Louise, Linda DeVogt '86, Alumnae Association President, and Missy in a relaxed atmosphere."

Overall, those in attendance were pleased with the success of the senior dinners, and hope this new tradition continues for years to come. These dinners were a wonderful example of how the relationships between students, especially seniors, and alumnae, are constantly being given the opportunity to strengthen and grow.

As the spring semester began with full force, so did SRC. Taking into account the bittersweet departure of their senior members, SRC welcomed nine new additions to the team and continued to gather at bi-monthly meetings. They also attended monthly events such as the lecture given by Nella Gray Barkley '55 in October of 2005 and promoted student attendance at the alumnae/student panel during the first Advisory Council meetings held on campus in April. In addition, SRC began perhaps their most challenging work of the Spring Semester: the Senior Class Directory. The task included obtaining contact information and future plans of each member of the Class of 2006 and organizing that information in a directory which was presented to the seniors at a special farewell dinner in April. These directories enable the seniors to stay connected not only with one another, but also with Sweet Briar and the Alumnae Association.

SRC's actions and endeavors throughout the year have been for the purpose of strengthening the student's relationships with alumnae. The committee worked toward helping students, especially seniors, gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be an SBC alumna. During this past year SRC has experienced landmark transitions with new participation, great enthusiasm and a high interest in membership.



(Standing, L-r): Sara Ostrow, Margaret Loebe, Karlana Sakas, Eleanor O'Connor, Suzanne Harvey, Michelle Badger, Jessica Mercier, Renee Modzelewski (Sitting, L-r): Joanna Meade, Carina Muglia, Miriam Choi, Paula Kirkland, Cara Cherry, Irene Maslanik

Twenty SBC Students Make the 2006 Who's Who List

Twenty Sweet Briar students have been named outstanding national campus leaders in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are selected for academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Sweet Briar students listed in this year's edition of Who's Who are:

Michelle Badger '06
Nicole Brandt '06
Cara Cherry '06
Miriam Choi '06
Suzanne Harvey '06
Paula Kirkland '06
Fatima Ibdia '08
Margaret Loebe '06
Irene Maslanik '07
Rebekah McSpadden '07
Joanna Meade '06
Jessica Mercier '06
Renee Modzelewski '06
Christina Moosa '06
Carina Muglia '07
Eleanor O'Connor '07
Sara Ostrow '06
Lea Pyne '06
Guinevere Reyes '06
Karlana Sakas '06



Cara Cherry '06
1st place winner



Kerry Buxton '06
2nd place winner



Katherine Vaughan '06
3rd place winner

Nicole Basbanes Student Book Collecting Contest Winners

Sponsored by Mr. Nicholas Basbanes and SBC's Friends of the Library, the contest is named in honor of Mr. Basbanes's daughter Nicole '04. Students are asked to state the purpose of their collections and ideas for the collection's future development, with a bibliography including at least 10 annotated entries describing each volume and its special interest to the collection and/or the collector. Entries are judged on the collector's stated purpose and goals and how well the collection meets them. The 1st place winner enters the Fine Books & Collections Collegiate Book-Collecting Championship, which will award nearly \$6,000 to students and libraries.

*The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts
is one of the nation's largest and foremost
international working retreats for writers,
visual artists, and composers, located on the
Mt. San Angelo estate adjacent to the College.*



Forsyth Fellowship at the VCCA

AMY RUTH ALLEN, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, VCCA

The Harry D. Forsyth Fellowship for the Visual Arts, awarded to Sweet Briar College alumnae, speaks to the vibrant synergy that has existed between the College and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA) for three decades.

Each year the VCCA awards a Forsyth Fellowship to an alumna who has demonstrated exceptional ability and commitment in the area of the visual arts. The award winner receives a two-week residency at the VCCA and up to \$100 for transportation expenses to attend one of the nation's largest and foremost international working retreats for writers, visual artists, and composers, located on the Mt. San Angelo estate adjacent to the College. In this bucolic setting, the VCCA provides meals, private bedrooms with semiprivate baths and private studios to select professional artists from around the world, hosting more than 300 Fellows each year and more than 3,500 since it began in 1971. Fellows may work uninterrupted in their studios, away from the distractions of daily life, often producing more and better work than could be achieved elsewhere.

Established in 1999, the Forsyth Fellowship was created by a friend of both institutions to honor his father-in-law and to support the VCCA and Sweet Briar's Studio Art Department. To date five Forsyth Fellowships have been awarded.

In the years since the VCCA moved to Mt. San Angelo, the vision of then College President Harold Whiteman, Jr. and Professor of English William Smart to enrich Sweet Briar's educational program by establishing a community of artists near campus has remained

vigorous. An integral part of any artist community is the interaction with one's peers, the lively exchange of ideas and the possibility of collaboration. As one of the few artist residency programs affiliated with an institution of higher learning, the VCCA may offer these experiences and opportunities to Fellows at Mt. San Angelo and on the Sweet Briar campus in the form of readings, lectures, art exhibits and classroom visits. In addition, the VCCA and Sweet Briar have collaborated on many formal programs, enriching the lives of all who come to our communities.

VCCA Fellows have received international attention through publications, exhibitions, compositions and performances, and have gone on to receive such major awards as the Pulitzer Prize, Guggenheim and National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, plus Academy Award nominations.

All Sweet Briar alumnae are eligible to apply for the Forsyth Fellowship. Applicants need not have majored in studio art during their time at Sweet Briar College; however, they should currently be seriously pursuing their own work in the visual arts. The criteria for selection will be achievement or promise of achievement. There is no instruction provided with this Fellowship and the residency must be used within two years of being awarded.

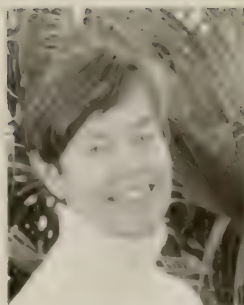
For more information about application procedures and deadlines, write to: Studio Art Department, Attention Laura Pharis, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24593 or e-mail lpharis@sbcc.edu. Additional information about the VCCA may be found online at www.vcca.com.

Susan Crowder '65

My Forsyth Fellowship brought me back to some of my deepest art roots. I developed as an artist while a student at Sweet Briar. I spent a week at the VCCA earlier in my career and already knew the value of time and energy devoted purely to art. Being recognized by my college and the VCCA as a Forsyth Fellow added an extra measure of psychic support and value to my efforts this time.

During the fellowship award of two full weeks of precious time, space and access to Sweet Briar faculty and students, I developed a new body of work and produced a major new piece of sculpture for an upcoming exhibition. The discipline of explaining my work to art students and the feedback I received from other artists expanded the conceptual content of the work. Ideas and imagery developed during my fellowship have continued to percolate through my art and stimulate me in many ways. The Forsyth Fellowship was one of the most meaningful and useful gifts I've ever received.

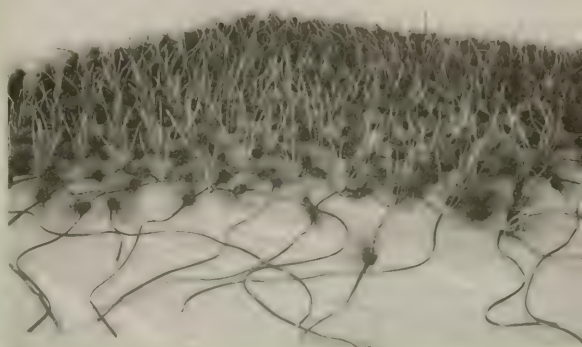
NOTE: For a full listing of Susan Crowder's sculpture installations, selected one-person exhibitions, selected group exhibitions, public collections, grants/fellowships/awards, e-mail her: scrowder@adelphia.net



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LEFT: Susan Crowder '65

**BELOW: *Endangered*, 2003
cable, plastics 6" x 180" x 180"**



Brienna McLaughlin '04

The Forsyth Fellowship gave me a chance to work continuously (without interruption or everyday distractions) in an enormous studio, with a peer group that inspired cross-fertilization between disciplines. The VCCA is every artist's dream and a paradigm for other artist colonies. The work I produced in two weeks (listed under "Medical Paintings" on my Web site: www.brienna.net) was not only a breakthrough for my own artistic development and direction, but also my chance to experiment freely. I explored new media in the quiet solitude of my studio and shared the results of my new discoveries in the comfort of a warm and welcoming artistic community.

The Forsyth Fellowship allowed me to share a studio among professional artists and to share memories that I will treasure forever. I hope to return to the VCCA, as my art career unfolds, and to meet the future Forsyth recipients because I know they will be just as ecstatic as I was this summer.

*Photos of my VCCA paintings: <http://brienna.net/~wsp/paint.html>
Article about my current work: <http://www.theartcampuschronicle.com/brienna-mclaughlin-paintings-051230>, by TD NOTH, Brienna is a Master of Fine Arts in Painting candidate, degree anticipated in June, 2007*

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RIGHT: Brienna McLaughlin '04

BELOW (L-r)

***Threads of bone tissue*, 2005**

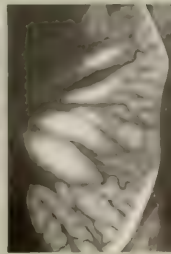
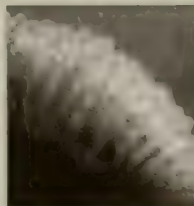
Oil on canvas, 48" x 36"

***Carpeted with papillae*, 2005**

Garnet gel & oil on canvas, 24" x 24"

***Capillary Network*, 2005**

Oil on canvas, 48" x 36"



Jane Rabadi '95

Two weeks spent at the VCCA is relaxing, grounding, centering, creative, enjoyable, refreshing and many, many other things. Let me describe a typical day at the VCCA. I wake up early so I can get energy from the gorgeous breakfast prepared by the VCCA kitchen staff. Then, after enough coffee, I take my music for the day and make the walk to my studio. (I decide my working schedule from day to day depending on how much work I need to accomplish.) After I eat lunch that is delivered to the studio kitchen, I like to take a walk to visit the cows across the back road and watch the trains go by. Then, guess what? I get to make more art until dinner! Dinner is a great time for socializing with the other artists in residence. The evening is either spent back at the studio, swimming in the pool, playing ping pong, watching a movie, visiting other artists' studios or whatever else I'm in the mood for.

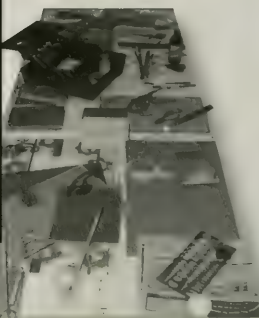
It's amazing how much art is created when there are no job obligations, no phones ringing, no homework deadlines—no distractions at all. I have deeply valued my time spent in the creative, nurturing and private environment of the VCCA and have made memories I'll never forget. Through the partnership of Sweet Briar College and The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and the dedication of Mr. Forsyth, Sweet Briar alumnae are given the incredible opportunity to apply for the Forsyth Fellowship. I encourage you to apply!



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LEFT: Jane Rabadi '95

BELOW: Jane Rabadi's studio/work in progress at VCCA



Elizabeth Sauder '84

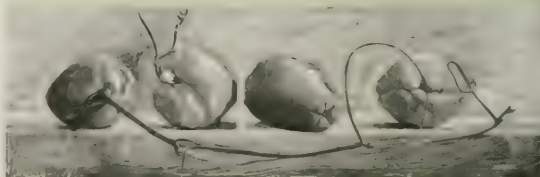
The things that were most exciting for me about my residency at the VCCA were the unbroken, unscheduled blocks of empty time and the big, bare studio. Those two things allowed me to follow a train of thought in several directions at once, something that I hadn't been able to do fully in my small studio and busy life. That concentration of thought sent me off into a new and entirely unexpected place and served as a watershed in my painting.

Photos of me and my work are on my Web pages at my co-op Web site <http://www.artistsincahoots.com>. My very newest of new work (January and February 2006) is up on the Web site <http://www.nelsonfineartsgallery.com>

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RIGHT: Elizabeth Sauder '84

BELOW
**Four Chayotes, 2006,
7 3/4" x 24"**
oil on 23k gold leaf on panel



Myths vs Reality

GIVING TO SBC: NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHARES HER INSIGHTS

THERE IS GREAT NEWS IN THE ANNUAL FUND! Michelle Badger '06 joined Sweet Briar's Annual Giving team as Assistant Director of Annual Giving June 1, after graduating with a double major in history and international affairs and a minor in government. "This is an important position for me," she says. "Eventually I want to work in politics, and what better start can I get than in development?" Her areas of responsibility include the Senior Class Campaign, Young Alumnae Giving, Phonathon, and 5th and 10th Reunion Class Giving. She has many ideas for strengthening these programs and will be a tremendous asset to the Annual Giving team and to the College community.

Having served as an intern in the Annual Fund since February, Michelle knows what the position has to offer and what she brings to it. "I'm excited about the Senior Class Campaign. I'll work with the co-chairs and students to help them understand the importance of philanthropy and to encourage them to remain connected to SBC. Because they know me, I think they will receive the message well," she explains. "The phonathon is another really appealing aspect of the job. It's a powerful way to directly connect students with alumnae and parents. Alumnae especially want to know what is going on at the College and with current students. Part of the students' job is to encourage making a gift to SBC, but it's also about keeping alumnae connected to the College in a very direct way." Michelle brings plenty of energy and enthusiasm to her work. Here are some of her insights into Young Alumnae Giving.



Michelle Badger '06
Assistant Director of Annual Giving

In this second article in a series addressing alumnae misconceptions about giving, the Annual Fund's newest staff member, Michelle Badger '06, focuses on issues faced by young alumnae and offers her insights.

The myth

WHAT ALUMNAE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GIVING TO SWEET BRIAR:

- "I am just starting out in life and it's difficult to find the money. Right now I have other priorities."
- "I'll give when I'm older and I'm earning more. I'm too young to make a big gift and the small amount I could give won't make a difference."

The reality

THE REAL SCOOP FROM MICHELLE:

Being involved in Sweet Briar is the best way to stay connected after graduation and giving to the Annual Fund is one of the best ways to stay involved. By making a gift to Sweet Briar, you are investing in the future of the College and other young women, just as your education was an investment in your own future.

The current comprehensive fee at Sweet Briar is \$31,460 but the *cost* per student is \$52,560. That means that a student paying full tuition with *no assistance* still only pays 60 percent of the total cost of her Sweet Briar experience per year. In addition, 93 percent of all students receive some form of aid, with an average award for need-based aid of \$21,430.

The Annual Fund is vital to making up the difference of the remaining 40 percent and helping to ensure strong financial aid to the best students. Giving to Sweet Briar every year, at any level, is a reminder of the true value—and true cost—of our education. As young alumnae, we have such a great head start in the world by having a Sweet Briar education and we can begin to build our own legacy after graduation by giving to the future of other young women.

I definitely understand how overwhelming finances can be after graduation. First jobs, graduate school, student loans, car payments—the list seems to go on forever. However, making Sweet Briar a priority is easier than you think and starting now will help make philanthropy a habit for life.

Last year young alumnae gave a total of \$53,855 to the Annual Fund and 75 percent of the gifts were \$5 to \$100. ***Every gift is important.*** What is amazing is that out of the 2,624 young alumnae asked to give, only 322 made a gift. That is a participation rate of just over 12 percent. Just think what an amazing impact we would make if even 25 percent of young alumnae participated next year—we could double our impact! Please join me in giving to the Annual Fund. ***Stay connected to SBC, be involved, make a gift and make a difference!***

spotlight

Eileen Scully '78

Wins Award for her Outstanding Teaching

Now a history professor at Bennington College in Vermont, Eileen Scully reflects on her time at Sweet Briar

College with a greater understanding and appreciation of her professors. She believes her most valuable experience at SBC was being taken seriously by her professors. They listened to her, engaged with her, and held her to high expectations—all in a spirit of good humor and positive regard. Becoming a professor herself she has learned how difficult being a good teacher can be. She states, "To teach well is a constant struggle, requiring continual self-reflection and a combination of openness and resistance to student feedback." It is apparent that Eileen is clearly winning the struggle. She recently was awarded the Eugene Asher Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award was established in 1986 and recognizes outstanding teaching and advocacy for history teaching at two-year, four-year, and graduate colleges and universities. The award is sponsored by the Society for History Education and the American Historical Association. Eileen was nominated for the award by her students. Picturing her students "huddling in front of the computer screen to read through the nomination process, and then working over together what they would write is more valuable to me even than the prize itself," she exclaims. Although, she admits actually winning the award has been very gratifying and jokes about having the prize certificate laminated in wallet size in order to have it readily available to confront skeptical students at any moment.

Almost as if a self-fulfilling prophecy, Eileen listed "professor of philosophy" in the "intended career" section of her high school yearbook. However, her journey from high school student to college professor was filled with many curves, speed bumps and foreign countries! Her journey also was peppered with many influential experiences at Sweet Briar. She

recollects a presentation she did for the late Harold Whiteman, president of the College, in which she states, "the singular experience of explaining something complicated and seeing classmates not only getting what I was saying, but genuinely interested, stayed with me." Another memorable experience for her was during her junior year when she studied abroad at Exeter University in Devon, England. She felt this experience, "transformed me, giving me a totally different perspective on life and its possibilities." After that trip, studying abroad became a part of her life and not long after graduation from Sweet Briar she went to Hong Kong through the Yale-in-China program. She then went to Taiwan to teach English language classes. While she may not have realized its impact at the time, a very potent SBC memory sticks to her affecting her everyday teaching. Eileen states, "Sometimes, when I'm wondering what I'm going to say in response to the comments of a student who either doesn't understand the material or only gave it a look-see at breakfast, the vivid image of Ms. Muncy comes to mind. Unblinking, fixed gaze, taking in my analysis of Hitler and Stalin. Then: 'No, Eileen, that's quite wrong. Quite wrong indeed.'"

While at Sweet Briar, Eileen won the Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History, which gave her the confidence and affirmation necessary to attend graduate school at Georgetown University where she received a master's degree in 1983 in Russian Area Studies with language training at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow. Eileen worked on her senior thesis with the late Milan Hapala, who had arranged for an outside reviewer from UVA for her oral defense. She recalls only being able to remember one book during the defense and continually repeating its title. However, the



Eileen Scully '78

experience of writing a thesis and defending it gave her the confidence for the Ph.D. process. Therefore, after several years as a research analyst for the Library of Congress, she went back to Georgetown University to complete her Ph.D. in History in 1993. She then became an assistant professor at Princeton University and has been a professor at Bennington College since 2000.

Eileen has designed her courses in a thinking-and-doing model. This format gets her students to commit to a 'performance' component, and then puts the history content and capacities in the service of that 'performance.' For example, in different courses she has asked her students to create a museum of American slavery; design a political party or non-profit; develop a journey through a particular historical moment; and even create a new world order. Perhaps it is this dedication to continually evolving her classes, making them influential and interesting to her students, which prompted them to nominate her for the Eugene Asher Award.

In addition to teaching history, Eileen imparts her insights and perspective on life to her students in a humorous and powerful way. She admits, "It took me a good long decade after college to really comprehend that my life was my responsibility to create, shape and give meaning." Recently, in a graduation speech she gave at Bennington, Eileen stated, "What is the essence of exhilaration? I think it is being exactly where you are, loving doing what you are doing and those who are in it with you, while feeling truly your 'self.'"

In addition to teaching, she is working on a book entitled, *The Map Song of Sarah Sands*, which is a biography of an African-

American woman born in 1842 in New York who joined a ship's crew in 1863, and ended up a decade later as a pauper-lunatic in Hong Kong. Eileen has already authored a book entitled, *Bargaining with the State from Afar: American Citizenship in Treaty Port China*. She also has published articles and reviews in *The Journal of American History*, *International History Review*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *The Journal of Modern History*, and *The American Historical Review*.

Georgia Herbert Hart '40 Publishes Again

Georgia Hart graduated from Sweet Briar in 1940, and as she looks back at her time at SBC she has many warm memories (some that are quite humorous as well!). She attributes much of her success as a writer to the experiences she had and the people she encountered while on campus. Georgia was an English major and music minor at Sweet Briar—even though Professor Jessie Fraser never forgave her for not being a history major. Georgia recalls many breakfasts sitting with Professor Fraser where she would be asked to recite her favorite poetry. She often chose John Milton's, *L'Allegro*. She recalls liking the poem because it was positive and encouraging. The optimism of Milton's poem can not only be seen in Georgia's poetry but in the way she lives her life.

Georgia recently published her second book of poetic letters, entitled *Lightly Spritely*. She explains that the title reflects the uplifting and spirited poetry found in her book. With so many negative things happening in the world and dark stories on the news, Georgia feels that her book is a good family-oriented collection of writings that truly can be considered a little treasure. The governor of South Carolina

must agree in the value of Georgia's book as he has it sitting out on his coffee table to enjoy in the Governor's mansion! Her book has had much success, even though she quips that she is perhaps a better story teller than poet. She already has had six book-signings in the area, and has led a literary discussion group at the Richmond County Public Library at the end of May. Her earlier publications include a history of Trinity Episcopal Church (1965), a collection of poems and prose, *Of Time and Tide* (1966), and, of which she is most proud, a collection of her father's stories, *Life on a Virginia Farm* (1968).

In addition to writing, Georgia has always had a natural talent for teaching and has spent most of her life in some aspect of education. Directly after graduating from Sweet Briar, she was a newspaper writer for a local newspaper. She spent time on the side as a math coach—one student she taught went on to become a successful multi-million dollar businessman. She has also taught courses at the Shepherd's Center in Richmond and her retirement community (which her friend refers to as a "finishing" school) on poetry, bridge and South Carolina wildlife. Georgia has been very involved with her church and was the chairman of their Christian Education for Women program. While she may not always have felt qualified to teach these courses, she knew she would be good at it because Sweet Briar gave her the confidence she needed to accomplish anything.

While at Sweet Briar, Georgia was in Paint and Patches, the Glee Club, Tau Phi, the Choir and was Head of the Social Committee. She also enjoyed playing golf (in Lynchburg) and riding horses, although her family did not have enough money for her to bring a horse to campus. She explains that in those days students did not leave campus on the weekends, only to go home for Christmas and the end of the semester; instead they spent time at wonderful weekend programs, taking

walks around campus and having tea and cake after dinner with various faculty and staff members. She recalls going on trips with then president of the College, Meta Glass. Georgia considers President Glass a wonderful guide and an outstanding woman. She feels Meta Glass made a large impact on her life.

Nowadays, in addition to writing, Georgia keeps busy with her three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She tries to play golf as often as she can, and was inducted into the South Carolina Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame in 1985. Recently she has been charged with the privilege of writing the foreword to the first-ever cookbook of the Women's South Carolina Golf Association—a task she is very excited and honored to perform!

Information collected from Rachel Haynie, The Columbia Star

Susan Scanlan '69 The Once and Future Feminist Speaks on Campus

Sweet Briar shaped and changed Susan Scanlan's life, but in ways neither she nor Sweet Briar's faculty and administrators likely imagined.

The 1969 graduate now wears two hats. She chairs the National Council of Women's Organizations, an 'umbrella' group of 200 progressive organizations—ranging from Girl's, Inc. to the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the YWCA and The Feminist Majority—that represents more than 11 million women nationwide. Concurrently, she serves as president of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI), a bipartisan advocacy group she co-founded in 1977. WREI's mission is to provide timely data and informed policy analysis to the women serving in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. WREI's flagship program is the Congressional Fellowship on Women & Public Policy, which since 1980 has provided life-changing, career-enhancing opportunities for 275 talented women



Georgia Herbert Hart '40



Susan Scanlan '69

scholars to learn the ins and outs of public policymaking on Capitol Hill.

Returning to campus on March 23, 2006 as part of the College's Women's History Month activities, Susan urged this generation of Sweet Briar women to become involved in the national issues that will affect them and those who come next.

Naturally, this visit led to reminiscences about the Sweet Briar of yesteryear. Susan detailed a few of the changes over the past 37 years, but dwelled on the more important things that remain the same.

She found a sense of continuity in the enduring beauty of Sweet Briar's campus, the energy and enthusiasm of its students and, above all, the way Sweet Briar teaches students to think, engage in the world around them, and to lead.

But the differences are stunning. In 1969, jeans were forbidden on campus and tuition—including food, board, and laundry—was only \$3,165 a year. Strict social rules required students leaving campus to report their destination and to stay in "approved housing" in Charlottesville and Lexington. In her senior year, Susan helped organize a successful campaign to overturn those antiquated social rules.

"It just didn't make sense to require Sweet Briar women to wear heels and stockings when they trekked into Lynchburg. Or that we had to stay at approved housing at UVA and W&L, but not at Princeton or UNC. *In loco parentis* was definitely loco in 1969!"

Despite her independence and activism at Sweet Briar, Susan shared—or at least paid lip service to—the conventional goals of her generation. Her post-graduation plan—along with just about all her classmates—was to be swept off her feet by that 'knight on a white charger.'

"I expected to get married, produce 2.6 children, and live happily ever after, fulfilled in my role as wife, mother and accomplished alumna. I soon discovered what often becomes of our best-laid plans—God had a cream pie up His sleeve for me!"

Before that cream pie was launched, Susan parlayed her election to Phi Beta Kappa and *cum laude* degree in modern languages into a National Defense Education Act Fellowship at Tulane University, pursuing a Ph.D. in French and Italian.

"I enjoyed my 'free ride' to New Orleans, but quickly realized job opportunities for French specialists were few and far between. After the master's, I bailed out for Barcelona, where Jean McKee Carmichael ('70) was living in the Pyrenees with her professional basketball-playing husband. I home-based in Spain, traveled Europe, and put off growing up for almost a year."

Upon her return, Susan translated a high school friendship into a legislative job with Rep. Charles H. Wilson (D-CA).

"In 1972, I ran into Congressman Wilson at his son's graduation from med school," she recalled. "When I mentioned I was looking for a job, he invited me to become his legislative assistant the following Monday. This was my first lesson on how 'who you know' really works in Washington. And I spent the remainder of that weekend boning up on how a bill becomes a law!" she laughs.

Sweet Briar turned out to have been a superb training ground for Susan as she mastered the fight for women's rights. As features editor of the *Sweet Briar News*, she discovered both the power of the

press and how to make a persuasive case. Serving as president of the Chung Mungs taught team-building and public speaking. Plus she was picked by *TIME Magazine* to head "Choice '68," a mock presidential election conducted on college campuses across America.

"The 26th Amendment, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, was under consideration. The Viet Nam War was raging. College students gave Hubert Humphrey a big win over Richard Nixon. But their parents didn't."

So Susan was unintentionally prepared when this seemingly random meeting set her life on an entirely unexpected course: a challenging 30-year career in women's advocacy in Washington.

As she had at Sweet Briar, Susan took to the fray in Congress. Elected officials perpetually look over their shoulder for potential political opponents. Rep. Wilson's worry at the time was a woman mayor back in his Los Angeles District who was making noises about running against him in the Democratic primary. With an eye to shoring up his feminist credentials and primary appeal, Rep. Wilson gave her free rein to work on women's rights.

She used his position on the House Armed Services Committee to write legislation that allowed women into the U.S. military academies. Perhaps the most bitterly opposed bill in Pentagon history—the same arguments against women in uniform are still being raised today—Susan considers its passage in 1976 her most important accomplishment.

"It took only five years from the day they were admitted for a woman to graduate as valedictorian of West Point," she notes with obvious pride. "Today, America's servicewomen play a critical and courageous role in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world. They have become indispensable to our national defense. Just ask the same Pentagon that tried to keep them out of uniform 30 years ago!"

Find your voice. Discover the issue you care about and fight for it. Don't settle or second guess. That's how you build your own place in the world."—SUSAN SCANLAN '69

In 1977, Susan left Rep. Wilson's office to found the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues with the 18 women in the House and one woman Senator. (By way of contrast, 70 Congresswomen and 14 women Senators serve in Congress today.) Among the Caucus's legislative victories that Susan helped win: child support enforcement through financial penalties for 'dead-beat dads,' survivor's benefits for spouses of federal workers and military personnel; allowing widows and widowers to remarry without losing their Social Security benefits; the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; increasing the budget for women's health research at the National Institutes of Health more than twenty-fold; requiring NASA to recruit women into the astronaut program; and establishing Women's History Month.

In 2005, her many achievements were recognized when she was named chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations.

"In the long, hard fight for equality, women have learned that speaking with one voice gets their arguments heard and their views respected in Congress and the White House. My job at the Council is to orchestrate our issues so that policymakers, the press, and the public hear us loud and clear."

Susan's advice to current SBC students: "Find your voice. Discover the issue you care about and fight for it. Don't settle or second guess. That's how you build your own place in the world." She encouraged students to become "...engage[d] in civic debate, to volunteer for important causes, and to take risks—because wisdom comes more from failure than success."

Oh yes, that knight on a white charger eventually appeared in Susan's life. She has been married to public affairs executive Jared Cameron since 1979. He's the one who took her off for the adventure of a lifetime—seven years in China. That's where Susan learned to speak Mandarin, wrote a popular magazine column, and observed, firsthand, the enormous challenges confronting the women of Asia. The Cameron/Scanlans enjoy gardening, traveling, languages, spoiling their three nieces, and fine cuisine.



Anne Smith Simet '63

Anne Smith Simet '63 One of the Best Lawyers in America

Anne Simet began her career as a high school French teacher; now she is one of the *Best Lawyers in America*. Anne graduated from Sweet Briar in 1963 with a major in French. She taught at the high school level for 12 years and then became a professor at Franklin College in Franklin, IN. When she relocated to Ohio, because of her husband's career, she decided to attend law school at Capital University. While there, Anne was the recipient of the Capital University Law School Dean's Award, and was Managing Editor for the *Capital University Law Review* and Associate Justice of the Moot Court Board. Anne also received a master's degree from Yale University.

After graduating from law school, Anne began working at Hodgson Russ, LLP. She was only the fifth woman in modern times to be hired by the practice. Hodgson Russ, LLP established in 1817, currently employs 220 attorneys in all major areas of law. It is among the 200 largest law firms headquartered in the United States; Anne works in the Buffalo, NY office. She began in the litigation department of Hodgson Russ, LLP, working there for 11 years. She then made partner, and currently works in the labor and employment department, specifically with employment discrimination and sexual harassment avoidance.

Anne was named in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. The list is compiled through an extensive peer-review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the United States confidentially evaluate their professional colleagues. Anne states, "I was enormously pleased to be named in *Best Lawyers* primarily because it is a vote of my peers in the legal community."

Anne encourages SBC students to think about a career in law. She strongly believes, "Women bring a unique perspective to whatever profession they select." She also feels the barriers to the advancement of women have been removed, citing that more than 50 percent of law schools' graduating classes are women. Recently, Anne was appointed by the New York State Bar to the "gender equity task force" which is charged with providing "model policies" for law firms and law departments dealing with work/life balance issues, maternity/paternity discussions, and sexual harassment avoidance situations.

While Anne keeps very busy with her law career she still finds time to enjoy her love of architecture with her husband—specifically the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright. They have recently restored one Victorian house and are working on restoring their current Southern Colonial home. She also was past president of the Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc. and is involved with the Buffalo Urban League advisory and the development committee for The Graycliff Conservancy. Anne enjoys spending time with her many nieces and nephews and her new golden retriever.

In addition to studying French at Sweet Briar, Anne played on the SBC field hockey team and spent time bird-watching with Dr. Sprague. She values all that she learned at Sweet Briar—specifically the ability to write clearly and concisely. She also feels the opportunity for her to study abroad in France was extremely beneficial, stating, "The experiences I had in France provided me with knowledge of the culture that proved invaluable in the classroom."



Stephanie Stokes

Stephanie Stokes One of America's Top 100 Interior Designers

Stephanie Stokes' double major in international economics and art history at Sweet Briar was the perfect background for her current career in interior design. Her career path, however, led her in many different directions before interior design. Stephanie also has been an award-winning international photojournalist and a Wall Street banker. She is fascinated by decorative arts and considers it "endlessly seductive" because one can never learn it all and because decorative objects tell the history and economics of the objects' origins.

House Beautiful has listed Stephanie as one of America's top 100 Interior Designers for the past six years. Perhaps her success has come from her constant determination to link beauty and function. Considering herself to be a "full service" interior designer—she is involved from the creation of the architectural design of a room down to the china and linens that complement her designs. Stephanie feels, "Good architectural design and functional layout are essential. Rooms have to work

for the lives of the people who live in them. The art of decoration comes next, but decoration should never be overdone as to be conspicuous or pretentious." A large amount of research is also important in the creation of any room because Stephanie believes design is very closely linked to history.

Stephanie also buys artwork for many of the rooms she designs. She has recently assembled collections of photography, African-American paintings and Arts and Crafts furniture for her various clients. From her world travels and countless visits to other countries' art galleries and museums, she has developed an unusual vocabulary of color, texture and pattern, as well as an extensive knowledge of fine and decorative arts, which enables her to work easily with her art collector clients.

Stephanie has been working on many projects including a townhouse in the Arts and Crafts style (in order to allow the interior to benefit the exterior), two family houses in Bronxville, an apartment with world-class English antiques, an apartment for a collector of Asian art, and a bachelor pad for a 30-year old trader. These different projects can take anywhere from six weeks to two years and they provide Stephanie the opportunity to be creative as she watches the visions in her head become a reality.

Stephanie began her interior design career at Mark Hampton, Inc. She later became a partner of the late Harrison Cultra and established her own company in 1982. Her work has been reviewed in numerous magazines, including *Architectural Digest*, *British House and Garden*, *Traditional Home*, and *HG*, as well as many books including "Kitchens," "Baths" and "Bedrooms" by Chris Madden. She is also in the process of publishing her own book entitled, "Fantasy and Function" which focuses on beautiful apartments and houses that function as well.

Stephanie feels blessed to have been able to study both international economics and art history at Sweet Briar and thinks fondly of the trails she rode every day on campus. She loved Virginia's countryside and considers Sweet Briar one of the "most

beautiful campuses in the world." Recently she hosted a Sweet Briar Day event in her Manhattan apartment (which has been featured in nine magazines including *Architectural Digest*, *Traditional Home*, *House and Garden* and *Quest*) and was delighted to meet some of Sweet Briar's current students and learn how forward-thinking Sweet Briar has become. She feels Sweet Briar is giving women the opportunity to be successful in previously male-dominated professions.

In what little spare time she has, Stephanie serves on various boards including the Sir John Soane Foundation. She also reads several foreign language newspapers every Sunday and travels overseas several times a year. Recently she climbed Mt. Olympus!

Marion F. Walker '72 Joins Ford & Harrison as Senior Counsel

Sweet Briar College prepares her students to be strong women who can go out into the world and accomplish anything they set their mind to accomplishing. Marion F. Walker has done just that over the last 30 years of her law career. Just recently, Marion joined the law firm of Ford & Harrison as senior counsel. Ford & Harrison is one of the nation's largest labor and employment law firms with 150 lawyers and consultants in 16 different offices across the country. Ford & Harrison represents employers in labor and employment issues, including immigration, employee benefits matters, and litigation involving national and international jurisdictions.

Seeing Sweet Briar for the first time as a junior in high school, Marion instantly knew the gorgeous campus and close-



Marion F. Walker '72

knit community was where she would be attending college—even though there were a few things she intended to change when she got to campus! Marion recollects that in

The education I received more than prepared me to attend law school and gave me a curiosity about life that continually enriches me. Importantly, SBC let me have fun and learn."

—MARION F. WALKER '72

1968 when she arrived on campus there were still many rules requiring Sweet Briar students to wear stockings, gloves and hats to shop in Lynchburg in order to preserve the "Sweet Briar image." Ironically, being part of a student team to lead the charge against all of these rules at Sweet Briar taught her about solving problems between people who see the same issues from different perspectives—a talent that would serve her well in her future career as a lawyer. Walker learned just as much out of the classroom as she did in the classroom because of her involvement in Student Government, QVs, Sweet Tones and the golf team (of which she was the only freshman member). She loved all of the traditions at Sweet Briar and hopes they are continuing. She states, "SBC taught me a lot about community and its importance to all. The education I received more than prepared me to attend law school and gave me a curiosity about life that continually enriches me. Importantly, SBC let me have fun and learn."

After graduation from SBC with distinction and a degree in government, Marion attended the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where she was Comments Editor for the *Cumberland Law Review* and Associate Justice for the Moot Court Board. When she entered the law profession, female lawyers were not welcomed in Birmingham. She was one of only five women who ever went to court for several years. At that time, there were only ten women total who practiced in Birmingham, AL. Marion has been a trial lawyer from the beginning of her career and owned her own firm from 1992–2001. Since 1991, she has been closely involved

with employment matters both on the plaintiff's and defendant's side, and since March of 2001, has represented employers with employment advice and litigation. She has handled hundreds of cases and tried more than 55 cases to verdict in federal and state courts and is sought out as a mediator.

As mentioned earlier, Sweet Briar taught Marion about the importance of community, which she clearly still values today. She is involved with several clubs and organizations in her community including: Breast Cancer Research Foundation (Founding Member of Board), The Alabama Solution (Founding Member

of Board), Arlington School Project (Founding Member of Board), First Light, Inc. (Member of the Board), United Way of Central Alabama, Inc. and the YWCA. She also spends much of her time golfing, sailing, reading, traveling, and with her five nephews and three nieces.

If she were to offer any advice to current SBC students it would be, "To make sure they get the best education they can from SBC and they will never be bored; to find their passion and pursue it; to find someone they can live with and learn to love; and to hold on to friends and family even when it gets hard."

Joanna Wood '06 Named Presidential Medalist

President Muhlenfeld presented Joanna Katherine Wood, from Hopkinton, MA, with Sweet Briar College's 2006 Presidential Medal at the Academic Recognition Dinner March 22nd. The Presidential Medal is the highest all-around honor that Sweet Briar bestows on a student. It honors seniors who have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community; contributions to the arts; enlargement of our global perspective; athletic fitness and achievement; leadership, and contributions to the community discourse. Honorees receive a replica of the President's Medallion given to SBC presidents at their inaugurations.

Having spent her junior year at St. Andrews University, Scotland, Joanna was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a minor in Biology. Her honors include membership in the National Honor Society, recipient of the Betty Bean Black Scholarship, First-Year Honors, and Dean's List. She is a member and former treasurer of Alpha Lambda Delta and has served on the Judicial Committee since her freshman year as an elected representative and secretary.

A QV and an athlete, Joanna is involved in a number of activities on campus. She is a member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team and Golf Club. She serves on the Academic Affairs Committee and is also a participant in LEAP (Leaders Emerging and Achieving Program) and Habitat for Humanity.

At Sweet Briar, she not only has distinguished herself intellectually and in service to the community, but also has involved herself with the innermost workings of the broader community of alumnae as the Alumnae Office Intern for Reunion 2006.

Joanna, a multifaceted young woman, has made impressive contributions to the Sweet Briar community.

Ed. Note: For more about Joanna, see "The Sweet Briar Student of Today" article beginning on page 2 of this issue.

President Muhlenfeld with Joanna Wood '06



Bulletin Board

Open Your Doors...

TO ALUMNAE, CURRENT STUDENTS, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

PACK YOUR BAGS AND JOIN FELLOW SWEET BRIAR TRAVELERS FOR THESE UPCOMING TOURS ABROAD!

October 7-24, 2006
China's Silk Road

December 27, 2006-
January 5, 2007
New Year's in Morocco

May 4-12, 2007
**Village Life along the Waterways of
Holland and Belgium**

October 19-November 3, 2007
Argentina, Chile and Patagonia

May 29-June 6, 2007
**Village Life Along the
Dalmatian Coast**

August 2-10, 2007
Village Life in the Dordogne

Contact Melissa Coffey '98,
Tour Coordinator, Alumnae Office, for
details: 800-381-6131;
434-381-6243; mcoffey@sbc.edu

We have learned that alumnae, students and parents love to visit Sweet Briar homes. The very gift of this College came via the doorway of an open home and the belief in higher education for young women: Sweet Briar House.

Each fall, President Muhlenfeld welcomes groups of new students to Sweet Briar House for "Brownies with Betsy." In December she hosts holiday events for faculty, staff, and retirees, and in the Spring honors retiring faculty.

At Reunion 2006, Dean Green and his wife Lynn opened the Deanery doors to welcome the Class of 2001 to its first Reunion, Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80 welcomed the class of 1986 to The Farm House for its 20th, and Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko invited alumnae to Red Top.

Many alumnae also opened their doors. In December and January, Sweet Briar Alumnae Clubs hosted an unprecedented 31 Sweet Briar Days; 17 of these celebrations were in alumnae homes. This personal touch added to the excitement of the day and truly exemplified Sweet Briar's close-knit community. Alumnae hostesses included: Jan Huguenin Assmus '69, Stephanie Stokes '64, Kimberley McGraw Euston '92, Elizabeth Wyatt '69, Kerri Rawlings Burtner '97, Julie Hildebrand '96, Betty Phillips Iupton '58, Sandra Taylor '74, Linda DeVogt '86, Sarah Belk Gambrell '39, Elvira McMillan Tate '65, Irene Maslanik '07, Judy Brown Fletcher '71, Mason Bennett Rummel '83, Dayna Avery Hulme '86, Vikki Schroeder '87, Ellen Sellers McDowell '77.

We ask you to open your doors for a Sweet Briar Day, while the students are home on holiday,

for a Back-to-School event to welcome new students and parents, or for a lecture by a visiting professor. These are opportunities to reunite friends and introduce newcomers to SBC's lifelong community.

Call your club president or the Alumnae Office to open your doors. And please remember: our door is always open at the Alumnae Office!



Alumnae Association President Linda DeVogt '86 opens her door

Remember the Honor Roll of Donors is now online...

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Cheryl Steele

Cheryl L. Steele New Dean of Co-Curricular Life/Vice President for Student Affairs

PRESIDENT ELISABETH S. MUHLENFELD

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Cheryl L. Steele as Sweet Briar's new Dean of Co-Curricular Life and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Cheryl comes to Sweet Briar from Kenyon College in Ohio, where she has been Associate Dean of Students since 1992 and this year served as Acting Dean of Students, the chief student affairs officer. As Associate Dean, she had direct responsibility for student advising (academic and personal); judicial affairs; and more than 100 student organizations including student government and class committees. In addition, she has overseen extracurricular program facilities and a wide range of college services.

Cheryl went to Kenyon in 1986 to serve as Assistant Dean of Students from Mary Baldwin

College in Virginia, where she was Director of Student Activities from 1983–1986. She earned both her M.Ed. (major: counseling and guidance) and B.S. (majors: history and social sciences) from the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

At Kenyon, Cheryl championed leadership programs as well as encouraged campus programming for women via the Crozier Center for Women. An articulate advocate for all students, and for the value of a diverse student body, Cheryl will bring to Sweet Briar more than 20 years of experience and a deep understanding of residential liberal arts colleges. She believes strongly in institutions like Mary Baldwin, Kenyon, and Sweet Briar, both because of the value of such institutions as settings for student learning and development, and because, in her words, such a setting "offers

Cheryl was selected from a very strong pool of candidates—a pool developed from more than 500 inquiries, a tribute to the strength of our Co-Curricular Life Program.

unique opportunities for student life professionals to work closely with faculty and academic administration."

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After accepting the position, Cheryl spent April 27th–30th on campus during the Spring

meetings of the Board of Directors and the Alumnae Association Board, attending meetings and get-togethers with members of both boards and with students.

She officially begins her responsibilities July 5th and looks forward to welcoming alumnae to her home on campus—assisted by her three dogs!

Paula Kirkland '06 Joins SBC Alumnae Office Staff

LOUISE SWIECKI ZINGARO '80
DIRECTOR, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The SBC Alumnae Office is pleased to announce that Paula Kirkland '06 began working in the Alumnae Office as an Assistant Director on Thursday, June 1, 2006.

Paula graduated with a B.A. from Sweet Briar College in May 2006 with a major in English and Creative Writing and a minor in Government. She served as the Admissions Tour Guide Chairwoman, Vice President of the Class of 2006, Senior Week Coordinator, Varsity Field Hockey Team Captain and Secretary of Circle K. She also assisted with the Senior Pledge Campaign. Paula's major areas of responsibility will be coordinating the Alumnae Admissions Representatives Program, working with Alumnae Club Programs and assisting with our Reunion Program.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Paula to the Alumnae Office.

Paula Kirkland '06



RETIREES 2006

William L. Hostetler Associate Professor of Economics & Business

MEAGAN BELL '09
STUDENT ASSISTANT,
ALUMNAE OFFICE

Sweet Briar is losing another great professor to retirement: Bill Hostetler, who has taught at SBC for 16 years. When he first arrived on campus in the fall of 1989, there were only six classes offered toward a Business Certificate. Since then, his expertise and enthusiasm have contributed to the creation of our new Business Management major.

Bill obtained a B.A. in accounting from Duke and an MBA and a Ph.D. in economics from UNC Chapel Hill. Prior to joining the SBC faculty, he worked as a certified public accountant for a New York accounting firm, and held teaching positions at Duke, UNC Chapel Hill and the University of Kansas.

From 1967–1989, he worked in industrial development for the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) in Dharhan, Saudi Arabia. A recognized authority on the Saudi economy, he is listed in *Who's Who in International Business*.

He received Sweet Briar's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1994. His students have described him as, "brilliant, useful, and a really cool guy."

Undecided as to what he will do post-retirement, when asked what he will miss about SBC, he said, "Nothing. I live on campus!" He and his wife Mary Ann may be found in the house they built in the '90s at the end of Faculty Row.

Professor Hostetler, you will be missed.

Allen W. Huszti Professor of Music

EMILY CLIFTON '08
STAFF WRITER,
SWEET BRIAR VOICE

In 1972, Dr. Allen Huszti came to Sweet Briar as a sabbatical replacement in the Department of Music. He was a widower with two children, and Sweet Briar was the best place, he says, for a single parent to raise children.

If Allen stays in the area, he will continue to teach private voice lessons and conduct Canticum Novum, the Children's Choir of Central Virginia. In his spare time, he has been involved extensively with the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, where he is the bass section leader, soloist, and substitute organist. He also has given many solo vocal performances in several other churches in the area, and has performed with the Lynchburg Symphony and Opera Roanoke.

He has plans to move, in the not too distant future, to a retirement community in Northern Ohio adjacent to Oberlin College (where he did his undergraduate studies) to avail himself of hearing a lot of classical, jazz, contemporary,

and early music at the College's Conservatory of Music.

Allen's message to the Sweet Briar community is to support the SBC library; he was for many years chair of the Needs Committee of the Friends of the Library. He has donated a thousand or so LP records to the music library, and highly recommends becoming a Friend of the Library.

He will miss his students, specifically how they tend to keep faculty young. He enjoys being introduced to the various forms of "our" music, including Bob Marley and alternative rock. He also enjoys NPR and other public radio, and has a huge collection of CDs and DVDs of opera. His favorite opera is entitled, quite aptly, "The Cunning Little Vixen" by a Czech composer, Janacek.

Dominique Leveau Professor of French

EMILY CLIFTON '08
STAFF WRITER,
SWEET BRIAR VOICE

The Department of Modern Languages and Literature will miss Professor Dominique Leveau, as his official retirement begins this fall. Since his arrival in 1978 as

Visiting Professor of French, he has taught French language, literature and culture at every level.

He plans to spend most of each year in Vero Beach, FL, where he and his wife Tanya have many good friends. They also hope to spend every summer in Saint-Tropez, where he was born.

Dominique has many plans for his time; he already has taken up riding, golf, figure drawing, and, most recently, ceramics. He intends to stay busy reading, going to the theater, attending concerts, watching movies, playing tennis and golf, sailing, and maybe doing a little pottery. At any rate, his motto is "Carpe Diem!"

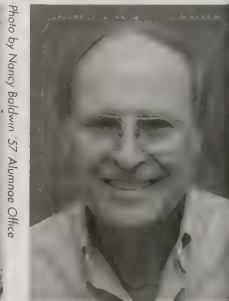
When asked if he will miss Sweet Briar, he commented, "I will miss the pleasure of teaching, say, a French poem to potential majors and seeing that they are also enjoying the moment and the text." He also will miss lunches with his colleagues in Prothro Commons, calling it "a good place to unwind and share a few laughs." As for visiting, he assured the Sweet Briar community that he will return from time to time to visit with old and not-so-old friends.



William L. Hostetler



Allen Huszti at Reunion 2005 with (L-r): Carrington Brown Wise '76 and Mary Jane Schroder Hubbard '62



Dominique Leveau

in memoriam

Willard A. Speakman III 1939-2006

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Willard A. Speakman III, a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors. Bill died suddenly in Antigua, B.W.I. on April 11th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was elected to the Board in 2001 and ably served on the Buildings and Grounds and Audit Committees. He will be deeply missed for his invaluable and wise counsel to the Board.

Bill and his family have been a part of the Sweet Briar family for many years. His wife, Stephanie du Pont Bredin Speakman, Class of 1968, was also a member of the College's Board of Directors from 1993-2001. Bill's step-daughter, Octavia du Pont Bredin Jones graduated from Sweet Briar in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie du Pont Bredin Speakman; his daughter, Isabella Pearson Speakman Johnson; his granddaughter, Isabella Speakman Johnson; his sister Susie Speakman Sutch; his nieces Elliot Davis Bernard, Edwina Davis Dutton, Cordelia S. Nickelsen; stepson Samuel Irenée du Pont Hyland; and stepdaughter Octavia du Pont Bredin Jones.



Willard A. Speakman III

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware. A full obituary was published Sunday, April 16th by *The News Journal* and [delawareonline.com: http://delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage](http://delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage)

Professor Rudolph Albin Hazucha, 1942-2006

We are saddened to report that Professor Rudolph "Rudy" Hazucha died April 14th. Rudy joined the Music Department in 1991 as a violin and viola instructor and later served as conductor of the Sweet Briar College Chamber Orchestra. We will miss The Suzuki Institute, a summer program of long standing: hearing the sound of music drifting across campus and seeing the youngsters on their rounds to-and-from practice, always with violin cases over their shoulders. This became a delightful Summer Tradition through the years. Rudy's greatest enjoyment in life was to see a child learn to play a musical instrument. The Sweet Briar College Chamber Orchestra performed an All-Mozart Concert in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel in his memory on April 20th.

*Excerpted from the full obituary from
Lynchburg's The News and Advance with permission:*



Rudolph Albin Hazucha, 63, accomplished musician, teacher, avid golfer and great humorist passed away peacefully April 14, 2006. A graduate of Cleveland Institute of Music he received his B.M. and MA degrees from Eastman School of Music. While he was at Eastman School of Music, he studied under Dr. Shinichi Suzuki.

Rudy was the musical director for Lynchburg Talent Education Suzuki

School; musical director of the Central Virginia Suzuki Institute; instructor of violin at Sweet Briar College; conductor of Sweet Briar College Chamber Orchestra; co-principal second violin of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, a member of the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra, member and registered teacher-trainer of Suzuki Association of the Americas and first violin of Lynchburg Chamber Players.

He started the Lynchburg Public Schools String program 34 years ago and also started the Suzuki violin program at Lynchburg College. He was a faculty member/clinician at workshops and Suzuki Institutes across the country, former member of the Board of Directors of Suzuki Association of the Americas, former member of the Violin Committee of Suzuki Association of the Americas; past president of Central Virginia Music Teacher's Association; former first violin of the James String Quartet, Adamo String Quartet, Phi Mu Alpha String Quartet; participant in the 2001 Starling-Delay Symposium on Teaching the Exceptional Violinist. He was a former member and conductor of the Lynchburg Symphony.

Mabel M. Chipley 1911–2006

Mabel Chipley joined the SBC staff in 1937 as Assistant to the Treasurer; in 1947, she was made Assistant Treasurer of the College. From 1954 until her retirement in 1978, she worked closely with Peter V. Daniel as he rose from Assistant to the President and Treasurer to Vice President/Treasurer.

Loved and revered by generations of Sweet Briarites, she will be missed by many classes (dating from the Class of 1939, which named her an Honorary Member, conveyed with the gift of an engraved crystal heart which was kept in full view on her buffet ever after), to classes in the '70s. Martha Holland '72 exclaimed with great fondness after a 1996 visit, "She asked me to call her Mabel! A lot of people envy me!"

Mabel will be remembered for her enjoyment of life and friends. Her warm hospitality and gourmet food made every gathering an occasion, whether it was a small dinner around the dining room table, a cocktail party—cum-delicious hors d'oeuvres near her beautiful rose garden, or her Labor Day Party, an annual celebration not to be missed.

Her appreciation of nature led her to frequent overnight stays through the years at the Peaks of Otter Lodge to enjoy the wild flowers, walk the trails, and listen to evening frog choruses by the lake. This appreciation of nature in all its forms was apparently unshakable: asked the next day what she did when a middle-of-the-night storm caused a large pine tree to crash through her bedroom window, she replied with customary spirit, "I got out of bed fast!"

Tall, stately, impressive, Mabel was a Sweet Briar icon. Impact: she had it!

We are thankful to have had the privilege of knowing her.

—Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57



Mabel Chipley

Adelaide Hapala Remembers Mabel Chipley

On January 28, 2006 the Sweet Briar community lost one of its oldest and best friends. Mabel Chipley was loved by many students and was hostess to many of them who returned for Reunion or other special occasions. And from her vantage point in the Treasurer's Office, she was one of the very first people new faculty met.

After Mabel retired, Milan and I discovered that she was the best cook we had ever known. Some of her recipes are included in the MORTERBOARD MENUS series of cookbooks featuring favorite offerings from faculty and staff.

A group of faculty members, including a number who were retired, played Scrabble at Mabel's home, every afternoon, rain, shine or snow, and her swimming pool was open to friends and the families of friends at five o'clock each summer evening.

Mabel was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder.

—Adelaide Hapala

1923

Fitzallen Kendall
Mrs. Lamar M. Fearing
February 18, 2006

1926

Elizabeth Moore
Mrs. Stanley W. Rusk
November 19, 2005

1931

Natalie Roberts
Mrs. Natalie Roberts Ross
April 7, 2006

Mary Leigh Seaton
Mrs. Mary Leigh Marston
February 20, 2006

1932

Hazel Stamps
Mrs. Hazel S. Collins
March 15, 2006

1933

Margaret Wayland
Mrs. Robert E. Taylor
March 19, 2006

1935

Janet (Jean) Imbrie
Mrs. Donald S. Frey
February 12, 2006

1936

Nancy Dicks
Mrs. George Blanton, Jr.
March 1, 2006

Margaret Lloyd
Mrs. William W. Bush
February 19, 2006

1937

Jean Gilbert
Mrs. Roger W. Moister
April 9, 2006

Jessie Rose
Mrs. Lucius H. Harvin, Jr.
May 29, 2004

1938

Ida Todman
Mrs. Stewart W. Pierce
March 3, 2006

1939

Helen Rackett
Mrs. Seymore Ellis
Date unknown

1942

Ruth Jacquot
Mrs. Rone B. Tempest, Jr.
February 23, 2006

1943

Virginia Dewing
Mrs. John C. Dorsey, Jr.
January 30, 2006

1944

Katherine Mensing
Mrs. Ralph Teitgen
January 16, 2006

1945

Betsy Smyth
Mrs. Ormonde S. Brown
February 19, 2006

1946

Florence Taylor
Mrs. Montgomery J. Corse
February 18, 2006

1949

Nell Boushall
Mrs. M. R. Steed
February 27, 2006

1950

Frances Marr
Mrs. John H. Dillard
April 6, 2006

1953

Ann Saunders
Mrs. Lee F. Miller
February 26, 2006

1956

Joan Mossey
Mrs. Charles T. Thomas
February 27, 2006

1958

Susan Davis
Mrs. Dick D. Briggs, Jr.
March 24, 2006

1962

Macon Winfree
Mrs. Robert C. Hilton, Jr.
February 6, 2006

1965

Nancy Cant
Mrs. Robert J. Newman
February 8, 2006

Jean Craver
Miss Jean Craver
February 7, 2006

1971

Nancy Muller
Miss Nancy A. Muller
Date unknown

1983

Michelle McSwain
Mrs. David D. Williams
March 7, 2006

1984

Sharon Pryor
Mrs. Sharon Lynn Pryor
April 13, 2006

Alumnae in the '70s classes will want to know that Bart Whiteman, elder son of his late parents Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. and Edith "Deedie" Whiteman, died March 14 of heart failure at age 58. Full obituaries are carried in the March 20 *Chattanooga Times Free Press* and the March 24 *Washington Post*.

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

class notes

1936

Mrs. Franklin P. Parker
(Katharine Niles)

9 Dinsmore Rd.

Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

Do you remember your classmate, my aunt, **Marjorie Eleanor "Midge" Silvester** from NYC? I'm hoping to collect memories of her from you, and from the Class of 1937 with whom she graduated. I was Class of 1959 at SBC and knew 2 of her professors: Lucy Crawford & Harriet Rogers, and Elizabeth Bond.

What was Midge like as a person; who were her roommates & friends; did you see her on vacations, trips, or stay in touch after college; did you know her parents or mine (through her sister Carol, my mother)? After graduation, she went into theatre in NYC. Her parents were "old world," and "young ladies" did not do theatre professionally! As a child, I admired her beauty & loved her mischievous vitality. At home there was little family talk, but my father & godmother remained close to her. Sadly, she died of breast cancer in 1950. Gratefully, Victoria Meeks Blair-Smith (Vicki) Box 1161, Dennis, MA 02638; phone: (508) 385-3318; e-mail: vicki.bs@verizon.net.

1940

Mrs. Ruth Schwartz
2242 Langley Circle
Orlando, FL 32835
RMS246@hotmail.com

Now that I am literally back on both feet and legs as your class secretary, I 1st want to give "Polly" Boze Glascock a huge 'Thank You' for pro-temp-ing as Class Secretary for these past few years. She generously offered to fill in for me while my husband and I were selling our house in Cleveland Hts., OH, downsizing in order to move to FL, and I was recuperating over 3 months from a fall in Feb. '05 whereby I broke my right hip. No wonder she was the recipient in '86 of SBC's Outstanding Alumnae Award. Polly is still helping to fund SBC's International Studies' Program: she spent her Jr. year abroad ('38-'39) in France. Currently, her husband is not in the best of health, and he needs her TLC at home. She herself, according to a recent photo, is still *tres*

chic and active. She and Jim live in the Graden Apt. section of a Richmond, VA retirement complex.

Our class is certainly composed of "movers and shakers." Many have already- or are about to- move into a retirement domicile, in order to shake off the responsibilities of the upkeep of a home and yard.

Kathleen Ward Allen is able to travel. But her husband's illness kept her at home in AZ during our 50th Reunion in '90. Kathleen was also prevented from attending our 65th in '05. A dream trip to Ireland, with a friend, coincided with our '05 dates in May. Kathleen is a retired math professor from Syracuse U., where her husband had been the librarian for 30 years. They retired to Green Valley, AZ., where Kathleen still has a permanent home. Since she was 2-years-old, though, Kathleen, through her grandparents, the Walkers, has been connected in some way to SBC's campus. Early on, she would visit her grandfather at Mt. St. Angelo, then part of our campus. After graduating in '40, she returned to SBC to teach math for a year with Nancy Cole, while Miss Moreno was on Sabbatical. Her aunt, Ruby Walker, was manager of the bookstore. After that year, Kathleen taught math at SUNY in Binghamton, NY, where she and her husband-to-be met, as they were founding fathers of that university. But they were strongly attracted to Syracuse U., and after their marriage, lived in Syracuse until retirement. She maintains a summer home in New Hartford, NY. (near Rochester).

Another mover is **Cecilia "Teedie" Mac Kinnon Ballard**. In '04, "Teedie" moved to New Boston, NH, to live with her son, Benj. Though not far from the city of Manchester, NH, they are in "deep country" (quoting Teedie) where they have the most incredible colored-leaf display in Oct. Traveling is now difficult for Teedie; therefore she was unable to attend our 65th Reunion. But she does manage to get to her place on Chebeague Island, off the coast of ME, in the summer.

Janet Martin Bennett let me know of their living year-round in Sarasota, FL, in their former summer home. She and her husband no longer exchange seasons in Indianapolis, IN. Between Janet and her 2nd husband, they have 9 children, with

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Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your class secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '06	July 1, 2006
Winter '07	November 1, 2006

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1 of them at least coming down South for the Christmas holidays. Janet no longer drives as she had a stroke.

Mary Height Black has moved several times lately, always trying to be near a family member. She has settled near her son and daughter in Spring Lake Heights, NJ at The Arbors.

Also still able to travel is **Blair Bunting Both** and husband, Dick. A granddaughter's graduation in Colorado Springs kept Blair from attending our 65th in '05. This granddaughter, Anne, is now a freshman at Wheaton College. One of the Both's sons, Steve, lives near them in Kennett Square, PA. They see their daughters, The Rev. Blair Both '65 from NC and their other son, Rick, in Denver, as often as possible. Blair keeps in touch with **Eleanor Snow Lea** in Rutland, VT, and with **Elizabeth "Ivey" Ivins Haskins** in Westwood, MA.

Agnes Spencer Burke moved from her long-time home in northwest DC to a retirement community in Charlottesville, VA. **Virginia Leggett Cameron** also moved, actually twice recently, after living for 35 years in Southern FL and then a short while in IA, and now in '05, to Dayton, OH, to be near her daughter, Beth, who recently received her doctorate in nursing (DPN), and is now teaching at Dayton's Wright State U. in the Nursing Dept. Ginny lives by herself in a retirement village in a suburb of Dayton, well out of the city and in the rolling hills

of southwestern OH. Her daughter lives 3 miles away; her son and his family live about an hour's drive away in Cincinnati, OH.

A Christmas letter from **Ardean Alexander Casey** tells of selling her winter home of 21 years in AZ for year-round living in her summer home in Port Edwards, WI. She also has a beach cottage on the nearby lake where her 9 great-grandchildren love to visit. Her son and daughter live near her. She plans on taking her daughter on a cruise in Feb. '06 from Ft. Lauderdale to San Diego, passing through the Panama Canal.

Though living in Belmont, CA. (near San Francisco) for many years, **Jackeline "Jackie" Sexton Daley** claims FL as her home state. She travels there annually in Feb. for the month. On Feb. 15, '06, she plans to attend SBC's Humanities' Lecture Series in Vero Beach. Usually, **Margaret "Maggie" Dowell Kearney** of McLean, VA, joins her, as one of Maggie's sons lives in Vero Beach. "Jackie" is flying from CA to FL, mostly because she has decided to give up her driver's license. That happened as a result of her new car being totaled in an accident. As 2 grandchildren live with Jackie, hopefully 1 of them will be able to chauffeur her around town.

Olive May Whittington Ehrich regrets being unable to attend the Sweet Briar Day Tea in nearby Lakeland, FL. Her latest career is being the full-time

office manager for her son and the family's company, Enrich Transport. Her son, Brice, owns and operates transport machines to haul heavy equipment all over the US. Her helpful background in business began in World War II when she was in the WAVES, having received SBC Pres. Meta Glass' letter with information about women in the Armed Services. She started out at the U.S. Navy's Communications Dept. in, DC: then became the assistant to the Communication's officer at Pearl Harbor's Navy Yard: and ended, as the war ended, as Private Secretary to the then Secretary of the Navy, John L. Sullivan. Because he soon resigned, Olive May's career continued for a while at J.A.G. (Judge Advocate General) at the Pentagon. Returning home to be with her then-husband, she helped him in his business as well as cared for their adopted baby boy. Their business was sold in the '60's and they moved into a home he had built in eastern rural Hernando County, FL., where Olive May still lives today, even after an unpleasant divorce. Their property is contiguous to their riding ring where they work their TN Walking Horses for Show. She was glad to hear from her former roomie "**Connie**" **Chalkley Kittler** and to have seen **Mariana Bush King** awhile ago in Tampa.

Our class is decreasing in number quite rapidly nowadays. **Clara Call Frazier** and **Louise Partrick Newton** died recently, as did the husband of **Cornelia (Connie) Chalkley Kittler** in Spring '05.

Louise Partrick Newton's husband, Francis, sent both Polly and me a copy of her obituary from the Durham, NC paper. They lived in Chapel Hill, NC in a retirement community. Her husband is a retired Professor of Latin at Vanderbilt and Duke. Louise loved the study of languages—even Arabic. She contributed to Francis' research on Medieval Latin manuscripts, among many other texts. She was also trained in voice and had sung in church choirs since the age of 9. Another talent was her "world-class" cooking: Louise and Francis had traveled extensively in Europe and "Arabia Deserta." They had 4 children and many grandchildren.

Clara Call Frazier was well-known to all of us as she was a class Reunion Chairman for our 50th. Clara died on July 1, '05 in the countryside outside Richmond, VA. After having lived in CA, where Bill headed the Cole Swim Wear Co. for many years, until retirement, they returned to VA to the town of Rockville.

I was surprised to learn of the death of **Cynthia Noland Young**, in Mar. of '05 as I had received a card from her in Jan.

Elizabeth "Libby" Mercer

Hammond and husband, Chris, live in Savannah, GA. They stay busy with their 10 grandchildren and 12 "greats" visits. They no longer travel, as Chris is not in good health. Libby misses classmate **Anne Waring Lane**, who died several years ago, after being very active in restoring historic Savannah. Libby had lunch with **Mary Miller Sharp** a couple of years ago when she and her husband visited Savannah. The Sharps have long been active in Friends of Museums (worldwide) and historic places.

Georgia Herbert Hart, now settled in a retirement community in West Columbia, SC, is a true "mover." She writes poetry and has published a 2nd book of poems, entitled "Lightly Spritely." That meant a series of book signings for her, and her book made the local area's Best Sellers' List. She is still active in the Junior League of Columbia, for which she is a past president. In '05, the League Awards and Recognition's Committee created a new "Spirit of the League" award. Guess who was the 1st recipient in '05? None other than our Sweet Georgia Hart! She loves bird-watching and GOLF. She was a SC State Champion golfer, and still plays today—as well as walks 4 miles a day.

Another retirement community dweller is **Jane Burnett Hill**, only her new home is just north in Weston, MA. Her Tuscon, AZ home became too much to care for, and so she moved East to be near a son, Timothy, and his wife, Jane. Jane says she is in good health, though forgetful at times (join the club, Jane), though she remembers her college years with great fondness. She now has trouble writing, so her daughter-in-law was her scribe.

Elizabeth "Nickie" Gockley, but to some others "Betty", and Bob, who became a nonagenarian (i.e. 90), have been in a life-care retirement complex since Dec. '04 in the lovely New England town of Exeter, NH. They are nearer 2 of their sons than when they lived in Garden City, NY. They miss their friends, though, and the vitality of being near a big city. But they keep up with their former home territory by reading the *NY Times*, in which she saw the obituary of **Mary Lee Settle Tazewell**, and by playing Duplicate once every other week. "Nickie" enclosed a beautiful Christmas family photo of the 2 of them surrounded by 10 others in the family. The 2 patriarchs look

great, though Nickie says she is bothered with arthritis in her hand, making it hard for her to write. Bob has been declared legally blind, now Nickie does the driving, but not distances, such as Dallas, where a 3rd son lives.

"Polly" noted **Mary Lee Settle Tazewell** died at 87 in Sept. '05.

Mary Lee was a "master of historical fiction." She died in a hospice of lung cancer in her most recent home town of Charlottesville, VA. During WWII she went to England and served in the Woman's branch of the Royal Air Force. After the war ended, she lived abroad on several different occasions during her 3 marriages and writing career. That career is best known for her "Beulah Quintet", a fictional history of her native WV.

Another kind husband to send in news about his wife is Bill O'Connor. His wife is **Dorothy Campbell O'Connor**, who is now deaf and, though she can see, she does not read. Her mind is not capable of receiving new information and does not manage any dialogue. Bill himself functions well, and enjoys the golf course near their home in Mamaroneck, NY.

Jean Tyree Oseth, sent a Christmas card with a recent photo of her and a neighbor-friend walking smartly down a pathway. Jean still hosts her annual Christmas Party, but the number of guests is now so great that this year she could no longer hold it in her historic home in Olde Towne Alexandria, VA. In '05 she changed it from her house to one of the city's historic-mansions nearby. She volunteers in the Archives at the Smithsonian and at Christ Church. She took time out, though, for a wonderful trip in Oct. '05 to France, to the Besancon in the heart of Burgundy country, where good food and wine was found. She took 3 of her children (one lives in Charlottesville) and their spouses, her step-daughter and husband and a friend. All made for good fun. Jean is also proud to now be a great-grandmother.

It was gracious of **Anne Thomas Smith** to answer my Christmas letter from Charleston, SC, though no news was given.

Sarah "Betty" Mayo Sohn and Louis have moved to Falls Church, VA.

Emory Gill Williams, our freshman year class president, is pleased to welcome a 6th great-grandchild, the 5th boy and grandson of Dabney Williams McCoy '65. In Oct. of '05, the whole Williams family went to Bermuda for the wedding of the granddaughter, who married a young man from Bermuda, the 2 met while working in NYC. In Apr. '06,

Emory and her husband, a retired surgeon in Richmond, went on a MS River Cruise with lifelong friends. They feel blessed to still be in good health. Recently Emory was proud to find one of the participants at the installation of the new rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was The Rev. Blair Both '65, our Blair Bunting Both's daughter.

Mary Frances "Hazy" Hazelton

relays that she is happy in her retirement home of 16 years, in Medford, OR. There was one bright SBC light in the fall of '04 she visited with Sally Taylor, our late **Ann Adamson Taylor's** daughter. Sally lives in San Francisco. "Hazy" talks with **Georgia Herbert Hart** as well as **Maria "Phoopy" Burroughs Livingston** in Hudson, NY. She enjoys the OR Shakespeare Festival plays nearby, where she spent many previous years as a volunteer. The OR Lakes used to have her swimming blissfully in them: now she is confined to one huge handsome pool. The SOLIR (Southern Oregon Learning in Retirement) classes keep her busy studying Shakespeare to Bayeaux Tapestry.

Yet another husband, that of **Louise "Lisa" Pugh Worthing**, wrote me as Lisa had taken a bad fall last winter. She is unable to return home and unfortunately is in pain. Lisa cannot see well enough to read. As of Sept. '05, they entered their 59th year of marriage, and enjoy seeing their daughter, a lawyer in NYC and her son, a very bright student at Collegiate School. Clifford says he and Lisa are fortunate to have traveled the world in the past and to still have a summer place in ME, though their year-round home is in Cincinnati, OH.

Mary Petty Johnson Benell's granddaughter is now engaged. Life still goes on.

And last but not least, I, **Ruth Mealand Schwartz** would like to thank my 15-year-old granddaughter for helping me "move" into the computer age by typing these notes and e-mailing them to the College.

1994

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Our mini-reunion in Lexington last June was a great success. Our hosts, **Helen Gravatt Watt** and Bill arranged a delightful program for us, including a tour of W&L (where Bill was Dean of Students before he retired) and the Marshall Library at VMI. In attendance were **Louise Smith Barry** and **Sydney Holmes Bales** from NY, **Paulett Long Taggart** and Ganson from MA, **Alice Johnson Fessenden** from NV, and **Marge Willett Maiden** from CA, **Peggy Gordon Sellar** and **Bob, Ellen Boyd Miller** and **Billy, Virginia Watts Fournier** and **Paul, Murrell Richards Werth** and **Matt, and Alice Lancaster Buck** and **Pete**.

Hannah Mallory Perkins received another award from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, VA where she taught for many years. At the dedication of a new dormitory, The McCuan House, a faculty apartment was named in her honor.

Louise Smith Barry continues her walking tours. Recent tours included a walk in Nottinghamshire (where her group stayed in Southwell in a 16th Century Inn) and along the Thames path and also a walking trip to Newport and Martha's Vineyard. Louise plans to join the group of us going on a Caribbean cruise in Mar. Others in the group include **Betty Williams Gookin** and **Richard, Jean Blanton Stein** and **Chuck, Alice Lancaster Buck** and **Pete and Martha Lee Hoffman McCoy** and **Harry**. The McCays will be able to watch from their balcony as our ship comes into port in Norfolk. Martha Lee says that they had the joy of watching their 11-month-old great-granddaughter, Winona, take her 1st steps on Christmas day while visiting with her parents from Cincinnati.

Louise Konsberg Noll writes that she is happy in Winchester Gardens and her oldest grandson's family lives in her former house with 2 little girls only 5 minutes away.

Emily Ann Wilkins Mason writes from Roanoke that she regrets that she couldn't make the Lexington mini-reunion. Sadly, her husband Tom is not well but she has wonderful support from their 2 daughters and good friends. She talks now and then to **Anne Woods Guzzardi** who lives in Charlottesville.

Carlisle Morrisett Branch is excited and happy to have a great-grandson, **Parker Branch Mickey**. She went to his christening in St. Pete's and saw his 4-year-old sister, **Carlisle**.

Peggy Gordon Sellar and **Bob** continue to enjoy the many amenities of Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond and visit with children and grandchildren. **Bob** serves as pastoral associate on the staff of St. James Episcopal Church. **Peggy** returned, along with **Betty Williams Gookin** and **Paulett Long Taggart**, to their 65th reunion at St. Catherine's School. **Peggy** and **Bob** had a delightful trip to Savannah to see family.

Tea Tift Porter wrote the sad and shocking news of the sudden death of her daughter-in-law, age 47, a year ago last Dec. Another daughter-in-law was fighting breast cancer.

Sydney Holmes Bales sent regrets about missing our mini-reunion cruise. Her Christmas was "daunting" including 2 sons and families with 5 teenage grandchildren.

Ellen Boyd Miller and **Billy** enjoyed the Lexington reunion. They are living happily in Cedarfield Retirement Home in Richmond.

Helen Gravatt Watt and **Bill**, our superb Lexington hosts, went on a short Chesapeake Bay cruise and wished us well on our longer one in Mar.

Paulett Long Taggart and **Ganson** sent a picture of their wonderful family taken on their 60th wedding anniversary at Prout's Neck, ME in July '05. It seems to us we remember you met at SBC?

Hattie Tavenner Owens and **Bob** enjoyed seeing Alice and Pete Buck when they came for lunch last summer. Their Christmas was the 1st time all 4 children with grandchildren were together for the holiday.

Pat Whitaker Waters and **John** had a wonderful riverboat cruise to Holland to see the tulips. In Sept. they did a barge trip on the Shannon River in Ireland. Their grandchildren (and a great-grandchild) are beautiful and brilliant.

Betty Williams Gookin writes that this is the 12th year they have been living in the beautiful country place left to her and **Richard** by Betty's aunt. A much loved house and grounds big enough for family and community events. Betty is active in preservation and church work and **Richard** serves on many local boards. She and **Richard** keep fit with swimming aerobics 3 times a week and Betty plays tennis once a week. They had a great Christmas with all 5 grandchildren home and a wonderful week with Alice and Pete

Buck cruising to Bermuda in Nov. They look forward to the SBC mini-reunion cruise to the Caribbean in Mar.

Phyllis Tenney Dowd writes that she and **Herb** will be moving shortly from their pretty cottage to an assisted living apartment. Their granddaughter **Robin** got her MFA at Cal Arts and is now working in L.A.

Alice Johnson Fessenden loved the Lexington reunion. She traveled to Dubai, South Africa and also to Bali where she just missed the Terrorist bombing of the beach restaurant by 2 weeks.

Nancy Eagles O'Bannon and **Whit** are still in the house they built 47 years ago, happy and thankful to have each other. Their daughter **Whitney** received her Masters in Education, teaches special ed. and loves her class of 10. **Nancy** and **Whit** traveled to Naples for a month's visit and had a cool summer in MI. She is in close touch with **Sally Skinner Behnke, Kay Mensing Teitgen, and Connie Budlong Myrick**.

Dorothy Beutell Blakeman writes that she wishes she could be more upbeat but **Chat** is not doing well. He is on dialysis 3 mornings a week, and suffers from multiple aches. Their children are doing well and daughter **Jean** comes down from MA once a week to catch up on her father's health status.

Dotty was saddened to get a call from **Ray Perry** telling her about the death of his wife **Margaret "Marge" Eggers Perry** on her birthday, Feb. 27, '05, with **Ray** by her side and 2 of her little dogs cuddled up in the bed. A few months later **Dotty** received the news that **Marge's** freshman roommate and close friend, **Eleanor "Goodie" Goodspeed Abbott** died on Apr. 21st in Wyomissing, PA where she had lived for 10 years.

Goodie's daughter, **Hannah Alien Abbott**, wrote **Louise Barry** that she and her husband had brought her mother to our 50th reunion and greatly enjoyed it.

It's sad to report news of the death of 2 other classmates in '05: **Sally Anderson Bowley** on Apr. 24 and **Helen Crump Cutler** on June 20. They were wonderful classmates and friends.

Muriel Abrash Schapiro and her husband **Irwin** stay busy in Richmond with family and varying events. They play bridge and **Muriel** enjoys reading and preparing reports for her book clubs. She exercises in the Y pool which "is very helpful to stiff limbs." She also volunteers as a tutor in ESL with people from many countries, including Croatia. A 2nd volunteer job is called "The Poet's

Corner," where she leads a group in an assisted living house as they read their favorite poems and she shares with them about other poets. Her grandson **Daniel Salzberg**, who is responsible for computer affairs at Bon Secours Hospital, married **Robin Adolph** of Richmond in Oct. Her granddaughter, **Harley Jones**, received an early decision for NYU and will attend the Gallatin school to pursue her interests in literature and writing.

Frances Longino Schroder wrote that she had a great Christmas and a full house with 3 daughters there, 2 sons-in-law and 2 grandsons, 29 and 8 ½. A 26-year-old sister was visiting elsewhere. **Longe** was planning to go to London in Jan. for her other granddaughter's 2nd birthday. She obviously does some traveling but says she would like to do more. She spends a lot of time reviewing lineage papers for Colonial Dames candidates.

Betty Havery Smith writes from Atlanta that "the city is growing by leaps and bounds with lots of folks from the flooding in New Orleans moving into their church and surrounding neighborhoods."

She and **Alex** are pretty much "retired" and "tired" but have recently moved from their house of many years into a nearby condominium, and have also completed a book on **Alex's** life for their 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grand. (I believe they must hold the class record!)

Their children who live nearby are in challenging and exciting fields, and their New England families live in the Boston area. Daughter **Laura** and her husband **Rich** are traveling with "Handhouse," their 501-C-3 Teaching facility and working on some fascinating projects. Currently they are restoring a synagogue in Poland that was destroyed in WWII.

Elisabeth "Libby" Vaughan Bishop writes from San Antonio that she and **Louis** are plugging along—nothing serious just a little older and set in their ways." Their current apartment, which they have been in over 6 years, has an enclosed patio for their dog and for **Libby's** beloved flowers. She has always been an ardent flower grower, lover and arranger. Her most spectacular trips recently have been to judge Garden Club of America flower shows. They are great events, she says, where she occasionally runs into SBC grads.

Libby has always had a love affair with the Symphony, having served as president and as chairman of the board. She is now "an ardent audience and supporter." She is also on the board of

the Botanical Garden (Miss Arnes would have been proud of her, she added).

England is her favorite place to visit and she has been there 6 times, one of those to take a 3 week course at Worcester College in Oxford in landscape gardening and design.

Libby thinks "SBC is smart to go in this new direction—I am proud of it now and glad I graduated when I did."

Betty Gookin and **I (Alice Buck)** thank those of you who answered our e-mails and cards and hope we'll see you and many other members of the Class of '44 at the Sweet Briar Homecoming in Sept. (21–24). **Louise Barry** suggested, and we agreed, that it would be a wonderful way to have our next mini-reunion!

1948

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Since the big 80th birthday is upon most of us, it's fun to hear from you. You are still that dear friend we knew so many years back in a world of few responsibilities, aches or pains.

Jane Miller Wright in CA still has her paddle in the water—in fact their boat is still tied up in the front yard at their dock and they have a devoted, competent captain who takes them out 3 times a week. Howard's leg keeps him somewhat slowed but the Wrights went on a cruise to Baja, CA. An enclosed snapshot of great granddaughter Sophie Jane with lovely dark hair and big smile brings back memories of Jane as she arrived at SBC. Another CA post mark brings a note from **Claudia "Dolly" Antrim McKenna** who reports the death of her husband a year ago and what a difficult time she has had. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Another West Coast postmark—seldom, if ever, seen in my mailbox—from **Elma "Dickie" Lie Hartmann** from Friday Harbor, WA. She writes of her 2 weeks in HI at Christmas and then of celebrating her 79th with a broken arm last summer. Her husband died 15 years ago and the family is spread out with daughters in CT and VA and sons in Seattle and TX; there are 9 grandchildren. Dickie does volunteering and occasionally goes back East to visit.

From Austin, TX our still politically active classmate **Polly Rollins Sowell**

serves with great pleasure on the Texas Commission of the Arts and gets an occasional hug from our Chief Executive when he's back home. Polly spent time in Spain and looks forward to a spring visit from **Wayne Stokes Goodall**. From Fort Worth a chatty note from **Murray Armstrong James** describing her last year as one of "patch and repair." Her husband Jack had 2 knee replacements and 2 cataract surgeries. Murray is having some foot problems and expects to be hobbling through the spring. Her exciting lines were about her granddaughter's fancy wedding planned over many months to be in Natchez; it turned out to be in the middle of hurricane "Rita." It was a wonderful event. Murray keeps up with our classmate **Jody Vestal Lynn** in Purcellville, VA who keeps fit growing daffodils and enjoying life.

In Denver, **Ruthie Faulkner Howe** says her husband Wilson broke his arm in early Dec.; blood clots complicated the picture and he had to stay in the hospital for a long time but is improving now. Ruthie took an Elderhostel trip with friends for her 1st visit to Chicago and loved it. Then came a family history research trip to Helena, MT and a free trip to Las Vegas. Ruthie's snapshot shows that she still has lovely blonde hair and good teeth! (She remembers me as a "little bundle of energy and vitality"! How times have changed!) From Kansas City in the tiniest handwriting a note from **Ann Porter "Tommie" Mullen** saying that she does still exist but has had to spend time on her back recovering from a sacroiliac injury, but she hopes to be well soon. Tommie and I will plan to meet in KC when the McCallies visit David McCallie, Jr.

Phyllis Thorpe Miller writes that a week of visiting NYC at Christmas time and an annual Thanksgiving family gathering in Little Rock keeps the Miller family busy. Summer vacation at Gulf Shores rounds out their travels as a family. Phil does "do lunch" with **Nancy Moses Eubanks** at least once a week. Mo's children live close by except for her son who is a minister in Dallas.

From way down South a sweet accented voice identified herself as **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy** from New Orleans. She had escaped personal damage from hurricane Katrina by visiting around with friends like **Martha Davis Barnes** in Atlanta. Her home was damaged but not destroyed. Since she lost her husband Kenneth a year ago repair work has been difficult but with the help of a son it is going forward.

Rosemary continues in her mission of bringing "musical culture" to the country around us. She's been to CA to talk on her book "From Bach to Rock" which is in its 17th printing. From Naples, FL **Martha Garrison Anness** and Chuck still spend a 3rd of the year in FL and the remainder back in the family home in Cincinnati. They are not traveling as much as they have in the past except for a summer trip to the Greenbrier. Their daughter Sarah is an elected Council member and Vice-Mayor of the city of Madeira, Ohio. Seems that we remember that Sarah's dad was active in local politics. From Augusta, GA, **Mary Barrett Robertson** got a jolt when I addressed her as "Barrett." She writes that she hears that **Harriette Bland Coke** has not been well which we feared since there has been no correspondence since she flew to a reunion a few years ago. Barrett does give thanks for near-by residence of her son, family and grandchildren with good telephone habits. She still keeps house, does some gardening, plays bridge and "does a bit for humanity along the way." **Suzanne Hardy Benson's** husband Cam sent a picture with a Christmas card but no news.

Snowbird **Judy Perkins Llewellyn** leaves Avon, CT to spend several months on Kiawah Island, SC where she and Norman play golf at least twice a week. Norman developed Parkinson's disease. They see their family in Charlotte, but don't get to Salt Lake City often. They may yet join friends on one more Danube River cruise. From a small spot, Advance, NC, **Westray Boyce Nicholas** apologizes for not officially telling us of her Nov. '03 move from Palm Desert, CA to a retirement community west of Winston Salem, NC. They have a 2 bedroom cottage with space for visitors. The distance from Manhattan Beach, CA prevents their seeing their son Stacy very often. Since this is Westray's home state they are able to make new friends; she stays busy giving her diabetic dog shots of insulin twice a day.

In Roanoke, **Marjorie Smith Smithy** reports recovering from stomach and colon surgery last year and is now much improved. She plays doubles tennis 2 or 3 times a week, does her own house work, volunteers at her church, and plays bridge all as she turns 80.

From Covington **Dr. Jane Luke** (whose handwriting is still more legible than any doctor's in my memory) reports that she lives in her mountainside home but has applied for a place in Westminster-Canterbury of Charlottesville.

She is dedicated to cleaning out her "collection of stuff." Jane had a visit last fall with **Betty Kernan Quigley** and they are hoping to go to SBC on May 27 to see our classmate **Martha Mansfield Clement** recognized as Sweet Briar's Outstanding Alumna.

Another classmate hoping to go back to The Patch for **Martha Clement's** honor is **Meon Bower Harrison** from Charlottesville. She sent a picture of their Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge home where Meon and Arch are well and happy and at present not worried about their offspring. Daughter MIMI is an obstetrical nurse in rural VT and finds great satisfaction in giving aid and comfort to rural mothers and mothers-to-be. Meon and your scribe still have remnants of Gilbert and Sullivan tunes in their heads from Camp Allegheny days of yore.

Bea Backer Simpson from Silver Springs, MD brings news of **Eve Godchaux Hirsch** from New Orleans. When Eve and her son Richard were told to evacuate they did so with 1 suitcase and went to Natchez for 6 weeks as Katrina struck. When they went home they found relatively little damage and electricity on so they pitched in to do volunteer work in the under-staffed and under-supplied hospitals. Bea's additional phone call—our 1st in 57 years—described some time in bed recovering from cellulitis. The possibility of a trip to Germany to research facts of her great grandparent's emigration in 1850 got her to traveling. Bea lost her husband Charles in '01. Following his death her sons were able to help her make the trip to Germany. Bea was even able to use some of Miss Huber's German lessons from long ago. Bea's letter also mentions **Jane Shoesmith Newcomb** who lives in Wolfeboro, NH and keeps busy volunteering and going to graduations of grands. She has had successful knee surgery recently. **Helen Pinder Withers** writes that she has made the big MOVE in selling her home and property and moving to the Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Home this past Oct. She finds it a smart move and she is still able to teach and play Mah Jong and bridge. Her children have remained in the area since Burke's death and she has 9 grands ranging in age from grad school to a 12-year-old. Our celebrity classmate **Patty Traugott Rouse** is the "stem winder" in Columbia, MD as a volunteer executive at the Enterprise Foundation—now named The Enterprise Community Partner, helping

low income families have the opportunity for affordable housing and a move up from poverty. Patty writes that she is ready to attend the Oriole's home games with her children. Another accomplished public figure is **Dr. Evalena Sharp "Evie" Vidal** from Mauricetown, NJ who is again serving as Pres. of their Rotary Club. Recently she served as Assistant District Governor of Rotary for the southern half of N.J. On the side she has had time to organize and chair a "Red Hat Society" group of 20 women. Evie is hoping to step aside as the "queen Mother" this year. Evie's daughter Vickie Vidal Blum '85 is a practicing attorney in DC, senior VP of Mortgage Banking Association of America and paints in oils and exhibits in prestigious galleries.

Evie's repaired knee is not sure about the winding stairway in her 1860s salt box house which she has restored.

Judy Blakey Butler made a trip to her MO roots to attend a Tri Delta 75th reunion and keeps busy carpooling her 16-year-old grandson to his baseball games all around PA. (He is a champion catcher!). His mom is a physician's assistant and commutes daily to a Baltimore hospital. Judy counts 4 grands who are close by which offsets those who live in Portland, OR. This energetic lady is still working on restoring "ye oldie family home," repairing some 30 pairs of screens and shutters. She even gardens.

The McCallies went to DC for a celebration (one of several around the Southeast) of the 100th Anniversary of the school founded by David's father and his uncle. This gave me the chance to visit with **Martha Mansfield Clement**, our class president, and **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** for lunch and catch-up time. Nancy sheepishly reported on an honor she was given by her prep school commending her for her active role as a good citizen working to improve conditions on the Crow Indian Reservation near Custer's battlefield. The Kelly Foundation and The Center Pole provide the channel for their dedicated efforts. **Liz Barbour McCrear, Audrey Lahman Rosselot and McCall Henderson Revercomb** planned to join us but didn't make it. **Virginia Wursbach Vardy** lives in the same Goodwin House with Audrey. Martha says she had notes from classmates about her honor-one from **Jane Gray Stark** from Paradise Valley, AZ. And a congratulatory note from **Bess Pratt Wallace** in Huntsville, AL.

The Dessert I received from my cards scribbled to only 1/3 of the Class of '48 ended with a phone call from **Wayne**

Stokes Goodall from Pittsboro, NC "Heck! I don't I don't know any news! I'm not traveling anywhere special, no new family happenings!" O.K. ... what do you do during the daytime or evening time? "Well, on Fridays I go to my Memoir Writing class for 2 hours—and I did get my father's World War II letters organized and filled in some gaps where they had been censored since he was an officer during those days. Then I found someone to bind them. Then I decided to research the history of the street in Lynchburg where I grew up and see what has happened to families and old friends—maybe with some "memories" or family recipes. I have now published 2 books and stirred up a reunion of 200 people who came back to Woodmont Ave. and seemed so pleased. Then in moving from Charlottesville to Pittsboro I found so many pictures and articles about my life that I now am remembering and making notes of the subjects." No, Wayne, you aren't doing anything except to intrigue all of us with the possibilities of making something of our own records as we downsize our own stuff—or junkie. Apologies to classmates I did not get in touch with but please sit down and dash news for a mid-summer deadline.

1950

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Many thanks to **BG Elmore Gilleland** from all of us for putting together the class notes for the last 5 years. She did a fabulous job.

Anne Peyton Cooper is well and dividing her time between NJ and the Bahamas. Her family is growing: her daughter Nancy will be married to an Englishman from Birmingham, ("UK not AL") in May. The couple will settle in NYC; son Jim and wife are expecting their 2nd child.

Bonnie Loyd Crane moved her art gallery to Manchester-BY-The-Sea, MA. Her new home in Magnolia has an ocean view of Cape Cod. Last year she traveled to Sicily with an SBC group and later to Austria.

As for traveling, **BG Elmore Gilleland** and Guy must take 1st place. In Feb. they drove to Sanibel and Captiva Islands off the west coast of FL and had a relaxing week with friends. They stopped in Tampa to have lunch with **Nell Greening Keen** who is living there again.

Last Oct. they cruised the Danube/Rhine from the Black Sea to the North Sea. In Apr. they will go to Sicily with Elderhostel and in June plan a family vacation at New Smyrna Beach, FL. BG recently had a great chat with **Merry More Lynn**. They laughed about buying slacks with expandable waists and spending more time in doctors' offices. Merry and husband are doing well.

Jean Probek Wiant enjoys the fine and performing arts that Cleveland has to offer. She serves on the Children's Guild, which makes craft projects sold at a benefit and the profits are sent to agencies that work with children. She also chairs the Mission Committee for her church.

Stokie Kyle Kimpel writes that although she misses her husband Helmut and her home in Albuquerque, she is happy to be near her son Gordon and family in GA.

Spending winters in Vero Beach, FL and summers in Leonminster, MA, **Mim Wyse Linsky** and Link enjoy their children and grandchildren in both locales. Occasionally she hears from **Judi Campbell** who spends a lot of time in England where her daughter Hallie and family live.

Pat Owens Purvis and Tom hope to be off to England again this summer to visit their daughter Lisanne '78 and family. They had tickets to the Rose Bowl, but gave them to their son and family who had an "exciting and happy 36 hour trip."

Sally Bianchi Foster came through with wonderfully appropriate words for her roommate, **Nancy Franklin Hall**, and **Polly Thomas Peck** (who left our soph. year): "I was a loud mouthed Italian from Jersey with an impressive nasal accent. I had never been as far south as SBC in my life and I was scared to death of horses. Nancy was the product of a Memphis finishing school, spoke with a lovingly, low southern accent and had never been as far north as SBC. She could ride any horse in SBC's stables and probably any stallion on the East Coast. We had nothing in common. She married her hometown beau and spent the rest of her life in an ante-bellum home on a secluded farm raising cotton, soy beans and cattle...and 5 kids...she softened my rough edges, she was a furious protector of the less fortunate and I shall miss her the rest of my life." As for Polly "she possessed a large laugh and a sense of humor to match...she tutored me through freshman physics to a final passing D...her bridge was better than mine. In later years, wheelchair

bound, her photos always showed her smiling and surrounded by her children and grandchildren." Bianchi heard from **Peachey Lillard Manning's** daughter who sent pictures of her 2 adopted Chinese daughters, Peachey and Grace. Sally continues to work in the Verona Library and figures she read about 100 books in '05.

Henrietta Hill Hubbard and Charles enjoy their new garden home. "Yes, it does have a garden." They often play hos to their son, Clark, who is an Episcopalian priest outside Savannah, and his family. They are looking forward to a trip to DC in May and the mountains of NC in July.

Edith Brooke Robertson and Peyton took a cruise to the Caribbean with Charlottesville friends in Feb. The Holland American cruise ships dock a few blocks from where they live and they watch the ships go in and out of the harbor from their 12th floor Norfolk apartment. They spent a lovely New Year's Eve with **Dolly Clark Rassmussen** and John in Bethesda. They are busy "reconditioning their VA Beach Cottage 'Waterloo.'" They couldn't bear to tear it down or sell it. "It's a relic but we love it." In Apr. they visited **Lola Steele Shepherd** and Deedee in Lexington, VA. Lola and Deedee are still riding their horses daily. Apparently Lola has recovered from her collar bone accident. Last June, they went east for their grandson's h.s. graduation and had a grand visit with **Bill Bailey Fritzinger** and Fritz in VT. Lola, Dolly and **Ginger Luscombe Rogers** were the only 3 at our 55th Reunion. Lola's only comment: "Bookstore has moved—quite inconvenient."

Kay Leroy Wing had to cancel her barge trip in Provence because of a bad back and knee. She is redecorating the house in Naples, FL and has had many obstacles. Kay is convinced if the Class would submit our "Tales of Terror with the Decorator," we would have a bestseller.

As for our family: son Robert is teaching in South Korea; daughter Margaret has just returned from a trade mission in Ecuador ("a beautiful country"); daughter Sharon is teaching Art History at an American college in Rome, Italy. Not to be outdone, Mario and I will spend May in Italy.

The Alumnae Office has changed procedure, so we can submit Class Notes the 1st of Apr., July and Nov. I have had trouble with several e-mail addresses and therefore would appreciate you sending your new (or correct) e-mail address. Post cards are welcome too.

1951

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Mary Pease Fleming wrote that she and Rives "continue to be blessed with good health and good children. I continue teaching piano lessons at our home, and am into domestic projects like quilting and house cleaning! Rivo has convinced me that a 76-year-old piano teacher CAN improve her golf swing, so we try to play whenever the weather allows, and Rivo's men's golf arrangements are slack!" They have 6 grands and 18 greats. Mary sent wonderful pictures of our school days and reunions for the scrapbook.

Barbara Birt Dow and Bill left their Haverford, PA home for a condo in Devon, PA. Barbara is the organization specialist, getting their belongings from PA to Salters Point, MA for the summer and Vero Beach, FL for the winter. Even to Scotland last summer.

Ann Petesch Hazzard and Rutledge are happy in Goodwin House, a retirement home in Alexandria, VA, where Ann is on the Residents' Council.

Both **Jean Duerson Bade** and John are still in their house in Louisville, enjoying their children and grandchildren and their boat (in that order!) Jean has been battling disease over the last years but seemed upbeat, according to Mary Fleming.

Sue Taylor Lilley is living in the old Lilley house in downtown Orlando. Sue's oldest daughter Susan and Sue's granddaughter Anna are happily keeping her company. Sue is still in treatment, doing pretty well so far. She sent marvelous pictures of our senior play and reunions for the scrapbook.

Patty Lynas Ford writes that she and Dick are happily retired in the wine country of CA, where they do volunteer work for causes dear to their hearts (the local animal shelter is one) and enjoy gardening and music.

Sue Lockley Glad is involved with politics professionally and is doing her part on behalf of women and women's rights as a volunteer. They had a pleasant weekend with **Jean Stapleton Helliher** and Sam following an "Intracostal" Waterway/Civil War trip last spring. The children joined her and Ned at Black Butte Ranch, OR last Aug.

Lynne McCullough Gush still teaches piano; she lists piano performance, harp study, dogs, house,

garden and ballet class as current interests.

Angie Vaughan Halliday wrote that she and Bob participated in a march in Washington opposing our entry into war against Iraq, and both felt it was a defining moment. "My enjoyment," she writes, "is my family and sharing Bob's enthusiasm for art. He has a great Web site: bobhalliday.com. I do small business and taxes at home—am an Escrowed agent."

Jean Stapleton Helliher is taking chemo, but seems upbeat. She and Sam continue to divide their time between their longtime home in McLean and Jean's family place in GA, a beautiful old mansion.

Joan Widau Marshall and Gordon are avid golfers in a golfers' paradise. She says they spend much time in volunteer work, paying back for all the wonderful advantages they have received.

Ruth Oddy Meyer and Edwin's 2 boys live abroad, making 4 grandchildren at the American School in London, if I read her note correctly.

Jane Moorefield is enjoying retirement, busy with bridge, golf, church work, and various organizations.

Terry Faulkner Phillips says the most important things she has done since leaving SBC are training dogs and children (in that order?) reading, writing, music, walking.

Nancy Pesek Rasenberger is on the Overseer's Council of the Corcoran College of Art and Design. She does a lot of volunteer work, especially in the arts.

Anne Sinsheimer went to a family gathering at Yosemite in Feb. '05. Last Aug. she and Ann Wittke '46 took a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. 11 days after returning she joined cousins (29 of them, including kiddies) who were going back to Chile. She liked seeing a country through the eyes of residents and now is happy to stay home a while.

Betty Kellogg Wilbourn and Frank have 4 children, 6 grands, 4 greats. Betty keeps busy with them, bridge and gardening.

Joanne Williams Frazier's son, Max Ray, has purchased her house and is in the process of moving in to help since her memory is not what it was this time a year ago. She still is spending the summer at their place at Bolton Landing, NY. Jo wrote, "I hope I am all better by May for my family wedding and reunion."

Rosalie "Pinkie" Barringer Wornham is really enjoying retirement after 30 years of working hard

Ann Benet Yellott mentioned family, environmental work and work with disabled kids on horseback as important things she has done since college.

Reunion trumped a trip to stay with my son Sheldon and his children at Lake Keowee, SC. We volunteer in Richmond, Bill at 3 churches either cooking or delivering food, and I in more varied jobs. Thanks so much for all your mail and phone calls—it has been a real pleasure to pull this news together. Shelly

1952

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I am so proud of you that you returned postcards on time, which proves that your memory is JUST FINE. Speaking of which, our children claim that Bill and I converse without nouns, having substituted "wachamacallit" and "youknowwhatimean" for all names and objects, a system which WE understand perfectly! What's wrong with THEM with their fancy and pricey educations?

The most exciting tidbit of news comes from **Frances Street Smith** (sometimes known as "Street" but never "Boopsie"). Her neighbor's gas line ignited, burned their condo, then hopped to the Smith's abode. 4 months later, they are still "homeless." No report on where they are pitching their tent. We hope for an early resolution to a large problem.

Jane Ragland Young, whom I expect to see at the next Reunion, is recouping from successful back surgery and will be in Scotland this summer with some of her offspring. She has 4 children and 7 grands ranging in age from 1 1/2 years to 27 years.

Jeanie Caldwell Marchant aphas from HI and is STILL walking—this time in England and Italy. She has 2 very fine grandsons at home. **Pat Rupert Flanders** is in that beautiful old house on Martha's Vineyard, where 3 of her 4 children also live. She loves grandmothering the 7 grands on the island. She has recently escaped for a cruise and a trip to Italy.

Harriet Thayer Elder, now known by her "grandmother name" of "Bniji," plans to move from Black Mt., NC to Nashville to be near family and start a new therapy practice.

Anne Hoagland Kelsey is cruising to Turkey, Yugoslavia and the Greek Isles

She is taking bridge lessons in Vero Beach with **Charlotte Snead Stifel**. Charlotte reports a new grandbaby named Lily.

Leila Booth Morris and Jim have finally moved to a new Continuous Care retirement community, which they love. Jim is doing well with his Parkinson's. Their children were able to help them move and are able to visit often.

Judy Snowden Neumeier is moving to Charlottesville to be near a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Next Reunion should be on your calendar, Judy!

Mary Johnson Ford Gilchrist have been married 50 years, but knew one another for 16 years before that. Their digs in FL, having been hit twice by hurricanes, are livable once more. I'll pray for a miss this season.

Ginge Liddel has been e-mailing roomies **Freddie Collins Bristo** and **Janis Thomas Zeannah** and they are plotting a reunion. We are sorry to hear of Janis' loss of her husband, Charley, last year. She is staying busy with Opera Guild, symphony and music club.

Gay Maupin Bielestein and Hans have an apartment in NYC and the old house in VA, where she and Bunny grew up. Daughter Andrea is a decorator living in Brooklyn and Danielle is at NIH in DC.

Pat Layne Winks still works full time, travels, sees children and maintains "culture Junkie status by way of the San Francisco symphony, the Ballet, the S.F. Opera, the Berkley Rep, the Santa Fe opera and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival."

Barbara Baker Bird winters in Bonita Springs, FL, summers in VT and in-between in Philadelphia. She managed to fit in a week in Venice this year!

Eulalie Mcfall Fenhagen writes that she and Jim lost their daughter Leila, in Nov., after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Eulalie and Jim have returned to their home in Georgetown, SC after 3 years in DC. I know that we all send them our love.

Neela Perkins Zinsner is still in Cambridge, near Harvard Square, where there's lots going on. She sees **Betsy Wilder Cady** for theater, etc., dates and has been on the grandchildren tour to LA and Charleston, SC recently. Betsy has been renovating her house at the shore in Westport, MA, but keeps an apartment in Boston. She is celebrating her first grandchild, adopted at 2 days by her daughter, and son-in-law.

Jo Sharp Blaasvaer is a hoot even when she claims to have "no causes, positions or obligations." She and Reidar

are restoring an old house and are "into" British sports cars. She says that "the wanderlust has lost its luster" after his time as an engineer on an oil tanker and her's in the CIA, goodness knows where. I'm probably not supposed to ask!

Lyn Lane Fazzard reports that after 30 years in the medical profession she and Harry have returned to their farm and orchard in the mountains of NC. They manage a Doberman puppy and 110 acres, also volunteering at a free medical clinic and hospice. Their sons are in Atlanta and Boulder.

Ann Trombore Ream and George have 1 grand and wife graduating from law school, 1 from college, 1 from h.s. (this is the graduation they'll attend), 1 college freshman AND there are 9 more to go. I sure hope that there are lots of scholarships involved!

Sally Fishburn Crockett had a mini-reunion with **Mary Izard** and Jack at Kitchie's house in VA. (Kitchie has a new address in VA: 2510 Pine Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.) Sally is sporting ½ a new arm and 2 new knees after a fall. Did I read that right? Sally is competing with me for the most titanium parts. I have an elbow and a knee and am anticipating screws and rods in my spine the day after I return from a reunion with my kids and grands in FL in Apr.

Mary Bailly Izard says she and Jack are planning a barbecue for 1000 of their relations and nearest and dearest non-relateds at the family farm. They are planning a trip to Viet Nam and Cambodia.

Mary Grafe Warren writes that she has 3 great grandsons, including 5-year-old twins, and grandsons at SMU and the College of Charleston.

Jane Ramsay Olmsted enjoys having her 2 grandchildren close by in VA. She is presently "worrying" about an appropriate dress for her daughter, Sallie's upcoming nuptials in Beverly Hills. The groom, who is from the Isle of Skye, is to appear in a Kilt.

Nancy Morrow Lovell is trying to find more time to spend on genealogy research. She has a Jamestown settler among her ancestors and did some research in that area after our 50th Reunion. One of her grandsons did some looking for her in Germany and she will see some ancestral territory on a trip at Ireland this year.

Trudy Kelly Morron, having pulled up stakes in CT for CO, reports new twin great-granddaughters which she says makes her "feel a little long of tooth." Just wait until they are 2 and want to wrestle with granny!

Carroll Morgan Legge must not have unpacked for a year! She had a farewell visit to London before her daughter moved back to the U.S. and trips to Costa Rica, Block Island, a cruise on the Danube, a stay in NY, and a trip to FL—where she saw **Marianne Vorys** Minister.

Mary Lois Miller still summers in the Finger Lakes of NY and winters in New Port Richey, FL. She keeps in touch with some of you by e-mail. We should all do more of that, especially as a reunion approaches.

Sue Judd Silcox and Jack attended the wedding of a grandchild, Jim, to his childhood sweetheart. Sue has joined the titanium knee group and says that she is recuperating very well with lots of good help from Jack.

Polly Plumb Debuts gives 3 and 4 day tours in and around Washington. I am determined to be one of her tourists someday. She and John had an exciting train trip in Russia in Jan. Now THERE'S a change of venue from FL in the cold weather!

Cynthia Balch Barns is cheering me on after her great results of spinal surgery. To prove it she gives tours at the local museum, helps at Hospice, tutors writing at Hamilton College, is involved at the refuge for the hungry and homeless...and makes quilts in her spare time. My recuperation is going to consist of a pile of books.

Donna Reese Godwin's grandson, Danny, has safely returned home from a 3rd tour of duty with the Air Force in Iran. A granddaughter took a semester off from college to join Donna on a cruise from Barcelona to Lisbon. It was a historical lecture trip which she highly recommends. She credits Dr. Fisher at SBC for her love of history.

Lou Kelly Pumpelly and I are still in stitches by mail over our post graduation tour of Europe with Mary John, Nancie McCann and a very peculiar Danish boy who had something about bathing. Does anyone know Nancie's whereabouts?

Pride Binger Forney still works full-time as a real estate agent, a 30 year veteran. She has 5 grown children: a dermatologist, an architect, an accountant, a realtor and a stay-at-home mother. The interesting mix must make for good dinner table conversation!

Mary Cunningham Spencer and Ray are enjoying bridge, travel, and visits to their sons and grandchildren in MI and FL.

Pat Beach Thompson and Calvin traveled to Mexico City and the

Yucatan where they visited all those unpronounceable ancient sites and were awed by the skills of the builders as architects, mathematicians and astronomers. The Thompsons are making wine from their own grapes and have a huge herb garden. (Pat is an expert who lectures in this field). She is still much involved in the local theater scene.

Laura Radford Goley sent a wonderful picture of herself and **Ellen Galey** Sher with their 2 attractive daughters, both of whom were born in Venezuela. There must be a story there. The Goleys had a great trip to Eastern Europe, including Prague, and say "incredible history, past and present."

I love **Nell Orand Beck** who threatens to MAKE UP exciting news! Maybe we should have an issue where we all invent outrageous stuff. The Beckes are doing full-time maintenance on their house and selves.

I had a note from St. Clair Ripley, **Margaret Moore Ripley's** son, to tell us that she passed away last Sept. He writes of their fond memories of her "good cheer and funny ways" and of her unconditional love for her boys. May the same be said of all of us.

By the time this reaches you **Joanne Holbrook Patton's** mini-reunion event, the staged workshop presentation of our Senior Show, "Resting on our Laurels" will have come and gone. Joanne does so much to keep our class in communication, and the show was SO good that it deserves to be taken out of mothballs! Only a rare reunion with all my 4 kids, spouses and 6 grandchildren from 20 months to 11 years and my sister, Sallie '49 and her family could have kept me away from seeing dear friends and to hear those songs again.

Prior to the show Joanne will have been in DC for a show of her grandmother's expressionist paintings. Her grandmother studied in Paris and painted around the world until her career was tragically cut short by her death at age 43.

In spite of the fact that I never learned to type because I was afraid I'd have to be a secretary, and I really don't understand my computer and don't want to, it is lots of fun to get those postcards so the job has its compensations I'd love to answer them all, but they do arrive in a deluge! Here's to more mini-reunions (I'm game for one in NYC—could we scare up **Jackie Razook Chamandy** for one of those?). It's time to be planning ahead for our next BIG ONE in 2007. Love to all of you.

1953

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You have not heard from me since '04 and I have been saving bits and pieces of information since then. You must forgive me for any news that does not seem current, but it is time to reconnect and I want to share all that I have with you.

Have I ran into **Maggie Graves McClung** and David at the German Club dance in Roanoke last year. Had a good visit with them and Maggie was full of news. Her granddaughter, Julia, is "safe now in Sweet Briar's walls." Class of '09. While David and CJ (Nager) were sailing the Chesapeake in the rain, she and

Katzy were visiting with **Kitty Guerrant Fields** in her posh new apartment at Richmond Westminster Canterbury and **Dale Mutter Harris** came down for the day. They then migrated to **Jane Perry Liles** in Concord, NC, everyone in good health, great spirits. Kitty's new address is: 1500 Westbrook Court, Apt 2107, Richmond, VA, 23227. A sporty Christmas card from Katzy and CJ. It shows them on the lake in front of their home in Lake Wiley, SC, CJ in the rowing shell that he himself made, and Katzy in her steadier Kayak. Katzy says that she guesses he thinks he's still in college! They spend a lot of time at their place in Longboat Key, FL and rent the SC home to snowbirds for "the season." After visiting old friends in Palos Verdes they'll cruise the Mexican Riviera to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. What a grand and glorious gathering this must have been! It seems **Cinny Moorhead McNair** made the arrangements for the cruise and the happy revelers included David and **Maggie McClung**, Ted and **Dale Harris**, Bob and **June Picket**, **Dolly Wallace Hartman**, **Kitty Guerrant Fields**, **Mary Anne Mellen Rott**, and **George Jane Liles**. My dear roommate, **Liz Ray Hessler** wrote that she has slowed down as 2 back operations injured some nerves and she is left with neuropathy in the feet. She still manages to get in 9 holes of golf occasionally and is doing water aerobics at the Y 3 times a week. She too, has a new address: 8919 Park Rd., DC #24, Charlotte, NC. **Polly Sloan Shoemaker** writes that she and Shoe are well in spite of creaky knees. They spent 2 weeks in AK and rode in every known conveyance, plane, train, dog sled, helicopter, bus and a lovely cruise ship. She sent news that

our sweet friend Tom Shelton (**Ginny Dunlap's** husband) enjoyed a magnificent 80th birthday party at the Driving Club in Atlanta. I had a lovely Christmas card from **Dale Mutter Harris** showing pictures of her 4 darling grandchildren along with assorted pictures of scenes of the landscape around her home. Who can ever forget that lovely cocktail and dinner party there in that large white tent beneath the stars?

I am so sad to report that we have lost 4 of our classmates since my last writing: **Janie Pieper Meredith**, **Nan O'Keefe**, **Mary Kimball Greer**, and **Anne Saunders Miller**. **Anne Elliott Caskie** and **Edie Norman Wombwell** along with husbands Chalin and George enjoyed a splendid tour of Northern Italy together. Edie wrote hastily that she was too overwhelmed with events to write me anything sensible, but I made some sense out of this: She and George drove to CO in time to get ready for and to host a New Year's Eve party out there. Shortly thereafter, she was going to a clinic in Vail to get her knee scoped AGAIN. She's fighting off getting a new one! **Edie** and **Janie Dawson Mudwilder** and **Caroline Miller Ewing** do see one another at church in Louisville from time to time. My very 1st roommate at SBC was **Joan Dean McCoy**. She has sold her home in NJ and is now living in Austin, TX near her oldest daughter who has just been made a full professor. Joan misses her Maplewood friends but is busy in TX with a volunteer job at a school library. She is active in the Newcomers Club, chairs the Spanish Conversation Group, and belongs to PEO. Her travels have taken her to Morocco, India, Laos, Viet Nam, Cambodia, and this summer she is taking her Austin family to The Big Island. **Ginger Timmons Ludwick** and Dave lead a glamorous life. Her Christmas picture shows them spending New Year's at their other home in Palm Desert with their whole family, sharing the fun at the Living Desert and Wildlife Center nearby, and swimming (in Dec.!) in the 90 degree pool. She and Dave will take a Viking Cruise to explore Volga-Baltic Waterways of the Czars, then south to Moscow, then on to Helsinki and across to Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. What a great adventure this will be! I know, because Hav and I enjoyed a similar trip to the Baltic countries last fall. Last fall, a card from **Salie Gayle Beck** said that she was hoping to get to go to the Mayan ruins at Copan in Honduras, the last major ruin for her to visit. She thinks she must go this year before her legs give out

completely. She lives in Merida and says life is so sweet and easy there that news is hard to come by.

Flo Pye Apy says she and Chet celebrated his retirement from the bench with a cruise to AK, including the land tour to Denali and Fairbanks. It was an eventful year for them, welcoming grandchild #6, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and Chef's 50th Reunion at Princeton. Flo enjoyed her annual luncheon in Princeton with **Jeanne Duff** and **Patti Tighe Walden**. While in NH she visited with **Kay Amsden** and her partner Mary Lou Fuller, publisher, author and very impressive lady. Flo had not seen Kay for 26 years! **Jay Wells Rogers** sends greeting to all classmates. She and Tom enjoy living in their retirement facility (in Houston, I presume) and she takes many trips to visit her 3 grandchildren in Boston, Charlotte, and Phoenix. She is riding once or twice a week. **Midge Chase Powell** and Bill had a great Powell family reunion over Thanksgiving in the FL keys with all 16 (8 grandchildren) gathered together for swimming, snorkeling and swimming with the dolphins. She is still involved in real estate and Bill still active with the Association of US Army. Their newest addition is a Golden Retriever named Sir Lancelot! **Ginny Hudson Toone** wrote: "Well, Isabel, not only do you want us to think up news at this busy time of year but we also have to go to ASK JEEVES to find out what a *locum tenens* is. I figure if it is in Latin it means some kind of trouble with the law! Naturally, I am relieved that is not the case! Actually, I treasure most days that do not produce news..." Let me explain about locum tenens...all of you Latin students will know that literally translated locum tenens means "keeper of the place." Anyway, it all amounts to this: Hav subs for doctors who are temporarily out of the office, either ill, on vacation, or whatever. As such, we go all over USA (in the plane), whenever needed and when it suits our schedule to do so. Our most recent assignment was in Lapeer, MI for 2 weeks. We nearly froze to death. I spent most of the time in the motel room working needlepoint and crossword puzzles. Thank God for my beautiful NC!

Martha Black Jordan writes that she is to be ordained in the Anglican (Episcopal) Church in Mexico on Apr. 23. She submits her name for Class Chaplain! She and husband Purdy live in Mexico City in a flat overlooking the Museum of Anthropology. They travel abroad at least once a year and their 3 children and 3

grandchildren live in the States which they visit often.

A quick note about us before closing. We are well and have enjoyed so much good life these past few years, several trips to NY for plays and good food, a couple of times to Spoleto in Charleston (magnificently!), to Canada and various glamorous spots in the USA for Flying Physician meets, and finally we are seeing Europe after all those hardship trips in Asia. Poland, Kaliningrad, Belarus, the Baltic countries and this fall to Greece and Turkey. We love our home in Pinehurst, the smallness and the beauty and charm of it, and though we go a lot, coming home is the best trip of all. Our grandchild count is still 13.

Once a year, enclosed in the Alumnae Magazine will be a post card which will serve as a reminder and a convenience for sending news. Please use them and send them to me as events arise. When I have gathered enough, I will print and include in the magazine, probably about once a year. Thank you for your responses this time. I love you all and send blessings as always.

1954
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First, apologies for the notes that you got in the winter magazine being so out-of-date; they were not able to be in the issue for which they were intended.

We seem to always have some sad news to report now. This time the class sends condolences to **Karen Looker Hyde**, whose husband, Nelson, died in the fall. Also sadly, **Dilly Johnson Jones** whose husband died recently, has also lost their son, Paul III. Our sympathies go out to her at this difficult time.

Margie Morris Powell writes that she works part-time as Executive Dir. of the MD House and Garden Pilgrimage. And her husband, Philip, works part-time for a pathology lab since his retirement as an engineer. They go to the Island Inn on Sanibel Island every winter. They enjoy staying in their same home for the gardening and a place for their 2 little rescued dogs. Margie mentioned seeing **Meri Hodges Major**, whom she says looks wonderful, at a St. Catherine's reunion. She also sees Bill and **Money** Addington Passano '55, often and says

Honey is recovering very well from a minor stroke. They were on the SBC Amazon River Cruise that we took in late '04.

Ruthie Frye Deaton and Hugo celebrated their 50th anniversary in Mar. at Sea Island, GA, with all 4 children and their spouses.

A wonderfully upbeat letter from **Joan Potter Bickel's** husband, Henry, tells of their continued limited mobility. He has still not been able to get a comfortable prosthesis for his amputated leg and Joan is being tube fed now. They have much praise for their great round-the-clock care givers.

Jerry Dreisbach Ludeke is so good about sending a nice long letter every Christmas. Their family reunion was in Costa Rica. She and son, Scott, his wife, and 3 little boys, spent 10 days with her son, Kevin, wife, and 2 daughters. Only Kevin's son, who was working, couldn't join them. Kevin edits the magazine, *Business Costa Rica*, for the Chamber of Commerce and his wife is the health officer at the American Embassy. Scott is Dir. of Engineering at Global English, a software company. Jerry is still involved in a million projects and has joined me in giving up housework altogether. Her church work includes 6 regular jobs and several part-time single event leadership roles. She is also Dir. of Archives at Bakersfield College. She took a Celtic Pilgrimage to England and Scotland with the Episcopal Church group of her cousins. Jerry also dropped in on what would have been her husband John's 50th reunion at Stanford. She attended the Earl Lectures at Berkeley (a 3-day event that addresses critical theological, pastoral, and social issues of the day). Project Vote Smart workshops in MT. Camp Mather near Yosemite with Scott's family, Pioneer Day in Paso Robles, and made 10 trips to San Francisco.

Lynn Carlton McCaffree and Mike spend a week every year in Mar in Orlando and then another in the mountains during Aug, as part of their time shares. When at home, Lynn volunteers at 2 big library book sales and also helps show prospective residents around Goodwin House where she and Mike live. Mike edits the weekly newsletter there. He still works part-time with CNA and is on their Episcopal Diocese Board of Trustees for Life Care Communities in VA. He also chairs a new ministry for Senior Citizens. In Feb. they took a 2 week Caribbean cruise and in May had 2 weeks of fun in Branson, MO. They enjoyed an Elderhostel on Thomas Jefferson in Oct. at Natural Bridge, VA.

with 3 other couples. All of the husbands had served together on a destroyer 50 years ago. As a Christmas gift to each other, Lynn and Mike did another Elderhostel—this one on a Colonial Moravian Christmas in Bethlehem, PA. They are really enjoying having both daughters and 5 grandchildren in VA now.

Caroline "Kobo" Chobot Garner and Thom are so happy to have their son, Gailor, back from 18 months in Iraq. He is now teaching ROTC at George Mason U., but the family still lives in Lynchburg where the children are established in school. The Garner daughter, Laurie, and her family live in Marietta, GA. Kobo and Thom continue to go to the Eastern Shore annually as part of his priestly retirement. In July all the grandchildren stayed with them and went to day camps. The whole family got together in Atlanta for Christmas.

A nice e-mail from **Mary Jane Roos Fenn** says she cruised the Caribbean in Jan. last year with the members of her local yacht club. She and **Faith Rahmer Croker** took a cruise on the Mediterranean in Aug. In Sept. she took a short trip to Bermuda with a friend she met on her honeymoon there in 1955. The 2 couples had agreed to spend their 50th anniversaries in Bermuda too. Both Mary Jane and her friend are widows now, but decided to take the trip together anyway. In Feb. she and Faith went to HI and Mary Jane is going to AK in late July. She got some very good news—their 50-year-old granddaughter is now cancer free!

A brief note from **Ann Thomas Donohue** and Tom mentions a trip to Costa Rica.

Bill and I spent 3 weeks in Botswana. We figured we'd better go now while Africa is still there. Another couple traveled with us and we visited friends in Johannesburg at the beginning of the trip and stayed with friends in Cape Town at the end of the trip. In Aug. we will drive across country with old Yokohama h.s. friends of mine for a reunion in Ashland, OR. From there we will visit e-friends in ID and they will take us up into the Canadian Rockies. We'll spend a week at North Topsail Island in June with my sister, SBC '44), and her family too. Bill is still very involved with our church, but I just do choir now. Bill is also taking one graduate English course a semester at the Citadel to enjoy all the things engineers didn't get taught. I go to my gallery twice a week and have become obsessed with digital photography—have to force myself to paint now.

Get on those computers and send me an e-mail. I challenge everyone who hasn't seen their name in this column to correspond at least a few sentences.

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Sadly, **Lee Fiducia Hartmann** died on Jan. 13th. She'd fought cancer for a long time as all of us knew at Reunion. We were fortunate to have her with us then. Our hearts go out to Ruedi and their 3 children. We also send our sympathy to **Jane Feltus Welch** for the loss, in Mar., of both her husband, Jim, and her older brother.

First, I need to clear up any misconceptions about where I am! While I truly love sitting here on the beach in AL during the winter, I am a snowbird who still lives in marvelous MN! I spend the 5 coldest months in a rented condo in Orange Beach, AL. I am happy in both locations and will continue to divide my time for as long as I am able.

Hurricane damage here was limited in '05. Gulf Shores and Orange Beach were hit hard by Ivan (Sept. '04) and are still recovering. We understand how devastating the damage done by Katrina was to the coastal communities west of us.

Traveling still seems to be one of our favorite pastimes. Great trips included **Lydia Plamp Mower** and Ted's 2 weeks in Germany in Sept. They found Berlin fascinating and spent 1 week on a boat traveling gorgeous rivers. **Ginger Chamblin Greene** went rock climbing in Buenos Aires and iceberg hunting in Antarctica. In Oct., **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall, **Emily Hunter Slingluff** and Doug Mackall and Eddie Leake booked into Hope Farm, **Ethel Green Banta's** Bed & Breakfast in Natchez, MS for a few days. To complete the SBC reunion, **Jane Feltus Welch** and Jim and Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun '57 and Bill joined them. Miss Ethel conducted tours through the town and regaled them with her version of the area's history. Betty Byrne and Hudnall also traveled through the Canadian Maritime provinces. As well as beautiful scenery, they enjoyed delicious seafood. In May, **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** and George went sailing in the British Virgin Islands with their son, Walter, his wife and 2 sons. She missed Reunion

because of it but got updates later on visits with **Frances Bell Shepherd** and **Camille Williams Yow**. The Netherlands was a popular destination in '05. **Ann Jeffers Hogarty** and Dick enjoyed the gorgeous tulips and the canals as did **Didi Stoddard** and her partner, Jesse Tobin. Didi and Jess did it all on bicycles—Didi's skinned knees showed up nicely in the Christmas card photo! In another hemisphere, **Mitzi Streit Halla** and Roman have been concentrating on the South Pacific with visits to New Zealand and Australia. Look for Mitzi online at Australia.com, then Virginia Premier Aussie Specialist. They did manage to squeeze in a week at a NH lake with their boys and their families which include 8 grandkids under 5!

The biggest trip of '05 for 45 of us (and 20 long-suffering husbands) was the journey back to SBC for our 50th Reunion. Once we got together it felt as if we had been apart a couple of months, certainly not 50 years! We had a wonderful time. If you weren't there you can be sure that we missed you...and talked about you!

This was the 1st Reunion that **Sandy Rhodes Berglund** missed in a long time. She was working to get her home on Hutchinson Island, FL, in shape to live in after the devastation caused by 3 of '04's hurricanes. **Dede Crater Pearse** was not feeling well enough for the trip to SBC but is on the mend and spent the holidays with her son, Paul, and her grandchildren. **Burney Parrot Sheeks** missed our little get-together because of her granddaughter's h.s. graduation in Colorado Springs. She wrote that she is in her 25th year of selling Doncaster clothes. She and Joe moved from the Bay area 5 years ago and love their new home in the foothills of the Sierras. Their son, Paul, and granddaughter, Rachel, spent a week in Biloxi, MS, over the Christmas holidays helping with the rebuilding. **Diane Johnson DeCamp** spent the year working on remodeling and redecorating projects. **Diane Hunt Lawrence** spends the worst of NJ's winter in Vero Beach, FL, finding a spot with many other golf enthusiasts.

Bexie Faxon Knowles writes that she has become an ESL instructor in both ME and FL.

Some of us are working on another fun mini-reunion which should happen in Apr.! Keep those cards and letters coming and I'll try to keep you up-to-date.

1957

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The 50th Reunion for the Class of 1957 is set. The dates are May 18–20, 2007. Considering the busy schedules of those who responded to requests for news for Notes, mark your calendars now! The date was set to avoid conflict with Memorial Day weekend, and as we have 2 members of our class heading for the Indy 500 this Memorial Day, I guess someone in planning was protecting them—and us.

Other than news, which will follow very soon, there is always the issue of giving. **Nannette McBurney Crowds** has been at work for some months planning and plotting to send 1957 out with a big fat financial bang. Fact is, after our 50th, the college pretty much down rates us. Not just 1957, it is the fate of all classes. I suppose that 50th meant long-in-the-teeth-geezer-dom when the phase 'em out after the 50th was made. Someone ought to tell decision makers that we in the Class of 1957 have our 2nd wind at the age of 70 and have been put out to pasture way, way too early.

Any and all gifts made from this point forward should be clearly marked Class of '57 Reunion gift. If we have to go out, let's go out in glory, raising the standard of giving all the way to the top. We have long excelled at raising large sums for our Reunions, but perhaps more important, is the number who are willing to give that is a better hallmark. So in the coming months, and effective June 30, '06, make your pledge to the Annual Fund, and pay that pledge before May 1, '07.

To those classmates who were unable to respond to requests for Class Notes, whether by e-mail or the little post cards I continue to send out, please do think about responding come early winter '07 when you will be asked to send photos, answer a questionnaire and send news. Maybe you have not been back to the College since you left; perhaps you spent one year or two and believe no one will remember you, so why bother. The answer is real simple. We all want to know of and hear about each one of us who were a part of the Class of 1957.

Each one of us does matter. So particularly if you decide that on site participation in May '07 is not your cup of tea, do take part in the requests for information that you will receive. We collect all the pictures, the memos, and

the completed questionnaires into a lasting scrapbook and are looking into the technology of reproducing it.

That is my personal pitch and I am sticking with it! Enough!

We finally identified the winner of the Class Baby Sweepstakes in **Jane Campbell Englert**, who will be 3 score years and 10 in Oct. '06. We had several contenders for youngest in the class: new winners were **Joy Peebles Massie** in May, **Ninie Laing** crosses the bar in June and **Lisa Morton Clute** in Sept.

In the newly devised category of Long Time Finally Heard From comes news from **Sallie Lane Burdette** in Louisville, KY. **Carol Turner Grosthwait** in Waco, TX and **Pris Vermooten Baldwin** in Evergreen, CO. I rang up **Jeanne Fenrick Beddell**, who retired to Cambridge, MA some years back, but was told by a grand girl that Jeanne wasn't around. When I asked if I could reach her on holiday the answer was—she's in Viet Nam. Jeanne has been in the missing list and I hope she will check in on return.

Sallie is retired as a sales associate and fashion model, but says she has "lots of fun" dressing up every day. While her spouse had a heart attack last year, **Sallie** says they are still physically very active, getting lots of exercise. **Carol**, who had to be the funniest human ever to walk down the stairs in Randolph, is deep into fine arts photography with both a wet room and a light room. Surgeon husband Bobby died last June. **Carol** has wonderful support from her 3 daughters and 8 grands, though the family is scattered from San Francisco to Dallas to Nashville.

Pris has pledged her heart, art and energy to the Desert Museum of AZ in Tucson, though she and Michael live in CO. **Pris** founded the museum's Art Institute, spends chunks of time with a major building program that includes classrooms, archival storage and office space; she is developing a special art collection for the museum, called "Vanishing Circles," and has contacted wildlife artists to paint the wildlife, plants and places endangered due to habitat loss in the Sonoran desert region. Just to keep busy. **Pris** is illustrating a children's book about a rattlesnake that makes friends with a garden hose. Check out the museum's Web site www.desertmuseum.org/.

Our miracle classmate, **Mimi Chapin Plumley** sends thanks for the cards, letters, e-mails, and prayers that made their way to the DC area much of last fall

and winter when she was gravely ill; there was serious question that **Mimi** would beat the odds. Her much hurricane-damaged house on Captiva Island off the west coast of FL beckoned to **Mimi** in Apr. She will remain there until Sept. A great place to relax, catch some rays and keep building her strength.

Our other "miracle" girl, **Anne Wilson Rowe** has her cancer at bay, but battled some exotic bug that she and **Ninie** may or may not have picked up on their SBC sponsored trip to Egypt and Jordan in Dec. and Jan. They compared aches, pains, meds and reactions by e-mail while recovering. When Anne left hospital **Lisa Morton Clute** was there to supply Anne with homemade chicken-leek soup and excellent conversation. **Nancy Godwin Baldwin** similarly coddled Anne when she attended her next board meeting. Tea and sympathy are to be sneezed at never.

From the far west, so far it's called the HI. **Carolyn Scott Arnold** continues to extol the vida loca on Oahu, which she regularly and routinely refers to as "Paradise," which apparently has been pretty soggy for some weeks with unseasonable and uncharacteristic rainfall. **Scottie** reiterates her intention to be back for the 50th. Have you made your reservations. **Scottie?** Dates are above.

No word from other usually reliable Westerners, Californians **Lou Wallace Wilemon**, **Lainy Newton Peters** or **Barbara Tetzlaff**. May you, however, on **Dagmar Halmagyi** Yon down San Diego way. She and best bud, Bud, will resume their Alaskan travel, which was interrupted last year (fortunately before they trekked the wilderness in Denali Forrest), when Bud had an atrial fibrillation. This time they plan to make it in good health to the grand Alaskan preserve.

Hopping the continent and heading down south, **Jane Pinckney Hanahan** rejoices that 2 of her 3 kids and 3 of her 4 grands are back in Charleston, SC. Daughter Anne's family cleverly left New Orleans in July. **Jane** celebrated her 70th with family in Richmond. Travel took her to Dalmatia last year, with a crowd from the Class of 1958 and this Apr. was to have found Jane in Turkey.

Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas obviously has an "in" with the cobbler, because her travel shoes need constant attention. **Jane's** birthday last year found her in St. Pete's (as in the Gulf of Finland, not the Gulf Coast); but this year she made her annual Naples, FL trek, then on and Memorial Day was

stated for the Indy 500—our **Jane Fitz** at the Brickyard! Then come AK and the Med, concentrating on the Greek Isles, but finishing up in Alexandria. Long time companion Bill Dietrich will be with Jane all the way.

She had the birds eating right of her hand at Christmas, and **Enid Slack** has photos from the World Heritage Park outside Brisbane, Australia to prove it. Earlier in the year **Enid** played the ring game—no not silly old one, but Wagner's Ring Cycle, more than 12 hours of it. **Enid** was in Seattle where her anticipated snores turned into fascination: 4 days attendance of lectures. **Enid** decamped Denver again for spring visits to GA, with a side trip to Montgomery and a visit with **Marguerite McDaniel Wood**: summer will find her at Cape Cod.

Sydney Graham Brady says there is no news from IL, but she failed to relate her adventures in late fall when she and Bill had a month in Italy—Firenze, of course. A month in Tuscany is not news?

Jane Heard Wadsworth continues to call Old Lyme, CT home, but would consider a warmer and more southern habitat after another round of snow. I suggested that if she wanted heat Austin, TX had lots to offer. **Jane** had FL more in mind. She was off to the Bahamas for a month of water activity when she wrote, will get home and pack for the summer on RI's fabulous Block Island, where she has been staying for ages.

Margie Scott Johnson and Earl keep on keeping on down in Raleigh, NC. **Earl** is still on the job, though he manages time off for hunting trips: **Margie** remains immersed in doing good things for all people and delights to report that she and Earl, their kids and grands are healthy and happy. What could be better than that?

Around the corner in Raleigh, **Flo Barclay Winston** and Charles have found the secret formula for energy to burn. They trob back and forth across the state and dip down to FL for R&R, head off to China with **Sandra Stingily Simpson** and **Jody Raines Brinkley**. Some poor cruise director is going to learn firsthand just how to run a cruise ship when Clan Winston arrives on board this summer. **Flo** and Charles are booked with their 3 children and multiple grands to go sailing around in the Caribbean Bon voyage!

Natalie Wittich Morrow still in Dodgeville, WI continues to "persevere" writes spouse Paul. **Natalie's** stroke some 5 years ago left her paralyzed on the left side, but the entire family has

done a good bit of cruising recently. With multiple motorized and electric vehicles, **Natalie** has some mobility.

Nancy Shuford Dowdy seldom responds to information requests, but **Chris Smith Lowry** rattled her out, reporting that **Nancy** spent a chunk of the winter in FL whacking golf balls.

And speaking of **Chris**, she and Britt celebrate 50 years of marriage June 16, where the entire family will gather at **Nancy's** house in Hickory, NC. **Chris** and Britt took a Caribbean cruise and shared that body of water with one of last summer's hurricanes, which managed to hit every island they visited.

The "no guts no glory" award goes to **Helene Bauer Magruder** who sandwiched a hip replacement between trips to Peru and Japan. Bonsai, a fascination for **Helene** was the reason d'etre for the trip to Japan, along with her deep, deep interest in digital photography.

Virginia Marks Paget is still firmly in the academic saddle where she chairs a program of community change and civic leadership at Antioch U. in OH, and continues to consult with the Kettering Foundation. **Ginny** still relishes the wonderful trip she took with the **Pai** family to China. **Ginny's** kids organized a 70th for her in some historic cabins outside Austin. Thanks for the phone call, **Ginny**. Sorry I wasn't at home.

Sandra Stingily Simpson remains the Belle of Birmingham, AL when she is there, which is not too often. Like **Jane Fitz Sandra** also has a deal with the cobbler, for her traveling shoes always look good. China with **Jody Flo** and **Charles** last fall: New Year's found **Sandra** and Ed Laughlin at South Padre Island, TX with Dudley and me and other Austin friends. The Alabamians almost fell off the world among the palm trees, desperate humidity, Margaritas, Mariachis and Mexican pottery when we took them across the border. Son Karl visits regularly from Prague; son Evan and his family abandon NY for **Sandra** and Sea Island over Easter. Somehow, **Sandra** continues to keep up with her painting.

Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun, who saw **Sandra** recently at the Natchez Film Festival, triangulates her life between NC, Tupelo and PA. It's the grands' locations, of course. If not traveling between these sites, **Ruth Ellen** spends her time preparing for the grands to visit her. She and sister Ethel Green Banta '55, are mainstays of the Spring Festival in Natchez, which this year will star **Ruth Ellen's** grand girl Anna, as page to the Queen of the Natchez Pageant.

Jan Armstrong Neuenschwander keeps her neurons firing by continuing to take college courses, more literature and political science, as well as spending plenty of time at the bridge table. NM, **Jan's** original home, beckons for the summer, where **Jan** hopes to find cool breezes, which surely she will not find at her Houston home.

Bridge remains big in TX and also occupies a good deal of time for **Patricia Lodewick** in Dallas. **Pat** plays duplicate at the tournament level. She travels regularly to NY and NM multiple times yearly. **Pat** and several women I grew up with in Amarillo have started flying around the country to lunch with good and old friends. They were due in Austin in early May, where Margaritas and fajitas were on the menu as well as a visit to the newly-opened Blanton Art Museum.

Sticking to TX, **Elayne Steele Shults** remains involved with more "doing for others," than can be imagined. But **Elayne** rewards her still close-to-the-surface acting DNA by participating in various operas in the chorus, adorning herself with finery of bygone days.

Cynnie Wilson Ottaway surely has worn out multiple Palm Pilots keeping track of her schedule which includes travel between homes in FL and MI, then there are garden clubs, horse shows, the Daytona NASCAR and the Indy 500 in May. Spain in May with **Nannette**, then to England and Cambridge U. to applaud a nephew's Ph.D. and back home to see other family members at their graduations. **Cynnie** somehow is managing repairs from Hurricane Wilma's damage, which wrecked her pool enclosure. I have to take a nap after repeating this activity level.

Refreshed, I fell into déjà vu fatigue all over again reading the activity level of **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** in Montgomery, AL. She and **Enid Slack** took in the cool white beaches of the FL Panhandle this spring, to be reprised later with her children and 11 grands; then to the Baltic for a cruise, home long enough to repack for Toronto to watch tennis matches; all this and a continuing "part-time" job. Was **Marguerite** serious when she said: "Thank heaven we are not all rocking on the porch?"

Jane Campbell Englert's husband, who had been in failing health for some time, died last fall and Jane writes that she is learning the adjustments of living alone. Not entirely alone, because her grands, sensitive to Jane, presented her with a wee kitten for company. Jane traveled to the West Coast earlier

this year, lunched with **Lou Wallace Wilemon** and had an airport visit with **Janet Pehl Ettele** in Phoenix and was looking forward to a visit from **Marj Whitton Aude**.

Baba Conway Debicki continues calling Lawrence, KS home after her husband's death last year. **Baba** is hip, if not shoulder deep, in family. She took 21 members to Mexico at Christmas; the 5th of her 9 grands gets a trip to London this fall, which is **Baba's** 14th birthday present to each of the kids. This fall she and her sister will be on a walking trip in France and Spain.

Our classy classicist was heaped with honors, flashbulbs flashed and a massive audience roared with approval as **Diana "Dee" Robin** accepted her prize (one of only 18 awarded) by the Modern Language Association for the edition and translation she and a colleague wrote on Isotta Nargala, a 15th century writer and intellectual (full story in the winter Alum Mag). **Dee's** book, "Publishing Women in Renaissance Italy," will be in print late this year or early '07. *Dux Diana facti.*

Feb. snows that rocked NY and New England didn't faze **Anne McGrath Lederer**, who said she had only gotten 6 inches at her VA home, an amount that would paralyze half of TX. **Anne's** son returns for a 2nd tour in Iraq. All thoughts and good energy for this young man.

Anne Ford Melton still marvels that it took her so long to join the electronic world. She has switched to being a proofreader for the Chattanooga newspaper, likes her hours which, while ending after midnight, mean that **Anne** doesn't have to get up early. Clever one. **Anne** does some traveling down to Charleston, sees **Elaine Kimball Carlton** in Athens, GA en route, saw **Carroll Weitzel Rivers** in Cashiers, NC and while visiting her daughter in Montgomery, chatted with **Marguerite Wood**.

Anna "Chips" Chao Pai remains aglow with results from the Pai family's "roots" trip to China in '05. Even after "weeding," **Chips** filled 7 albums with photos. The trip, **Chips** says, was important for her American-born grands and daughters-in-law for their understanding of their Chinese heritage. **Chips** is focusing more on photography than her bonsai these days.

The ever-evolving **Marj Aude** suggests that we follow her lead in keeping a list and a personal critique of the books we read, a practice she devised several years ago. **Marj** and Fritz keep moseying down their upstate

NY roads, farming, square dancing and visiting family and friends.

Our indefatigable art prof, **Ninie Laing**, is fully involved as senior churchwarden as her VA congregation searches for a new rector. **Ninie** led SBC's Egypt-Jordan trip in Dec. '05-Jan. '06. She rode a camel around in Petra, the famed Rose City of antiquity. **Ninie** and **Judith Ruffin Anderson** of Winchester swap luncheon locations regularly for good food and better chats. She also attends the semi-regular meetings of the Virginia-Washington group.

Elaine Kimball Carlton and precious Sam love Athens, GA where they retired to a "country" condo within the easy reach of a university town. Both offspring are still on this continent, though a continent apart—Elizabeth in Seattle and her brother George in NYC. Their trip to Russia last year was a great success with **Elaine** and Sam lingering in St. Petersburg and Moscow at each end of their river trip.

Kay Tighman Lowe claims life has slowed to accommodate Jim's knees, but that's not so bad as their daughter lives nearby in Richmond with twin daughters and a boy aged 3. The **Lowes** spent some time down FL way in Mar. with **Susan Ragland Abrahamson** and her Jim. At some unspecified point and location the **Lowes** spent time with **Joanie Lawson Kuhns** of Louisville and **Mary Webb Miller** of Houston.

Susan Abrahamson operated Sweet Briar south at her Longboat Key home this winter. **Page and Bob Coulter** down from NH overlapped with **Chips Pai** and David in Mar., followed by the **Lowes**. **Page** brought her new and ever more whimsical book of poetry. **Chips** snapped everything that moved (or not) and presented the **Abrahamsons** with a photo of a giant blue heron. **Susan** continues to paint and to sell her paintings. In July, 28 strong, the **Abrahamsons** decamp for a family holiday in Scotland where they have rented a house (must be a castle to accommodate 28).

More big family gatherings via **Fran Childress Lee** and Lewis who rounded up 20 family members and took off to the Cayman's to celebrate **Fran** and Lewis's 50th anniversary. The **Lees** continue with their travels by land and by sea. And on land, their dog goes with them always.

While in the Caribbean, an e-note from **Jane Rather Thiebaud** and spouse, Luc Guimond, from the Dominican Republic. May found Jane hosting a conference for the Historical

Society of Rambouillet, outside of Paris. Topic was Catherine de Vivonne Savelli, Marquise de Rambouillet, who during the 1st half of the 17th century made an important contribution...to the art of living with her creation, the Blue Room where conversation, sociability and graciousness were developed. Her "assemblies", later called "salons" lasted more than 50 years. **Jane** is hoping to complete her doctoral dissertation on this subject very soon.

A little closer to home, **Ann Frasher Hudson** appears to be dividing her time between Fort Worth, TX and Aspen, CO where the snow was excellent and her children and grands were expected very soon. Apr. found **Ann** in Europe traveling with the Kimbell Museum director to Belgium, Spain and Portugal.

Dot Duncan Hodges, still down Charlotte way, wrote several clever e-mails, but never revealed what she has been up to. Maybe we can get the scoop if someone will kidnap her and bring her to the 50th.

Saynor Johnson Ponder says she told all the last time she wrote to Class Notes, so just ignore the winter issue of the Alum Mag and get all of **Saynor's** news. While the Reunion Kidnap Squad gets **Dot**, it should move down into GA and grab **Saynor**.

Our esteemed sr. class president, **Diane Duffield Wood** also claims to be fresh out of news. She did change her e-mail address, and if you weren't notified, it is ddw1219@comcast.net. **Duffy** celebrated her 70th with family and friends just before Christmas.

Our current and equally esteemed class president, **Charlotte Heuer DeSerio** turned a deaf ear or possibly a defunct ISP to repeated requests for news. Knowing **Charlotte**, however, grass was not growing under her feet.

Mary Landon "PeeWee" Smith Brugh continues to audit classes at SBC, mostly art history and literature and says life is fine. She and sister Helen Smith Lewis '54, traveled to Spain this spring with an Elderhostel group. **PeeWee** sees **Jody** in Richmond where 1 of their grandsons plays sports at St. Christopher's.

Carolyn Westfall Monger will be the newest known member of the '57 Hipster Society in late summer joining **Cynnie Ottaway**, **Helene Magruder** and **Nancy Baldwin** as owners of artificial hips. Until that time, **Westie** says she will continue her consulting work in Stamford, CT. Only a hint that she will appear at our 50th. Do we need a Northern Kidnap Squad?

Our class sailor, **Jackie Ambler** **Cusick** is never far from the water, whether at Rehoboth Beach or Capitola Island, unless she is hosting the VA-DC Mafiaosa at her Chevy Chase club: **Nannette, Mimi, Ninie, Anne Rowe** and **Emily Stenhouse Richardson** just before Christmas. **Jackie** and **Ralph** make their way to FL via the Inland Waterway.

Some of you may not know that **Rosy Cryslar, Nancy Godwin Baldwin's** sister, who lived in Williamsburg, died very suddenly last fall. Rosy was the mother of Nancy's beloved nieces. Rosy and her girls had sent Nancy 2 large boxes of 70th birthday gifts earlier in the year. Consummate professional, **Nancy** continued her heavy load of work at SBC and shows no inclination towards retirement. We all send **Nancy** our best hugs and love.

Mary Anne Wilson continues a two-continent life at Sweet Briar and in Madrid, where her daughter, Laura, her husband and 3 sons live. I talked with **MA** in late Mar. as she was preparing to jet away for 2 months in Spain. This trip she will have a chance to be with her son Michael and US grandson while Michael conducts business for the U. of Chicago.

Nannette and her red-hot laser focus on and for SBC is determined to make the 50th Reunion a great success. She is quietly gathering pledges for the Class of 1957, serves as a dir. emerita, the *Campaign For Her World*, which winds down in Sept. and continues to serve as chair of Planned Giving for the Alumnae Association. If **Nannette** should call you, I would suggest a quick and easy surrender!

Our very independent **Jody Raines** **Brinkley** left nothing to chance for her 70th in Feb. **Jody** designed, developed and threw her own parties at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, basically family and old SBC girls on Friday and a much wider group for cocktails on Saturday. **Flo** and **Charles Winston, Sandra** and **Ed Laughlin, Joy** and **Jimmie Massie, Margie** and **Big Earl, Margie's** brother **Burford Scott** and his funny wife and, **Dudley** and I joined the throng of local well-wishers. Also on hand were **Mary Ballou Handy, Sorrel Mackall** and **Mary Blair Scott**, all SBC 1959 (I regret I do not recall their married names). **Joy** and **Jimmie** had all of us out to their very stylish farmhouse for lunch as snow fell steadily. We met their 3 Jack Russell terriers, each of which is a genuine personality. **Jody's** son **Randy** and daughter **Darby** provided fine toasts

filled with wit and warmth and love. It was a simply splendid weekend, snow and all.

My almost best friend and much loved **Golden, Sonnet**, for whom I bought an SUV to drive her back and forth to ME died very suddenly in Dec. and poor **Dudley Fowler** thought he might have to put me down also; **Prozac**, he feared at the very least. I finally bounced back when **Sonnet's** cousin, **Breeze**, entered my life. **Breeze** will learn to be a road warrior in June. **Dud** and I will be gone most of May on a canal trip through Europe (will I ever escape boats??). **Camden** until Oct. and if I can get a new knee installed quickly enough, off to see Canada's polar bears in Dec. We will have our entire family in **Camden** to celebrate **Dudley's** 79th in Aug.

And remember one more time: May 18–20, 2007. Give early. Give often. Just please do give.

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Pam Hyatt has just moved to Vancouver Island where she is performing with the Chamains Theatre for at least 8 months. She will be **Mrs. Hardcastle** in Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*, **Mrs. Higgins** and a Cockney pub owner in *My Fair Lady* and **Grandma Kurnitz** in **Neil Simon's** *Lost in Yonkers*. She swears that she's changing her life from acting and being a voice artist but hasn't quite decided what direction she'll take. Son **Zack Ward** has a major role in **Kevin Kline's** new movie "Welcome to America." After attending her 50th h.s. reunion in Garden City, NY, she connected with a few old friends but is grateful to be out of that "walled village." **Pam** spent an afternoon with **Carol Hall**, our illustrious class composer. She says **Carol** is winning all kinds of awards for her brilliant compositions, some that she writes for others in the café scene, others she performs herself. To jog your memory, **Carol** wrote the words and music to "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," a Broadway and cinema smash. **Judy Graham Lewis** and **Jim, Charleston, WV**, have 9 grandchildren; they plan to have a holiday with them and their 4 children and spouses in NC in June. They are going to Greece for a Mediterranean cruise, retracing the footsteps of the **Apostle Paul**—a long-time goal. **Adele**

Scott Caruthers works with a home care agency as a therapist 3 days a week in Santa Fe, NM. She is happy to have her son **Bruce** living with her temporarily; her daughter and family have returned to the area so **Adele** gets to spend lots of time with her 2 grandchildren. She is a docent at the International Folk Art Museum and is taking an oil painting course—a departure from her experience with watercolors. She is reliving her '04 cruise to AK through all her photographs. **Betty Rae Sivalis Davis** and **Paul, Midland, TX**, continue to bird watch wherever they can; in '05 they were in Panama, Ecuador, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. She says the "birds were wonderful but the most fun we had was on the sailing ship the Sea Cloud in the Aegean." They are visiting Normandy on D-Day, June '06, with 5 other couples.

Ina Hamilton Houck, Chicago, and husband **John** still continue their church vocations, **John** in "called work" and **Ina** as a volunteer, most recently with a book circle of "wonderful, creative women." The **Houcks** vacationed in Durango, CO and Yorkshire, England and spent Thanksgiving in their time-share in Maya Riviera, Mexico, where they experienced the ravages of Hurricane Wilma. After being the grandmother to 4 grandsons, **Ina** now has a darling granddaughter **Leela**, daughter of **Donovan** and **Rama**; her name is Sanskrit for "divine play." **Port Royal, SC**, near **Beaufort**, is the new home for **Ceci Dickson Banner**; daughter **Jenny** and her husband were so taken with the area that they too moved nearby last Dec. **New Yorker Beth Mears Kurtz** not only teaches ballet and oil painting but she's decided to try to continue her SBC education by reading books that were on her list as a student! She travels whenever possible, last year to Rome and this year to Venice. **Libby Benedict Maynard** and husband **Olof Karlstrom** have 5 children, from their blended family, all over the map: from **Vulcan** and **Glen Lake, MI** to **Portland** to **New Orleans** and to **Campania, Brazil**. They have 12 grandchildren. **Libby** writes that **Ben** and **Mary Maynard** weathered **Katrina**—"an experience beyond anything most of us can begin to sense." **Libby** is still a regent at U. of MI. and is involved with a public policy "think tank." **Ole** has retired from the practice of law and is now engaged in the fight for the environment. She says they are in good health and ride their horses regularly. **Joan Nelson Bargamin** and **Paul**, long-time residents of **Richmond, VA**, continue in the antiques business.

Joan enjoys her board work that she's done for the past 30 years. **Son Stephen** and his family live in Tampa where he is corporate VP and senior controller of a firm; other son, **Paul**, lives in **Richmond** but travels out of town on business often. **Joan** keeps in touch with lots of SBC friends: she and **Louise Dunham Williams** enjoy their "girl times" when they attend plays and concerts together; **Ann Watkins Custard** gets to **Richmond** from **Ustate NY** about 4 times a year; **Joan** and **Carol McClave Duncan** e-mail each other daily and they get together in FL in the spring and PA in the summer; **Patty Williams Twoby** is a good antiques customer and visits **Joan's** shop often. **Betty Berkely Waddell Henson**, **Joan's** best friend growing up in **Lexington, VA**, lives in **Roanoke** and they maintain their deep friendship.

Marian Martin Harrison and **Paul** moved from **Atlanta** to **Tryon, NC**; they love it but are in a remodeling mode since a tree fell across their house during a late ice storm and invaded the kitchen. She is looking forward to contacting **Betty Colburn Williamson** who lives in **Asheville**. **Dorothy "Poogle" Wyatt Shields** decided to really celebrate her 70th birthday! She threw herself a real "whing-ding," including a talent show by her guests, a puppet show, pianists, trumpeters, a story-teller and a dance routine to "I Did It My Way!" Her guests were friends from her 11 years in **Richmond** as well as her kids who kicked in on the party with food, drinks, decorations and an MC. By the time we go to press **Poogle** will have moved to **Arlington, VA**, inside the Beltway, to a high-rise senior condo called the **Jefferson**. She'll be near **Carter, Stephen** and 6-month old **Robbie** as well as **Wyatt** and **Patty** and their soon-to-be-adopted little one. **Poogle** writes that she and **Julie Booth Perry**, in **Boothbay Harbor, ME**, succeeded in gathering 10 of the 20 living classmates from **St. Agnes School** for a great 50th reunion. Included were **Dianne Chase Monroe**, **Irvington, VA**, and **Pinkie Matheson Roe**, **Mendenhall, PA**, who accelerated a year so graduated early. **Becky Davis**, daughter of the late **Shirley McCallum Davis**, wrote **Poogle** about a plate that she had found that was designed by **Annie Laurie Lanier Samuels** as a graduation gift for her suitmates, **Poogle**, **Shirley**, and **Mary Lane Bryan Sullivan**, with a picture of the **Gray fireplace**, the **Hessian soldier** and **androns** and their names. She immediately called **Annie Laurie**, who lives in **Mansfield, LA**, and

asked her to send a copy of *Dingbats in the Kitchen*, Annie's recently published cookbook of old Louisiana recipes. It's always fun to report on a classmate who has achieved a milestone and **Annie Laurie** has done just that with this cookbook. **Annie Laurie** herself writes of the "First Family Vacation" taken by the Samuels to Whistler, BC, so that their grandchildren could experience snow! Son Ben with wife Ronda and Madeleine, 10, and Zachary, 7, had a ball. She goes on to describe their experience with the devastating coastal storms this past fall. Mansfield is in northwest LA so they escaped the worst of the hurricanes. "...the effects on our friends and families nearer the coast has torn into our hearts. It's horrifying to see people sitting on a bridge in New Orleans in 100° heat waiting to be rescued but that is nothing like talking with a friend a week later who lived through that ordeal and hearing the 'real story'...that brought tears to my eyes and gave me knots in my stomach that have not yet gone away." She goes on to thank everyone who contributed "with their prayers and pocketbooks...this sort of tragedy will require a lot of healing." We have a mayor in our class—**Sue Rossen Tejml**—in Copper Canyon, TX. Sue has quite a sense of humor concerning the vagaries of a small town mayorship. Our multi-talented classmate **Mimi Garrard** has a monthly TV program in NYC; the shows are streamed live on the Web at www.mimigarrarddance.com. She also has a short documentary, "Forging a New Career—Creating Dance for Video." Also being shown are Sea Wright Sculpture; Cortli Documentary; Shakti Circle #5; and Outer Worlds. Mimi is busy with festivals for art on film, installations in galleries and TV programs in NY and CA. She has 2 beautiful grandchildren, Sam, 5, and Hayden, 14 months. Mimi and her husband have left NYC for the country in upstate NY; she's building a studio to continue her dance for video work.

There was an interesting note from Harriet Dinegar Milks '77, from Juneau, AK, entitled "You Never Know Where an SBC Graduate Will Turn Up." To make a long story short, she ended up sitting next to **Elizabeth Gallo Skladal** at a Bar Convention in Juneau; Betty was attending with her husband George who is an attorney in Anchorage. They talked about their careers and interests then "...we reminisced about Sweet Briar's brick buildings and misty hills which seemed much closer to us at that moment than the 5,000 miles that lay

between. We couldn't leave the table without expressing our gratitude for the liberal arts education that Sweet Briar provided—without which we wouldn't have found ourselves in such a setting with so much to talk about!" Harriet goes on to say that Sandra Day O'Connor was the keynote speaker and afterwards she, her 11-year-old daughter and Betty had their pictures taken with her.

I have the sad duty to report 2 deaths in the class: **Ann Clancy Cooke**, Dec. 27, '05 and **Susan Davis Briggs**, Mar. 24, '06. We send our sympathies to their families. Their names will be included at the Alumnae Memorial Service during Reunion.

As for the Kuntzes, life trudles on. I continue to be busy with church activities including choir and a "prayer shawl ministry" as well as the chairmanship of the 25th Anniversary Celebration in Sept. for Canterbury Court, a local Episcopal retirement home. I'm also p.r. and bulletin chair for the Garden Club of Dayton and am doing freelance writing for local publications. Daughter Anne married Matt Newman in a lovely, non-traditional outdoor wedding in Oct. She continues as a grief counselor and funeral dir. for a family-owned funeral business in Dayton. Lee Cairra, her older sister, was her only attendant. Lee lives in Clarksville, TN, and remains a victim-witness advocate for the district attorney of 2 counties. She remarried 3 years ago and has a blended family of her son Scott, 16, and Steve's 2 children Ryan, 16, and Ashley, 13. **Martha Schenck** and Don and children Katie, 17, Lauren, 15, and Cole, 10, are residents of Pretoria, South Africa. Don is the Regional Security Officer for the embassy. It was a great disappointment to Anne that Martha, Katie and Lauren were unable to be in her wedding—just too far away! I had hoped to visit the Schencks this past winter but had to postpone because Eddie tuned up with serious back problems; he's been "doctoring" for nearly 4 months; I hope by publication time he'll be good as new. The Schencks will come to our MI cottage for the summer so we'll get to see them there.

My thanks to all of you who took the time to write; you're an amazing group of women and I love hearing from you and reporting about you.

1959

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Dede Ulf Mayer has moved to Richmond and joined our SBC '59 book club. In Sept. we got together shortly after she arrived, thanks to the gracious generosity of **Judy Sorley Simpson** and her adorable British husband Kep who were here for a visit. **Tricia Cox** Ware had us for cocktails beforehand and then we all took over the 2nd floor of Amici's, a divine Italian restaurant, for a LOUD, wonderful dinner.

I called **Nina Thornton Asgerisson** in Andover, MA. She told about going to her 50th h.s. reunion at Wellesley. **Sally Bertleson Maguire** was also there. Her most exciting news is a trip to St. Martin to celebrate her 40th wedding anniversary, along with her daughter and son, and 2 grandchildren! She's still working at her job in the library (as a media specialist) in Lowell, MA. She says she's definitely coming to our 50th!

Val Soddard Loring in Holden, MA has 3 children, 1 living next door! Numerous grandchildren, eldest 13 and the youngest under 2. She, after many years of volunteer work at Briarwood Retirement, has retired from the presidency of the board, but continues to serve on the board. Her daughter who lives in Yarmouth, MA has a business called BeltedCow.com which is thriving. They enjoy going south in the winter to St. John and Captiva. She's greatly looking forward to our 50th.

Jane Hawkins Lemon in Charleston, SC is inspiring as she is coping with M.S. and still volunteers from her wheel chair. She's so positive, raving about her help, and all her wonderful friends. She says her son and his wife and their 2 little girls are so attentive as they live nearby. Her daughter in Spartanburg and her family are not too far away and visit often. Chatting with me, she felt like she was back in "Commons."

As I was putting these notes together, in springs—out of the cold—not Santa, but **Cookie Cooke Carle** with the most GORGEOUS lavender poinsettia from Wynnwood, PA, followed by Dr. Grace Suttle '60, who lives in Richmond where she has some of our classmates as patients! At Stuart Hall schoolmates we go way back. I sent them out on the town because I'm working (on this!) Aren't you impressed?!

To conclude, I need to report, as promised, on the riverboat trip from Amsterdam to Budapest with **Snowdon** and Jamie-darling. It was the way to travel, no packing and unpacking. The scenery was magnificent, the medieval towns fascinating and SO OLD! The architecture is impressive; the restoration after the war truly remarkable. I recommend just such a trip for everyone.

1960

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Starting in Rockland ME, we find **Ellie Crosby Erdman** who lives with husband David. When not flying to Salzburg for Mozart's 250th birthday, she works as a decorator. In Jefferson, NH, **Winnie Ward** lives on a mountain top in her grandmother's house with her husband, Jim. She is V.P. of the historic society and serves on the town conservation commission. She is also active in a local theater group that reads and performs classic plays. **Anne Gattling Honey** built a house in Quenchee, VT. In Boston, MA **Susie Reitz Weinstein** lives on Beacon Hill where she is working to publish her late husband's novel. He also wrote a play which she is trying to have produced. In nearby Marblehead, **Betsy Buechner Morris** lives and breathes sailing—she and her husband have sailed all over the world, and even lived on a boat for 5 years. She writes articles for sailing magazines and short stories for a literary magazine; she is working on her 1st novel. She also is an active skier and biker. **Judith Hunter McCann** lives in Shrewsbury, MA. She and her husband took a trip to Venice last fall where they rented an apartment for 2 months. **Judy Jenks Pearse** lives on Martha's Vineyard in Vineyard Haven where she works with individuals and families who suffer from addictions. Also on Martha's Vineyard in Edgartown, we find **Dinny Muldaur Dozier** who lives with her husband in her father's house. She is serious about sailing; in addition to racing competitively, she plays tennis and golf. In Wilton, CT, **Anne Reinecke Clarke** is retired from working with a global market research company. She is excited about the recent purchase of a 2nd home in Venice, FL. **Gwen Speel Kaplan** also lives in Wilton where she works as a national account manager for Survey Sampling

International. She plans to retire in a year and move to VA to be near her children and grandchildren. Let's swing up around Lake Erie to see **Pat Russell Howard** in Toronto. She is retired after teaching English and drama for 40 years and is now a professional artist (in fact several of her paintings were on exhibit during Reunion). She continues to play the organ. In Binghamton, NY, **Gail Hayman Wilson** is enjoying retirement from teaching. She wrote glowingly about a cross-country motor and looked forward to spending the worst of the winter months on Kiawah Island, SC. In the big apple, we visit **Charity Paul** who is in business for herself as a psychotherapist. She finds her work challenging and interesting. Also in NYC, **Gail Lloyd** works for a foundation that sponsors art exhibits; her specialty is print collections. She is on the board of 2 historic societies and is ending her 1st term as sec. of the Friends of the Arts at SBC. Dear to my heart is **Lucy Martin Gianino** whose daughter married my son several years ago, so we are grandmothers-in-law. Lucy still sells real estate when not performing on- and off-Broadway (recently she understudied for Lynn Redgrave in *The Constant Wife*). She is a long-time board member of NYC Parents in Action and is the official moderator of many of this group's traveling seminars, including Teen Scene. She has a part in a murder mystery movie with Willem Defoe that is being filmed. In Green Village, NJ, **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and husband Bob enjoyed a great trip to Europe last summer (along with the Puseys) and spent some time in Palm Beach, FL and Belize this winter. They entertained those of us who attended Reunion at her picturesque family homestead, Kenmore, right near SBC. **Joanne Harrier Barker** lives in Lawrenceville where she is close to her daughter and family. She spent a large part of the winter in San Miguel De Allende, Mexico where she has gone for the last 14 years. **Sue Styer Cahill** sold her horse farm in Reading, PA and moved into an apartment and has not looked back. She kept 1 Jack Russell and boards 1 old horse at a friend's barn. **Margot McKee** lives in West Chester, PA and keeps busy as a realtor. I am close by in Wayne, PA where I continue to cherish living in our 1730 farmhouse. I retired from teaching 2 years ago and still haven't started all the projects I had planned on doing. My happiest times are with our children and grandchildren! In Bethesda, MD, **Barbara Beam Denison** runs our own framing business, find

time to visit her 3 daughters who live in CA. Santa brought her a new hip at X-mas. **Carter Nichols Jump** lives in the Chesapeake area in Oxford where she is retired from serving as a parole/probation agent for the state of MD; she now works in the local hospital commission shop. In that same area, **Barbara Murphy Hale** and Phil bought a large parcel of land and are in the process of designing a house that will sit right on a river overlooking the marshes. Barbara is involved in numerous activities both civic and environmental. **Mary Ellen Dohs Acey** lives in a townhouse in Baltimore upon retiring after 31 years of teaching; she is learning to play golf. **Carolyn Gough Harding** can be found in Reston, VA where she is working part-time as a consultant in Adult ESL after retiring from the public school system. She travels to Tucson, AZ to see her 2 grandchildren. **Judy Cowan Jones** is in Waynesboro, VA where she is captain of the local country club's ladies golf team. She has dropped out of most of her civic activities in order to be free to visit her 4 grandchildren, but did host a very successful fundraiser for the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra last fall. **Carolyn King Ratcliff** lives in White Stone, VA where she continues to teach math. She writes that after the fun of Reunion, she hosted a smaller one for the **McNairs, Slaymans and Bretschers** at her house in the fall. **Robin Ould Rentsch** has re-adjusted to a new life after living in the Middle East for many years. After earning an M.A. in Middle East Studies in Beirut, she moved on to Baghdad, Egypt (where she co-authored a guidebook on the Islamic monuments of Cairo) and finally Jordan. She is now settled in Great Falls, VA where she was named "Lady Fairfax" for her volunteer work for parks, trails and conservation. She surrounds herself with dogs and horses. In Charlottesville we find **Lee Del Greco Wood** who is Sr. V.P. of Management Services Corp., a company that develops and manages apartments and commercial properties in VA. Also living in C'ville is **Elizabeth Meade Howard** who is a journalist and freelance writer for women's magazines. To her credit are 2 documentaries on aged women and a book dealing with the grief of a parent dying, that she is trying to get published. In Richmond, VA, **Jane Ellis Covington** has retired from working as a licensed clinical social worker and has also given up her own decorating business. **Anita Perrin Grymes** has retired from teaching and finds that a pottery class is among her favorite activities. She also writes that she and her

son and his wife had a memorable trip to Greece last fall. **Patti Powell Pusey** moved back to Richmond in Mar. '06 where her 3 children and 10 grandchildren live. Right after moving, she and Bill went on an American Horticultural Society trip to Argentina, Chile and Patagonia. **Grace Suttle** is also in Richmond where she is an internist at St Mary's Hospital. Moving on to Williamsburg, VA, we find **Isabel Ware Burch** who has just been elected to the vestry of Bruton Parish Church. Being retired, she also is involved in volunteer activities. **Tucky McFall Ziebold** continues to live in Charleston, WV. She and John cherish being grandparents and spend a lot of time either in TN or CA where their many grandchildren live. They had a nice long trip to FL this winter, where they visited with **Jane Walker** and Frank, and are looking forward to a month long trip to AK this summer. Heading south to Greensboro, NC, we discover **Jackie Mabie Humphrey** who retired after 15 years of writing art reviews for a Greensboro paper. Recently, she took a garden trip to the Far East. **Judy Barnes Agnew** is in nearby Durham and writes that she and Jim enjoy taking trips to see grandchildren and to far away places like Egypt and Jordan. **Becky Towell McNair** lives in Charlotte in a wonderful mountain house and classifies herself as a 'professional volunteer'. **Dickie Wilson** and her husband recently moved from Albany, NY to Flat Rock, NC to be closer to FL where they go in the winter. They both volunteer at Connemara, the national historic site where Carl Sandburg lived for the last 22 years of his life. They enjoy the incredible beauty of the 264 acre property which encompasses mountains, lakes and nature trails. In Columbia, SC, we find **Nancy Conson Gibbs** who writes that Joe, her husband of 45 years, died last June. In Nov., the triumvirate from Edinburgh, (**Robin Ould Rentsch, Elsie Burch Donald** and Nancy) had their 1st reunion in 40 years near DC, where Elsie had come from London to do research for her next book. **Linda Sims Newmark** is enjoying many trips that retirement affords—notable are a cruise from London to NYC and a visit to HI. After a month in CO in Jan. '06, she and Bob returned home to Lake Keowee, SC to prepare for their next ventures. **Dottie Barnwell Kerrison** lives in the historic district in Charleston, SC where she's involved in preservation as a board member of the Historic Foundation. She plays duplicate bridge and sees **Louise Jenkins Maybank** often since their sons

are good friends. **Ellen Pringle Read** lives on the marsh on Wadmalaw Island. She and Mayo moved there from Charleston about 12 years ago and in '99 gave up their travel agency, so life is less hectic. **Susan Hendricks Slayman** lives on Saint Helena Island and writes of spending Thanksgiving with her daughter in Falls Church, VA and X-mas with her son who lives in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. In Atlanta, GA we find **Ann Crowell Lemmon** and **Nina Wilkinson Bugg** who are in-laws through the marriage of Ann's daughter and Nina's son. They both attend Sweet Briar's Living Room Learning; a marvelous college style course that pursues studies of various authors. Nina and Bill also bought a house in Highlands, NC, a small mountain town in western NC, and commute back and forth weekly. **"A" Massey Hill** is also in Atlanta, having moved there from Seattle in '04 to be near 1 son. She and Mal are very involved in the Episcopal Church of St Philip, where they both volunteer as well as sing in the choir. They play duplicate bridge and take courses in political science at Emory and enjoy year-round golfing. **"A"** also plays dual pianos. **Ann Smith Bretscher** lives in Athens, GA with her devoted husband Bob. They take trips to see their 3 children as well as many SBC classmates. Down into FL, we find **Winkie Wimbish Chalfont** in Ponte Vedra, where she and husband Ed moved after he retired from serving as Bishop of ME. They are golfers and bridge players. **Katie Mendelson McDonald** is in Palm Beach having lived in Hong Kong for 35 years and before that Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Spain and Japan. They revisit many of these locations which were necessitated by husband Jack owning a head hunter business. **Dotty Westby** and husband Jerry Farquhar live in Okeechobee, FL. They travel between their boat, which they spend about 6 months in the Bahamas, and their planes, which allow frequent trips to the Bahamas as well as CO, where both their married son and daughter live. **Cookie Cannaday Mays** moved to Sanibel, FL 4 years ago, having retired from a nursery tree business in KY. And finally in the sunshine state, **Kathy Knox Ennis** lives in Naples where, in her capacity as an Episcopal deacon in the Diocese of Southwest FL, she works with a growing mission church in Ft Myers. Still at home with her are 2 ex-racing greyhounds—she writes that she cannot imagine life without dogs. Traveling to AL, we find **Rhett Ball Thagard** in Birmingham. Her son lives there, and her daughters live in Dallas and

Berkeley. She reports that **Lee Cullum** is like a mother to her daughter in Dallas and that she enjoys seeing Lee when she visits there. **Norma Patterson Mills** has lived in Chattanooga, TN for 40 years. We are so proud of Norma for her many contributions to SBC as a board member, as a driving force in development and for her extremely generous financial support. She was absolutely glorious as she accepted the honor of SBC Outstanding Alumnae at Reunion. Heading into KY, we find **Heidi Wood Huddleston** in Bowling Green where husband Joe has been in the legal practice with family members ever since law school. He currently serves as a Senior Judge on the Court of Appeals for the state of KY. With her nursing background and many varied experiences, Heidi has recently gone into her own business of medical-legal consulting in preparation for the medical portion of malpractice cases, both for the plaintiff and defense. A jog up north to Indianapolis, IN brings us to **Jane Tatman Walker** who is in close touch with SBC as a member of the Board of Directors. She and her wonderful Frank spent the winter in Sarasota, FL. A big jump takes us to Chesterfield, MO where **Bea Schwab Stephen** is widowed after several marriages and collectively has 15 grandchildren. At 1 time, she bred Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs and still has 3. In Overland Park, KS, near Kansas City, we discover **Betsy Belisle Moreland**. She is now the manager of a beauty salon and day spa. In reference to growing older, a quotable quote from her is that 'looking in the car mirror with the sun shining is cause for a car wreck!' **Ary Jane Lotterhos Lyle** resides in Jackson, MS and is retired after serving as Secretary to the Dept. of Education for the state for 15 years. From New Orleans, LA, **Harriet Hurley Nelson** reports minor damage by Katrina to her garden district house, mainly because it is a new house built to hurricane standards. **Liz Few Penfield** and **Teddy Hill**, also in New Orleans, were in CO at the time of the hurricane, but returned when it was first possible. They work as volunteers for the Vieux Carre Commission, the architectural watchdog for the French Quarter. They are active in writing members of Congress urging them to support the rebuilding of their beautiful city. They are grateful to all of you who wrote and called after the hurricane's wrath. Crossing into Houston, TX, **Anne Thomas Lasater** has been married for 45 years with 4 children and 11 grandchildren. In Austin we find **Maydelle Foster Fason** who is heading

up a fundraiser for a large nearby nature preserve and also **Maline Gilbert McCalla**, who recently earned a M.A. in Fine Arts from a college in Mexico. She reports that she's now 'retired from good works.' **Jane Riddle Lancaster** lives in Dallas and writes that she and John have just bought a house at Grandfather Golf and Country Club in Linville, NC and would love to hear from anyone who is in the area. Our distinguished **Lee Cullum** also lives in Dallas. She writes for the *Dallas Morning News* and contributes commentaries to the NPR station in Dallas-Fort Worth. She is a new member of the Trilateral Commission and is working with the Dean of International Studies at the U. of Denver to start an organization called the Sino-US Dialogue. During the last week in Jan. '06 she was a media fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford. Let's take a big jump to Santa Fe, NM where we find **Peggy Cook Lunt**. After her 1st husband Seth died in 1998, she married David, one of Seth's old friends, in '03 and collectively they have 8 children and 13 grandchildren. They travel from FL to OR to keep in touch with this clan! Up to Henderson, NV (near Las Vegas) we listen to **Carol Ann Kolakowski Nalewaik** talk about her life of travels with her husband, who worked for Exxon in exploration and production. They lived in 19 different places including Libya, Bangladesh, Columbia and London. Her stories are spellbinding and hopefully she will commit them to paper so many can read them. In CA we discover **Molly MacDonald Brasfield** in her new home in Burbank where she moved to be near her son. **Debbie Lane Lyon** moved to Jamestown, CA after her husband died in 1989 to be near her brother and his family, and after working for 2 years as District Representative for an East Bay congressman, she purchased an art gallery which she ran until '04. **Carol Barnard Ottenberg** has lived in Seattle, WA since 1969. She continues to do surveys throughout the state for the US Dept of Labor. Her husband Simon is a retired anthropologist and has published 3 books. They come east to Lake Sebago, ME in the summer.

It is my hope that listing you by location might lead to some new connections between us. Friendships may fade but they can be easily renewed. Next year I would like to write about those of you not mentioned in this article. You will not receive a postcard from the College, so please take the initiative to contact me via e-mail or regular mail.

1962

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Fran Early's Christmas letter glowed of her active "retirement" life in Boston and beyond. She is a leader in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization dealing with health care access and ecumenical issues of several local churches. Her painting talent is expanding rapidly as is her Spanish conversation skills. Travel to Guatemala was extended to 7 weeks this winter, as well as 7 weeks on the Vineyard during the summer.

Martha Baum Carlton and Carl are still repairing from Hurricane Charlie, Aug. '04, which severely damaged their house. They play a lot of Bluegrass music. Martha also plays golf and teaches Spanish.

It is with deep regret that I report the deaths of **Joline Street Robinson**, Sept. 1, '05, and **Macon Winfree Hilton**, Feb. 6, '06. Our sympathy goes to their respective families.

1963

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The Chattanooga (Lookout Mountain) contingent spent early Jan. in anxious anticipation awaiting 1st grandchildren—**Stevie Fontaine Keown** has a new granddaughter, Mary Anna, and **Kathy Caldwell Patton** has a grandson, Mancel Caldwell Adcox, born within days of each other! **Lee Kucewicz Parham**, who also lives in Lookout Mountain, shared this news. She and John have 2 grandchildren living nearby. John has just retired but Lee thinks she will keep her day job, teaching at GPS, for awhile until he finds something to do with himself! **Lynn Carol Blau** reports a new grandson, Cole Canteenwalla, 15 months old (in Jan.). Lynn and Jeffrey have bought an apartment at Sutton Place and 56th and are loving living in NYC although they continue to spend time in Hartford where Jeffery still works. **Jean Meyer Aloe's** 3rd grandchild, Grant William Kahler, was born in Oct. Jean and husband Ed were planning a hiking trip to Utah in May. Jean recently had a poem published in the Tsunami anthology and had 3 Haikus receive honorable mentions

in a National League of American Pen Women contest.

Priscilla Langley Pay and Tony celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last May camping in the south of France, visiting the Chateaux, the Aveyron Gorges, and 10 days at Argeles on the Mediterranean. They stay busy with travel and babysitting a "gorgeous little grandson;" additionally Tony edits a military vehicle preservation magazine with help from Priscilla who has also been studying family history and reading ancient manuscripts. She says, "It gave me such a sense of awe when I opened up the Manor Court Rolls of Harling, Sussex, for 1213 and realized that I was probably the 1st person to have read them since they were written!" **Maxine Tichenor Green** bought and renovated a pretty Georgian house in London and had fun creating a garden from a neglected tangle of shrubs. She continues her interior design business, enjoys the riches of London theatre, ballet and opera, and has 5 grandchildren—2 in London, 2 in NY and 1 in Paris. Maxine visited **Cathy Detman Nicholls** and Peter in Somerset last summer. More news from Europe, this time from **Verissa Vom Baur Rohers** in Leipzig, Germany, who reports 2 recent concerts of her works at Mendelssohn-Haus. If anyone would like a CD of her chamber pieces send \$25 to Verissa at Bretschneiderstrasse 14, 04229 Leipzig, Germany. Verissa's daughter, Marina, will graduate in Physics and Philosophy from St. Andrews U. in June.

Sad news from Denmark where **Harriet Reese Jensen** reports the recent death of her husband, Jorgen, who unfortunately had been ill with a form of emphysema for the past 10 years. Their entire family had a memorable summer holiday together last year in Skagen, on the tip of Denmark, which Harriet describes as "something like Cape Cod used to be." Harriet says she hopes to come to the USA to see family and friends soon and encourages any classmates traveling in Scandinavia to look her up. We send our sympathy, Harriet, and also to **Susan Terjen Bernard** whose husband, Alfred, died in Nov. **Marta Sweet Colangelo**, who sent this news, and **Betsy Flanders Spencer** and Bill attended the funeral. Marta lives in Houston, enjoys working at Rice U. and "spending time with the 3 most perfect grandchildren in the Universe!"

Jumping from Europe to Mexico, **Katharine Blackford Collins** and John are in their 3rd year of living in Comala, Colima, Mexico where they now have

built a house. They are both dedicated volunteers—Katharine helps in an understaffed primary school at the base of the Volcan de Colima and teaches English to migrant workers bound for the US while John works in an after-school program for children of single mothers and with a Catholic prison outreach program. 1 son lives in Manzanilla, about 2 hours from them, and their other son is finishing his doctorate at WA State in Seattle.

Carol Crowley Karm moved from Santa Monica, CA to Westlake Village 2 years ago and has now retired to enjoy volunteer work and 10 grandchildren. She continues to paint watercolor commissions of children and recently became a commissioner on the Thousand Oaks Art Commission where she is writing a master plan to coordinate all the arts organizations in the area. **Lucetta Gardner Mannion** and Ed have been happily settled in Franklin, TN, for 4 years. **Lu** has taken up golf and plays with newly-retired Ed several times a week. Their 2 sons and 3 grandchildren live in Nashville so Lu enjoys seeing them once a week. **Cynthia Hubbard Spangler** retired from FedEx 2 years ago and immediately found herself in Baltimore when her mother fell and broke her hip. After 12 months of nursing, relocating Mom, and cleaning out and selling her home, Cynthia is back in Memphis. She has exciting travel plans—to Sicily in June, to Egypt and Libya in Nov.—and enjoys playing USTA team tennis. Her 3 grandchildren are in Nashville also.

Mary Trabue Meyer is another Nashville resident, having retired from the Nashville Public Library 2 years ago. Her daughter and 2 grandchildren live in Nashville and she has a new granddaughter in NY where her son, Will, is an architect. Mary loves retirement, has taken up painting and had her 1st show in Dec.

Lyn Clark Pegg writes from Duluth, MN, that she and her husband have retired and have been busy "settling into an affordable and manageable lifestyle." Lyn says, "We only hope we can take all that energy we put into our "stuff" (sorting, packing up, moving, cleaning and rearranging) and rededicate our efforts to advocacy work and delegations to Latin America with Witness for Peace." They enjoy sailing on the "Big Lake" (Lake Superior) and "trying to keep up with our grandchildren." **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ are completely settled in their new home in Lewes, DE—they love the house and the area, are volunteering at the local hospital and are involved in their

1792 church. Julia started a watercolor class and now her grandchildren call her "Grandma Morey." They have all sorts of travel plans—Julia saw **Betsy Parker McColi** and **Penny Pampin Reeves** on a trip to NC last Dec.

Margaret Millender Holmes and Tom spent last summer "supervising" the construction of a big porch and deck at their home in Painted Post, NY, and Maggie says they are now ready for visitors—not too far from Niagara Falls! Last year they enjoyed a week of sailing in the British Virgin Islands. **Laura Lee Brown** traveled to France to photograph the white horses of Carmargue and participated in another photo trip to Myanmar and Cambodia. She and Steve have been restoring 5 buildings in downtown Louisville to become a hotel with a restaurant, bar and museum, which will open this spring. They are beginning plans for another multi-use building on the edge of the Ohio River and have engaged Rem Koolhaas's American office to build it.

Valerie Elbrick Hanlon sent greetings on New Years Eve, "from the library in Gilbertsville, NY, where I sit with the snow whirling outside." Valerie had just sold her family house in Washington and was spending Christmas with her 2 sons, 1 in Portland, ME, the other in NYC, before returning to Paris to write and teach. She saw **Debbie Doherty Geller** and **Gail Blanke** in NY last fall at the play of Debbie's nephew, Justin Maguire, "a superlative young actor." Debbie later came to a performance of Valerie's niece, Xanthe Elbrick, at the Actor's Studio production of "The Miracle Worker" where she played the role of Annie Sullivan. Xanthe also appeared at a number of performances at the Williamstown Theater Festival.

Speaking of **Gail Blanke**, back in Sept. **Keitt Matheson Wood** e-mailed me an article from the Louisville newspaper about Gail. She was to be the guest speaker at the "Women 4 Women" luncheon the next day and **Keitt** promptly bought tickets and went, and had a chance to chat with Gail before her talk which **Keitt** says was fabulous! **Gail** is the founder, president and CEO of "Lifedesigns", a company which empowers men and women worldwide to live truly exceptional lives. She is considered 1 of the country's top motivational speakers and has written 3 books. Check her out at www.lifedesigns.com. Meanwhile Keitt and Frank continue to travel to Atlanta to visit their daughter, Helen, who is in the restaurant industry

and to Kansas City to see son Gordon, his wife Carrie, and 2 extraordinary grandsons, Graham and Kenton. Frank is starting to "ease up", taking a week off each month, and they are enjoying playing golf and more leisurely travel.

Leslie Buchman Richardson has been teaching Italian and a course on the Films of Alfred Hitchcock at the U. of the South (Sewanee) for 28 years. She and Dale frequently spend the weekend at their tiny cottage across the river in Chattanooga. Their 3 daughters lead exciting lives in Chicago, NY and Savannah where the youngest recently received her BFA in painting and sold out her 1st solo show. **Pat Calkins Wilder** is still doing photography full-time and is "grateful I have this wonderful way of living my life." She finds herself traveling more, due in part to Mike's partial retirement. Their son, Chris, and his family including "close to perfect" grandson Ben live in Seattle and over Christmas '04 Chris was able to summit Aconcagua, the 3rd highest mountain in the world. Not to be outdone, their daughter, Kelley, summited Kilimanjaro last year. Kelley is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin and will be married this summer.

Jane Goodridge is working part time at Brooks Brothers in Charleston which is a block from her house, nothing like her days of commuting between DC and Baltimore. Last June she joined the SBC alumnae trip to Poland which she found fascinating. **Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck were also part of the group. In Feb. Jane and George sailed the Western Caribbean on Seabourn. I am looking forward to seeing her this fall when I escort a group of my h.s. classmates to Charleston. **Tempe Parker** lives in Mount Pleasant, near Charleston, and sells residential real estate in the greater Charleston area. Tempe's "children" are her 2 rescue dogs—Buddy, a nice yellow lab, and Chaz, a bossy black miniature poodle. Good for you, Tempe—we have a rescue dog also, a gorgeous Golden Retriever. Tempe keeps in touch by e-mail with **Renee Regan Sage** in Australia who has become quite an artist—have a look at her work on www.reneesage.com.

Rinda King de Beck writes, "We're getting too old to have exciting news about ourselves—when I get together with old friends all we talk about is our children and grandchildren!" Not so, as Rinda is still teaching history at UNCG in Greensboro. She has 2 daughters, each with 2 children, and her son married last fall.

Betty Stanly Cates, as usual, has been on the road—or rather on the high seas! She and **Nancy Dixon Brown** joined the Sweet Briar Caribbean cruise on "Sea Cloud II" in Jan., '05, with Betsy Muhlenfeld and Larry Wollan as hosts. Betty liked it so much in Sept. she took another "fabulous" cruise on the same ship, this time sailing from Naples around the boot of Italy and up the Dalmatian Coast to Venice. She spent Thanksgiving with **Ginger Cates Mitchell** and Mitch at their farm in Barnesville, GA, and saw **Meta Bond Magevney** during a Christmas trip to Ponte Vedra, FL. Betty's condominium and her community of Vero Beach are still recovering from the '04 hurricanes and she is thankful they were not hit again in '05. Betty writes that "I sent a copy of **Jessica Bemis Ward's** book, "Food to Die For", to my rector at Trinity Church here and he recently preached a sermon on getting into "Dying Order." He actually ordered 10 copies of the book for gifts! So, Jessica, you are well known now in Vero Beach!"

Carol Childress Turner sent a wonderful Christmas card and news to catch us up on her last 40 years! She spent 35 of those years as a Montessori teacher and administrator in San Miguel de Allende and has now retired, splitting her time between San Miguel and Huntsville, TX. In the early months of '05 she and Roy traveled extensively in South America—the Galapagos, Machu Picchu, Bolivia, the Amazon basin, Iguazu Falls, then to Buenos Aires to begin a 2 week cruise around the tip of South America ending in Valparaiso, Chile. 2 weeks after they returned home Carol fractured 2 leg bones so the 2nd half of '05 was confining and frustrating. Roy is now teaching at Montgomery College near Huntsville and Carol is rehabbing, doing some teaching and tutoring and "trying not to feel useless." **Tish Skinner Dace** has lived in Bonaire for 4 years now and has even given up her NY mailing address—she loves waking up in Paradise every morning! She met Sweet Briar faculty Lee and Susan Piepho in a Bonaire restaurant 1 night—overheard the words "Sweet Briar," introduced herself and they all had a nice visit!

The most inspiring news I received was from **Lark Schulze** who wrote, "A note for our class news is a first for me, but I wanted to let all of you know about "The Red Devils", a 501(c)(3) organization I co-founded after the death of my 31-year-old daughter Jessica from breast cancer on July 4, '02." The Red Devils' funds services (transportation

to treatment, housecleaning, meals and groceries delivered to patient homes, among others) for breast cancer patients living or receiving treatment in Maryland and their families. TRD funded over \$60,000 worth of services last year. Our signature event, the Heart and Sole Stroll, a 2.5 mile non-competitive stroll around a beautiful lake, will be June 11th at Centennial Lake in Columbia, MD. More can be found at www.the-red-devils.org. Lark also became acquainted with **Missy Lohr Berge** and **Betsy Flanders Spencer** at a TRD event. Lark still practices law in SC and MD. Her son, Michael Cowling, lives near her Baltimore home.

Prue Gay Stuhr decided she didn't want to send news of her year but did want to say how much she loves my e-mail list! She used it to contact 3 former classmates she hadn't been in touch with for ages and got back 2 responses! I continue to try to improve the list so share those all-important e-mail addresses with me when you can and also any changes you make! And I commend the new "Banner Self Service" site Sweet Briar now has in place, the online alumnae directory! It is user friendly and full of good information!

Here in TX, Heinz and I continue to talk about slowing down, semi-retiring, whatever, but don't seem to be getting there very fast. We have been renovating a second home in Snowmass, CO, a project which has taken on a life of its own with all the frustrations of working from a distance! "Back order" has become the ugliest word in the English language! But there is light at the end of the tunnel—we expect to spend most of the summer there and would welcome anyone from the class of '63 who might be in the neighborhood.

Thanks for your responses—keep them coming. And there are plenty more of you out there we would just love to hear from!

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Many of us (myself included) find ourselves saying "I'm still" doing whatever. I've decided to banish the word "still" from my vocabulary. What we are doing is being excellent. Those of us who are working appreciate the extensive research and experimentation in retirement that the rest of you are doing for us! In Jan., I went to DC on a spur of the moment visit. We gathered 9 of us at **Beebe Bolling Down's** for brunch. The food was delicious and the company lively. **(Martie Benn Martin, Adrienne Ash, Beebe Bolling Downs, Gail Rothrock Trozzo, Libby Kopper Scholleart, Leslie Scott Porter, Alice Fales Stewart, Marsh Metcalf Seymour)**. It took an out-of-stater to bring these "near neighbors" together!

Gail is busy with historic preservation work. **Libby** is chairing her French Dept. and teaching. **Adrienne** is building her dream house; and **Marsh** is a docent at the Sackler museum. **Alice** gives tours in DC and has written a book called *The Palisades of Washington, D.C.* **Alice** describes how the area along the Potomac developed from early days to the present. We talked about planning a weekend when **Marsh** gave a tour and **Alice** lead us on a walk. It was great to see **Martie**. She has a condominium in VA and works for an energy-related company. **Leezee** says that this year she's "had more time to spend with my 3 grandchildren in British Columbia and am now helping to make a movie about Paul [Nitz] and the destroyer they named after him before he died. I am the Sponsor of the ship and it is a fabulous experience." She was on the ship in Feb. as it came up the harbor in Mobile, AL for carnival. **Mary Green Borg** spent 2 weeks this summer hiking and camping with her 2 youngest sons in northern Spain. She's teaching History at the U. of Northern CO, supervising History Student teachers and singing in the chorale. To the question, "What's important to me?" she says: my 5 sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 4 grandkids. **Vera LeCraw Carvaille** and husband Philippe and I met up in NY for lunch. They are pleased to have some business litigation behind them and to have their son and daughter-in-law back in Paris. **Tina Patterson Murray** reports "I am pleased that I have sold Brean's company, Brean Murray and

Company, it is now Brean Murray Carret. That is good news. I also sold my big apartment on Park Avenue and moved to a maisonette (a little townhouse) not far from the mayor's mansion and Carl Schurz Park. I am teaching at John Jay College of Criminal Justice which I love. My granddaughter was born on Sept. 20, '05 and she is named Brean Bettina Tobin (after Brean and me) and called Bre. I have 2 granddaughters, Rory, 3, and Bre, 3 months, and both are here in NYC. I have enjoyed catching up with **Donna Jo Pearson Josey** and her little baby, Eloise, who have an apartment not far from me in NY. **Barbara Little Chuko** is busy as a social worker at a mental health agency. "Very interesting work and a nice friendly environment. Last Sept. I took a trip to the northwest with a group from the American Volkssport Association. The group was organized in OH and IN and is called the Wandering Wheels, because they go by bus from town to town where they walk at least 10K a day on very interesting well planned walks. I have 4 grandchildren, unfortunately living out of state, but we all got together this year in Philadelphia at my daughter's home." Barbara lost her husband last year and now lives in a condominium with 2 feline companions. **Shiela Carroll Cooprider** says "the highlight of '05 is the marriage of our daughter, LeaAnn to Geoff Ziebold, much to our delight. The wedding resulted in a huge family gathering in Denver. Wonderful pre-Christmas weekend near St. Louis with Kathryn (daughter) and Roger (another terrific son-in-law) and Aidan (4 ½) and Evan (his 2nd birthday) and the newlyweds. I continue to work "part-time" as Assistant in a growing, active Episcopal church in Spotsylvania, VA. Chuck is retired with travel a priority." This year includes a trip to the Caribbean and a Baltic cruise this summer. **V.M. DelGrecio Galgano** writes "I want to thank our classmates for the wonderful support in dealing with my parents' death. It is lovely to know that I am able to count on them! JoAnn joined us in Scotland and England this summer for 2 weeks and there are tales to tell! Who knew that Soder would be so fascinated with sheep!! The highlight of the year was the gathering of 13 '64 classmates at SBC when JoAnn received the distinguished Alumna award in Sept. Our class is rather special!" **Anne Booth Hauser** says, "We had such a great time at Reunion. Robert's and my house, with a studio and conservation lab for him, in Sharon, NH is finally finished—as

finished as houses ever are." She and Robert learned the pros and cons of building a healthy house, spurred on by Anne's chemical sensitivities. And she says she'd do it again with the same builder. "Once Robert and I are relocated to the new house, I will have to figure out what I am going to grow up to be next!" **Mary Duer Colen** is enjoying her new grandchild, John Marshall Selway, born to daughter Ambler. Both daughters are near her in Philadelphia. Ambler's husband is an internet trader commuting to NY. The plan is for an office nearer home. Daughter Jennifer has a house in Wayne and an apartment in NYC where she lives during the week with dog and cat (who also commute). Mary and Joe enjoy their farm on the Chesapeake Bay on the weekends. **Joan Moore Biddle** says that her big news is that in Nov. she moved to Southern CA and an easy drive from daughter, Ginny, in LA and daughter, Barbara, son-in-law, Peter, and 6-month-old grandson, Emmet, in Redondo Beach, CA. We are in Temecula which is about 60 miles northeast of San Diego. Temecula is wine country and horse country like Charlottesville only without the humidity. We are sorry to leave our friends in Charlottesville, VA, and a great lifestyle which we enjoyed for nearly 10 years, not to mention proximity to SBC. We enjoyed a big family Christmas including family from the Boston area. **Peggy Aurand** writes "I brought my grandson and his mom from Taiwan to the U.S. for the 1st time for a family get-together. Since he wasn't quite 3 at the time, I decided to write a book about the trip for him to enjoy (and remember) as he gets older. Other than work, eat and sleep, I'm busy scanning and putting the glut of family photos and memorabilia into albums. **Lee Huston Carroll** reports big changes in her life. "My husband, John, resigned/retired from the L.A. Times where he had been editor for 5+ years. We have moved to Cambridge, MA where he has a fellowship for a year at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He will write and teach (just one class). I plan to audit a couple of things and probably work part-time. We are excited about a year in the Boston area—a city we know nothing about but are eager to learn. We have a year-old granddaughter in KY where we plan to live at least part of the year after the fellowship. **Lynn Youngs Esmay** says "'05 was an eventful year for me, as my 5th grandchild is my 1st granddaughter, Lila, born in Atlanta, GA, to Katie and Stephen Johnston (Solomon Smith

Barney institutional group). My daughter Caroline and her French husband Christophe (Lehman Brothers, Paris) and 3 little boys have moved outside Paris into the St-Germain-en-laye area where the boys can play in their apple orchard and attend the Lycee International (American section) afternoons, with mornings in French school. The Choquarts probably will always live in France; my daughter fell in love with France during SBC JYF, and even married in the Normandy countryside in '94. They visit Dick and me in Naples, FL, every winter; they spend several weeks with us on Lake George in the Adirondacks during the summer. And, of course, we love going to Europe every year to see them. Dick and I are happy, healthy and active. I am blessed with a compassionate and fun-loving husband and 3 wonderful step-children. We spend a lot of time on the golf course, and some time traveling, as Dick retired full-time 4 years ago.

Donna Van Arsdale Jones writes "Our son (Tim) is engaged, working at Price Waterhouse in Denver, and going to business school at night. Daughter (Emily) is finishing a master's degree in Public Policy and working part-time for 2 think tanks. I continue to be busy with many organizations and clubs in DC. Now in Dallas, **Rosamond Sample Brown** says that "aside from needing bigger hair and bigger jewelry, I am really enjoying my new abode. My brother and his wife live in Dallas and I still have family in near-by AR. I am keeping my townhouse in San Diego and will spend summers and part of each winter there. Foreign travels were to Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Easter Island. While in Paris for a week, I enjoyed having dinner and catching up with **Vera LeCraw Carvaillo** and her husband Philippe." **Ginny deBuys**, "As for me, I'm working for a company that may take a nice leap into software fame shortly. We live in hopes. I'm looking out there at retirement but unsure as to what, when, and where it might be. Sound familiar? Do send news and call if you are in NYC. Soon, you'll be able to post your news directly to the new SBC Banner site and then it will come to me.

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Please take it on yourselves to send me your news, and send your correct address to SBC! It was great to hear from so many.

Sally Rasco Thomas writes from San Diego, where she has lived for 33 years. Both her sons and 3 grandchildren are there. Sally is a planned giving officer for the American Heart Association for much of Southern CA. She travels when time and money allow, and sees classmate **Brooke Patterson Koehler** frequently.

Kay Knopf Kaplan retired over a year ago from her job as assistant to Charles Schwab in San Francisco. She and wonderful husband of 30 years, Bob, went to China last year and more recently to Budapest, Vienna, and Prague. 2 dogs keep them from traveling more, as do 3 sons and 3 grandchildren in the area. Kay keeps up with Penn Mullin Fullerton '66; they've been friends, golf buddies, and members of the same book group for 20 years! She sees **Eugenia Dickey Caldwell** at least annually; and has recently renewed friendship with **Leticia Sanders**, another horse lover and reader. Last June, Kay visited with **Ann Ferrell** in NY where Ann was marketing her book about being 60, single, and sexy. A visit with **Anne Butler** of Butler-Greenwood Plantation in St. Francisville, LA was interrupted by Hurricane Katrina. Kay trades e-mails with **Jean Inge Cox**, and says that our College turned out quite a crop of interesting, resilient, smart women.

Last Apr. **Eugenia Caldwell** and husband Peter visited family and friends while attending the Jazz Fest in New Orleans and birding at Dauphin Island AL; in Aug. both areas were wiped out. Her family evacuated safely, but her father had a massive stroke the day after Katrina hit and died several days later. Her mother and sister returned to New Orleans to clean up, but nothing is in any way normal. The beautiful home near Tulane where Eugenia lived from '69 to '87 was not damaged. Eugenia wonders how our several New Orleans classmates (including **Jeannie MacIntosh** and **Dana Reinschmidt**) are doing.

Laura Haskell Phinizy renovated their home in time to host everyone for the holidays. Stewart is a live wire;

always busy doing something, preferably golf. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and Stewart's 70th birthday this year. Marian's 2 sons keep them busy; Laura and Keith live nearby; and Louise stays busy with satisfying volunteer jobs and tennis.

Bunny Healy is still a county mouse/city mouse, working part-time at the Park School in Boston and spending long weekends in western MA. She relives childhood memories each summer in Dublin, NH, and visits her daughter Elizabeth, a vet tech in Evergreen, CO. Bunny's son Eben is a sr. at Haverford.

Melinda Chapman enjoys selling real estate in Birmingham, AL. Her son moved to Augusta, GA last year, bringing his wife, 2 sons, and 2 daughters much closer. Daughter Jennifer sells real estate in Manhattan; Melinda spent Thanksgiving with her. Her youngest daughter Brook lives in Birmingham with her husband and 2 daughters; Melinda spends every spare minute being "Mema" with them.

Aline Rex McEvoy stays busy with family, friends, church, study groups, travel, etc. They spent 2 weeks in Yorkshire, England, in June, and 2 ½ weeks on a Baltic cruise. Another trip with Atlanta friends and **Elvira McMillan Tate** took them to 12 countries, significantly to Brugge, Copenhagen, and Stockholm. **Aline** lived in Stockholm for 3 years as a child (while her father earned his Ph.D.) in an historic home which they found and were able to tour from top to bottom. **Aline** had a brunch at their home for 120 out-of-town guests for the wedding of **Margaret Fields Kresge's** daughter.

Marianne Micros is still teaching English literature and creative writing at the U. of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. Her new book of poetry, *Seventeen Trees*, will come out next year, and her family and trips to Greece. Remember her teaching Greek belly dancing in her room after dinner? Last year she began taking lessons in Egyptian belly dancing and has recently danced in 2 recitals.

Helen Scribner Euston talks about **Molly Sutherland Gwinn**. Molly has a new Ph.D., and came out of retirement to join Scribble on the SBC Friends of Art Board in time for their grand fall buying trip in NYC.

Jane Merkle Borden, grieving her dear husband's death, is comforted by her sons Mercer and Arroll, their wives, and 3 grandchildren, all of whom live in CT so she sees them every 3 months. She's going to Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia for a month in Feb.

Foy Roberson Cooley invited us to join her and a few friends to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Peru, and visit Lima in Apr. Porters will help with tents and carry the heavy stuff, but 4 or 5 days of hiking at 11,300' altitude is not for the weak hearted!

Beth Hunt, Eileen Stroud Clark, and **Mel Freese Cota** played together in Oct. in CO. Eileen's son, Martin Clark, was getting married in Telluride, and Eileen invited the 3 roomies to share her house for the occasion. Mimi's older son Marlow got married last summer.

Mel Freese Cota has a married son in Norwalk, CT with a baby girl; another son living in Brazil; and a married daughter and 3 children living in Mexico City. She is into yoga, and her Queretaro home is often full of visitors. Husband Alberto (of Queen Mary, Junior Year Abroad, '63) is retired from dentistry; they've celebrated 39 years of marriage.

Mary Kyger welcomed all 3 children and their families home for Christmas; her younger son returned to TX safely last Mar. from Iraq. She and Ross have 3 grandboys and a little girl due on Valentine's Day; they spend time at their south TX ranch and in the pines of east TX.

Trudy Hatch greets us from NM. **Dabney W. McCoy** celebrated the arrival of her 5th grandson in Charlotte with attorney son Chris and his wife Mary Richard. Son Tim works for an investment firm in Richmond; he and Christina have 2 boys. Daughter Catherine lives in NYC and works with **Jane Merkle Borden's** son Mercer. Husband Tim is still working full-time; they enjoyed a family wedding in Bermuda in Sept., and vacation in ME. Dabney's roommate **Sallie Mullins Thompson** has moved from Houston to NYC and plans to marry a long-lost fiancé from the 60s this summer. They had dinner together in DC at the time of the inauguration last Jan. Dabney loved seeing **Blair Borth** in Nov. when Blair participated in the installation of her new rector.

Sally McCrady Hubbard loves calling Sewanee home and working in the college admissions office. Staying fit for her annual Sept. AIDS bike ride keeps her healthy and sane. Husband Charles has retired from architecture and hopes to get back into photography and water color. Son Hayne is learning a lot about diamonds in Dallas (IT with Zales/Gordons/Biddle & Banks); he brings Katie and son Duncan, 6, to the mountain when he can. Daughter Anna lives in San Francisco and enjoys her work in a medical research library.

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Thanks to all who sent in news; please do so at any time. Save the date for our 40th Reunion—May 18–20, 2007!

Beth Glaser Morchowder writes that she's left banking, and has been Executive Director of The Woman's Club for the past 2 years. Her granddaughter Malone is 16-months-old, and "the joy of my life!" She had a wonderful 2 week trip in the fall through Normandy and the Perigord. Sadly, **Sally Haskell Hulcher Richardson's** husband Wes died last month. **Mary Lindsay Smith Newsome** and Mac came up to see Sally. Beth reports "ML looks terrific, as always."

Barbara Annan is back living in AK in a lovely log home with lilacs around it in the summer and a warm woodstove inside in the winter. She is very involved with the Fairbanks' thriving art community and hopes to make it to our 40th Reunion.

Adele Laslie Kellman is "mostly retired, working a few days a week as needed for my former employer." Husband, Paul is fully retired. They are taking classes at NYU and are going to spend 2 months in China this summer (their 3rd trip there in as many years), some of it as part of a program with NYU. Kids, Simon and Allison, are both working in NYC. When not traveling and taking classes, they enjoy their vacation home in the Berkshires of MA (Great Barrington). In Feb. '05, Adele organized a 42nd reunion for her New Orleans h.s. class (they missed their 40th) with 2/3rds of the class participating. Now they consider it a blessing that they gathered because it wouldn't have been possible after Katrina. Her h.s. reopened in Jan. as a Charter School, but generally the public schools in New Orleans have remained closed throughout this school year. **Beth**

Gawthrop Riely reports that a year ago she moved to Brookline, into a beautiful condo in an old landmark building. It suits her new life post-divorce, close enough to old haunts but giving her a new outlook on her present and future. She continues to edit the *Radcliffe Culinary Times*, a newsletter on food history published by the Schlesinger Library at Harvard, focused on women's studies. "Besides, food history is women's history." The 3rd edition of Beth's dictionary, *The Chef's Companion* (John Wiley & Sons), is doing well; she learned that it may be going

online. In connection with Franklin's 300th birthday, she gave a talk on "Benjamin Franklin and the American Wild Turkeys: Two 'Original Natives.'" Son, Christopher finished a graduate program at Yale School of Forestry and, after a year in the Ozarks, is working as a forester in western MA. Andrew, who finished Macalester College in St. Paul, is working in a school in the Swiss Alps right now, with plans for graduate school in geography next year. Beth says "Their world is different from the one we inherited a generation ago, and they are much more realistic and responsible in their attitude than I was at their age."

Ellen Kelley Cinq-Mars writes "I am still living in Gastonia and am enjoying retirement from the bank. Boredom is not part of the picture! I'm involved in various volunteer activities, play golf, travel (next trip is Italy in June with my sister Mary Louise Dame) '62 and our husbands). My latest passion is promoting church and community ecumenical dialogues among religious groups. My daughter, Lisa, is married with 3 children and living near Boulder, CO. They are all enjoying the outdoor life. Such a healthy lifestyle! My son, Kemble, is currently living and working in Greece as a consultant to a company which provided the technology for security at the '04 Olympics. He is staying on to transition use of the same technology and hardware for antiterrorist security. Needless to say, as a bachelor, he is also having a wonderful time! I haven't seen the campus in some time, so gathering for our 40th sounds attractive." **Maria Wighesworth**

Hemmings writes, "how can it be our 40th, we are not even 40 years old!" Maria says 60 is good! Best decade yet! She's working full-time at a local hospital as a staff nurse, never boring and always interesting. It's a big change but she loves it. Daughter, Anne, is in Jackson, WY and Emery has moved back east to start her own business (www.emmebags.com). Jeff is still working in between trips including Turkey, FL and Jackson to visit Anne and ski. Maria goes to KY to help her 92-year-old father take care of her alzheimer's step-mother. **Mary Cary Ambler** writes "At this stage I feel that I am so surprised by my children that I think of them first. John is the Executive Producer of Hannity and Colmes for Fox News as well as The Wall Street Week in Review. Jaquelin is an assistant account executive for Fleishman Hillard, a major PR firm. They both have apartments in NYC. The cats and I are at home so I guess it's time to begin rethinking that

configuration. I am still the Learning Specialist at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich. This summer I will be traveling on a faculty sponsored trip to England and Ireland following in the "footsteps" of Janet Erskine Stuart, a 19th century poet, nun and a foundress of the society which heads the network of 80 Sacred Heart Schools worldwide. I can't wait for the 40th." **Peggy Pittman Patterson** has retired as Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington, DE and has moved to sunny Santa Fe, NM. She's taking a year or 2 sabbatical and studying in the graduate school of American Studies at U. of NM; Spanish, Native American and Southwest Studies and Gender studies. Peggy hopes to make it to the 40th. "Campaign For Her World looks so exciting." **Gail Robins O'Quin** sent St. Patrick's Day greetings. "With the O'Quin name, I cannot pass the opportunity to send best wishes! I hope to be able to come to the Reunion next year—40 years, WOW!" **Nancy McLean**

Parker bought a house in the mountains of NC, Highlands to be exact. **Flossie Collins Mobley** also has a home in the community so they have had a great time being together again. Houses, family and grandchildren keep Nancy delighted and busy and amused. **Lynn Gullett Strazzini** writes that although she retired in Apr. '05, the FAA hired her back as a contractor to teach classes for the FAA's Mentor Program in DC, LA, Seattle, and Denver. "It's really been fun working from home after 19 years of commuting. Plus I only have one project each month for 5 months, so I can still do all those long-planned for things like travel, house upgrades, and spending time with my new grandson in NYC. Now that my mother is wheelchair bound, I also spend a week each month in OH helping my dad care for her in the same house I grew up in 50 years ago! How can that be when we're only still in our 40s, right?!" Since retirement she's also had great fun volunteering as a driver for the VA Film Festival and will also be volunteering for the March Book Festival in Charlottesville. **Baird Shinberger Bell** and Bill have sold their VA home and temporarily lived in a condo while watching their new home being built in NC. **Page Monroe Renger** is still the Ad. Min. at the JL of Charlotte and loves it. She meets neat, energetic and intelligent young women every day and it's exciting. She's still walking at least once a day, sometimes twice if she can find the time. Both children live in Charlotte, her daughter is married; her son still single. Page says, "Love having

both of them here with me. No grandchildren yet—but one grand-dog!! I spend as much time at Myrtle Beach as possible and am getting ready to do some major renovations to my 58 yr. old house. Lifesides have changed from needing maids' porches and apts... At least in my life... So want to incorporate all into one big house. So, to that I'll keep me pretty busy and BROKE!!!" **Judi Bensen Stigle** and I seem to be too busy for a good conversation, but we'll remedy that soon. I know from the great pictures on her card last Dec. that **Toni Naren Gates** and family are doing well. I can say the same about **Ginny Stanley Douglas** and her family. I'm still at Milwaukee Rep Theater and happily volunteering at SBC. I've been asked to serve on the Board again and **Jane Easton Hager** is also on the SBC Board. Go '67! I do plan to return to SBC for our 40th Reunion and come to SBC Homecoming in Sept. '06 to plan the festivities!

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Ann Arnsperger Canipe (Atlanta, GA)—I'm still helping **Missy Sumner Huggins** (Smyrna, GA) with her catering business and I'm Sr. Warden of our Episcopal Church. **Missy. Haden Riely Winborne** (Atlanta) and I get together weekly for breakfast—keeps us sane, sort of. I'm seeing more of **Carolyn Mapp Hewes** (Atlanta) since she talked me into being treasurer of the Alzheimer's Society that she is president of. My husband Kent took early retirement from the big bank he worked for and went to work for a community bank. Our daughter Ginny and her husband live in CA. It's too far away but a great place to visit. Our last trip out there in the fall we were able to spend a couple days with **Anne Rhett Taylor Merrill** and her husband in Santa Barbara. We think about retirement but we're not quite there yet.

Kathy Blythe Southerland (Charlotte, NC)—**Blair Josephs Rohrer** (Charlotte, NC), **Carolyn Mapp Hewes**, and I just spent a few days at Blair's beach house in Litchfield Beach, NC. Don't think I'd seen Carolyn since SBC graduation. My life is very full with 2 precious grandchildren in town (my daughter and son-in-law's children), a full-time job representing 130 portrait artists, various civic and church

commitments, and a cute husband who likes to travel to destination weddings which has become our social life.

Martha Brewer (Little Rock, AR)—The last 8 months have been fairly eventful for us. After shepherding my niece through medical school, I became more and more interested in academic medicine. So I applied for a job in Little Rock that seemed a good fit. Then Katrina hit. Living in New Orleans, we fortunately were on a vacation in Cancun. We were only locked out of our home for about 5 weeks and moved back in well before it was officially OK. Luckily the 3 feet of water in our street only flooded my car and did not get into our house. Even more luckily, my practice survived with little impact except smaller numbers of patients. We got it restarted in a month. After several interview trips I got the position as an Associate Professor in OB/GYN. So we now have moved to Little Rock, which we like a lot so far.

Our house is more like a tree house than anything else and we love it. So do our 2 Great Danes-Garbo and Flynn. Susan is busy fixing everything in the house and doing a quick redo of the bathrooms and looking forward to devoting all her time to her art, mostly painting and her music, mostly guitar. One of the truly aggravating things about our situation is trying to find affordable health insurance for her. In New Orleans, many things that the rest of us take for granted on a daily basis are difficult, hard to accomplish and take forever.

Diana Cassidy Rich (Washington, DC)—My news is that everything is new—newly remarried, new career, new name. After 20 years of work at NASA and being married to the father of my 2 sons (Walker, 28, and Taylor, 18), and after a brief flirtation with singleness, in '02 I remarried. My husband is Santiago Rich, a foreign service officer with the US State Dept. We have been posted to Rome, Mexico City, and now Washington. In '07 we are off again to parts unknown. Somewhere along the way, I earned a Ph.D. from Georgetown and have been teaching political science. I am now at the Catholic U. of America where I run the off-campus programs for the Politics Dept and teach several graduate courses. My older son is working in Washington for the Faith and Politics Institute—and mercifully he has not made me a grandmother yet!! My younger son Taylor is off to college this fall (he will be going to Bard College in NY). On one of our college searching trips, we swung through VA and stopped at Sweets. He

had forgotten that he had been there for the 25th Reunion of the class of 1969!

Mary Annette Follows Keith (Chesterfield, VA)—In the years since my SBC days I have been involved in many and various endeavors, including a short but enlightening career as a soprano in a light opera company in NYC (while working as a paralegal during the day), and enjoyed years of dedicating my singing in other professional and non-professional ways. A recent performance included a diplomatic reception in the DC area in which I sang *The Star-Spangled Banner*. I have studied some Hebrew and Greek, continued my education at the Architecture School at OVA, and I have also engaged myself as a professional artist from time to time. I am author of 2 books, *Wine-taster's List and Shabbat Shalom!*, and am in progress on another manuscript of a biblical nature. We have also raised a quiver of children and schooled them several years at home. We have operated a few farms in VA where we raised Angus and Hereford cattle, chickens, goats, turkeys, and sheep, and grew the hay to feed them. And yes, I spin wool, weave, and milked my beloved Jersey cow, "Mishka" ("cream" in Hebrew). Believe me, there is nothing like a breakfast of eggs you gather... and chilled creamy *fresh* milk! It reminded me of the milk we used to get from the SBC Dairy. We even make our own bread from the wheat we mill right here at home. My husband, Carlton, is my leader, my companion, and my love, and together we have taken the family halfway around the world in both directions. We are students of the Bible, the written words of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and we are the founders of an international radio ministry called Apostolic Messianic Evangelist Network (A.M.E.N.). We have been involved in public speaking, counseling and teaching, and we produce a weekly radio broadcast which has been on the air globally for almost ten years. Our daughter, Anna Marie Keith, is the Program Director for the ministry. As of this time (8/17/05) last year, we are embarking on the most meaningful and the most immense undertaking of our lives. Carlton and I, in addition to our service in international ministry, are real estate investors. We are currently engaged in the development of a five-star destination resort site near the Blue Ridge Parkway in VA. But in the past Carlton has been an audio engineer and television producer. In his career he has served His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain, former President George Bush, presidential

candidate William Jefferson Clinton, presidential candidate Ross Perot, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Nicolas Brady, and a number of other international dignitaries. He is also the inventor of the patented J-CON audio connector, and his expertise in his many fields and my DNA have combined into a workforce which God has called to the ocean.

The ministry of A.M.E.N. is being gifted by the U.S. Government a former naval and U.S. Coast Guard vessel, the ARS-6 *Escape*. She retired in 1995, and is now waiting for her new assignment as a floating radio ministry and medical platform, headed for the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and South America. Anyone can tune in to our short wave broadcast on 12.160 MHz on the Sabbath (Saturday) at 1830 UTC (during the fall and winter) or 1730 UTC (during spring and summer). If any of my fellow alumnae would like to communicate with us our contact information is Carlton L. and Mary A. Keith, A.M.E.N., P.O. Box 1355, Chesterfield, VA 23832, 804-751-0333).

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Many thanks again to our excellent President, Carol Fogelson, for getting the ball rolling.

Carol Johnson Haigh is a confirmed New Englander! She lives in Sudbury, MA and is building a house in VT. While only at SBC for her freshman and sophomore years, she has very fond memories of the College and has an open door for any of us who find ourselves in the area. She would like to renew her Sweet Briar acquaintances.

Through **Wendy Norton Brown**, we received word from **Ann Shipper Oates** whose daughter, Alison, graduated from SBC in '99 and works for Pfizer; lives in downtown Boston; and has a significant other, but no plans as yet. Ann's son, T.K., is back in Chicago. "He has been our world traveler, having spent 2 years working in Tokyo and traveling all around the Far East while there. He graduated from college in '97 and is unmarried. Father T.K. and I are doing well, although still a bit busier than we'd like to be. One of these days we might slow down—at least we talk about it."

Beth Foothorap Hancock retired from IBM and started a new business. She and Chuck travel in their RV ("...think Rock Star Bus...that is what it looks like"). They spend summers in CT and in the fall, return to CA where Chuck is a volunteer camp host in a beautiful state park. She says, "Good news is that there is a bit of undistributed country in the midst of southern CA sprawl. Bad news is that they do bombing practice on the base from time to time...but you get used to the windows rattling...Oh, and there are mountain lions and bobcats in the park; so we have to be careful with our 2 little dogs who would make good snacks."

Louise Jackson got in touch with **Kristi Bettendorf** who wrote, "Thanks for the trip down Memory Lane...I see SBC in the subject line and—all of a sudden—I'm young again!" **Kristi** is a Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney of the Miami State Attorney's Office. Her daughter, Elisabeth, is a freshman at Hofstra U. Her son has graduated from Worcester Polytech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering (concentration in aerospace engineering). She is looking forward to retiring within the next 5 years and devoting a lot of time to watercolor painting. "**Liz Mumford** is my hero! She's been painting all of this time! I'm happily divorced and living a quiet and peaceful existence—life is good!"

Kay Brown Grala is an empty nester, with one son she follows around the globe for his rugby matches. Her daughter graduated from the U. of Chicago this year, and her "...oldest son is wondering between CO and WY with little in the way of life goals." She thinks of **SuSu Schmidt** during the Kentucky Derby "...because it is the only time I drink Margaritas...Mom died in '03 and my Dad died 10 years ago. My brothers and sister are on the east coast in various locations. I used to hear from Denise Beardsworth but not for some time now. I found a children's book written and illustrated by **Julie Brinckloe**, which my kids loved when they were small—*Fireflies*."

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina, we heard from **Louise Jackson** and **Carolyn Jones Walthall**. Louise lives in Shreveport, well north of affected areas in LA, and has fed all the family and friends who fled the storm from New Orleans. "It was weird to watch the TV and all of the devastation, while we were....under a burn ban.... My family is fine. My nephew had just started Tulane Law School and is redirected

temporarily. He is going to finish his Ph.D. in Epidemiology and then go to law school. My step-sister and her family are here, maybe for the whole school year. Their 7th and 10th graders are in school, they have been with her sister, and are now moving to my cousin's little house as he won't be back until Christmas... It is so horrible to think of our New Orleans under evacuation—can't quite process it all yet." Carolyn wrote that she and her family "... are fine in Daphne. We had some yard debris and limbs and no power for a couple of days, but they were cleaned up... There are huge piles of branches and debris lining most streets here, but it nothing like the devastation in LA, coastal MS and Grand Bayou/Bayou La Batre in Mobile County. Many people here are gathering supplies to take to those areas or providing supplies to evacuees here. Amazing times."

Alisa Yust Rowe has 2 grandchildren, a 2-year-old grandson and a new granddaughter, Katherine Grace Kondritz, all children of her daughter in Houston. Her other daughter, a UVA grad, lives in Denver.

Dorrie Wetzig Brand and husband Skip are still in Elмира and are thinking about simplifying. She's been working, and that helps her stop accumulating stuff. She loves seeing **Cindy Gridley Pruden** when she comes to visit her parents. After years of marketing not-for-profit and commercial theatre, **Terry Lioy Faulkner** is "... now a real estate agent who really wants to write the novel she has researched for the past 2 years." Her daughter, Elizabeth, is an actress and a singer in NYC and was recently married back home in Kansas City. Her son lives in Kansas City with his wife and adorable 15-month-old son and works in a bank brokerage department. Terry and Clark plan to move to a condominium.

Kathy Fisher Morland has retired. After spending 3 weeks in HI last July, she and husband John went on to Boston to baby-sit son David's dog while he and his wife went on vacation. Her other son, Thomas, also lives in Boston; so she and John weren't left alone for long with the dog! "Today (9/7/05) is the first day of deciding what I want to do next. More chapters to follow."

Through **Wendy Weiler** we've learned that **Pinky Walkley Heintz** is living in Berks, England, where she is involved in dressage and is a highly ranked competitor.

Louise Dempsey McKean will be unable to join us at Reunion, as her niece

is to be married that weekend. "We have been forewarned by my sister-in-law that this is a command performance. Ted only has 1 brother so they want all the McKean's they can dredge up. The last place I want to be in late May is south FL!"

Kathy Wilson Lamb wrote of a "bittersweet year." Daughters Katie and Marie were married. "Marie couldn't have had as wonderful a wedding without the help and generosity of **Wendy Norton Brown** and her husband Lee. Sweet Briar friends are the best! On the sadder side, my Dad died in Jan. Although he had a long and happy life, it wasn't long enough for me."

Martha Roton Terry plans to attend Reunion and reported that she and **Frances Barnes Kenamer** have been working on **Gale Hull Whetzel** and **Tricia "Honey" Hammer**. It must have worked. Since receiving Martha's note, we heard that both Gale and Honey will be there. Honey works for BellSouth in their national accounts division selling advertising to hospitals and medical-related organizations. She remains active in teaching riding and judging horses. She saw **Lendon Gray** recently and stays in close touch with Gale. Gale is still living with the uncertainty and recurrences of her cancer with the same sunny and hopeful outlook with which she introduced herself to us so many years ago. We keep her in our prayers and are looking forward to seeing her.

Marilyn Kolb recently had a heart attack. **Jacque Penney** reminds us that "... we all know how powerful positive thoughts and prayers and lots of good wishes can be so please think of her often and be in touch if you can."

Mimi Fahs has a successful career in public health. Her discovery of the field as a way to contribute to the lives of people led her to graduate school and a Ph.D. in Health Economics. After 4 years as a policy analyst in DC, she moved to a faculty position at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in NYC. Last year, she joined the faculty of Hunter College. She especially enjoyed her research in economic policy for Medicare. "It was greatly satisfying because it helped pass the 1st Medicare preventive benefit for women! (Screening for women who have not had regular Pap tests all their lives, often the case for working women without health insurance). I want to continue that kind of analytic work, but focus on the urban neighborhood level, i.e. to identify social, environmental, economic, and biological determinants of successful aging and analyze the effectiveness and

costs of alternative public health policies to reduce health disparities among older people in the US." Check out her faculty bio page at www.hunter.cuny.edu/schoolhp/comheMPH/faculty/COMHE.htm. **Nancy Wise Larson** and husband make their home in CO on the western slope of the mountains. There she's warm (????) and close to the edge of the desert and the Colorado River. She has a daughter (27) who graduated from the U. of VT and a son (23) who graduated from Western Washington U.

Nancy Young Gilpin is in Baltimore where she is the archivist at the Gilman School. She has developed an interest in politics through finding a candidate she believes in and is working to get Doug Duncan elected Governor of Maryland.

Jean Mackenzie Thatcher plans to bring her 16-year-old daughter to campus this spring to see a place she describes as being "is all for you." Her son (28) was married in France last year. They are all planning a trip to France this summer and will be joined by **Alison Jones**. Jean's daughter's godmother. If you'll permit an editorial comment, **Alison's** Web site, alisonjonesphoto.com, gives us a glimpse of the work of another person who has followed her passion to a highly successful career. Her photography is spectacular, her credits are just wonderful, and she's drop-dead gorgeous.

Liz Mumford Wilson is an artist. Check out her Web site: www.elizabethmumford.com. She's remained in contact with **Kristi Bettendorf**, even though both of them left SBC after their soph. year. Liz feels closer to SBC than the college from which she graduated.

Robi Randolph lives in Alexandria, VA and remains in close contact with **Sioux Greenwald** of NYC. Over Christmas, Robi bumped into **Cindy Clarke** at a single mom's dinner and learned that Cindy was a successful attorney who, as a result of a harrowing experience recovering from a serious automobile accident, has become a practitioner of massage and alternative therapies.

Since graduation, **Tonay Schubert Hayward** has taught art history, owned an art gallery, and lived in Spain. Daughter Jackie is 22 and a senior at the U. of PA where she is majoring in photography, art and economics. Tonay is now doing estate sales and buying for some antique stores.

From **Rhoda Allen Brooks** we received this synopsis: "...our 2 children

will be 30!!! and live in San Francisco and Denver. We will be joining them and some of their friends in Austin over New Year's to celebrate... when we're not visiting Lyn and John, Bear and I spend our time between here and our little place in northern MI—not as much time there as we would like because of work and volunteer commitments." She is president of her GCA garden club and serves on a couple of boards. "Tennis, gardening and our 3 dogs seem to fill in the free hours, oh, and a good book here and there."

Hopefully, this Nov.'s gubernatorial elections will make **Marguerite Smith Willis** First Lady of the great state of SC. Marguerite's husband, Frank, is running for Governor, and she is balancing a demanding legal practice with the campaign trail. I was fascinated by the campaign Web site, willisforgovernor.com, and commend it to you.

As for me, I love doing my music. I have a church job that is very rewarding... as in psychic rather than monetary income!... and am enjoying a number of opportunities to participate in recital both as an accompanist and a soloist. I am looking forward to playing the chapel service at Reunion this spring and to beginning studies with international concert organist Janette Fishell in the fall. **Laura Mink Gardner** and I met a few months ago in Roanoke for dinner and an organ concert. She's trim and fit and quite an athlete. **Carol Newman** and I spend hours on the phone together laughing at memories of old exploits and tales of new ones. (Without divulging confidences, let me simply suggest you ask her what happens when you buy a house via FedEx.) I've recently become reacquainted with **Ann Colgrove** '74 who, unbeknownst to me, has been in nearby DC all these years, perfecting her skills as an harpsichordist and a church musician. I feel very fortunate to have an opportunity to renew this badly lapsed friendship. And now, dear readers, with profuse apologies to Ralph Aiken for beginning a sentence with a conjunction, I bring to a close my tenure as your Class Secretary. To each and every one of you I send heartfelt thanks for your good-natured help and support... as well as for your interesting lives, without which I would have had absolutely nothing to write these past several years! To quote **Jacque Penney**, "XOXOXO."

Annie Green Gilbert (Seattle, WA)—While visiting **Dina Moser McGuinn** in '04, we had dinner with Annie and our 3 husbands/significant-others. Son Huw and Tindley were living in NYC and both

working at Pfizer. Daughter Bronwen was also in NYC, working as an art buyer and so utilizing all of her photography skills. (See www.bronwengilbertphoto.com.) Son Griff had received a full ride to OR State U. in Range Resources, a 2-year master's program. He had been working with ranchers in eastern OR to "develop methods to save rangelands and keep water resources available and healthy." David was still practicing GI medicine, and "was voted one of the Top Docs in Seattle for about the 10th time."

He was also still playing piano in the Ain't No Heaven Seven Dixieland band that he has been in for over 20 years. **Annie** was finishing up work on "another comprehensive dance textbook (Bronwen took all the photos) while juggling 3 other full-time jobs and spending a lot of time MoveOn.org!"...Check out www.creativeadance.org to read about Annie's Creative Dance Center (now marking its 25th year) and Kaleidoscope Dance Co., and to read about Annie's awards and accomplishments that she did not write to me about.

Cathy Hall Stopher (Louisville, KY)—Marshall and Douglas are in an apartment in Georgetown (DC) and love being there. Her job at the Corcoran Art Museum finally ended after 24+ years, and she is working at a fine linens/china shop on Wisconsin (she walks to work) while looking for another great American-history-related job. She wanted to be the Assistant Curator of Archives at the House of Representatives but they gave the job to someone else. Douglas works for Leslie Stall on *60 Minutes* (associate producer). He has done a story on Nascar, Internet gambling, Felicity Huffman (*Transamerica* and *Desperate Housewives*), and on the new CEO of Sony. He has been out of town a lot and Marshall has been great not to complain.

Charles is through law school and clerking for a federal judge in Louisville, a job he loves. He comes over here to do his laundry and get a home-cooked dinner. He has a girlfriend here and I think wants to stay. Mother is great, still at 304 Skyhill. She's 79. She pals around with my sister Anne's friends during the day (Anne works), going to the needlepoint or knit shop with them and going to lunch. Ed says he will never be able to retire. We keep spending everything (besides his 401K), so there isn't quite enough of a nest egg. We are excited, though, that this is the 1st year since Marshall was in pre-school that we haven't had a tuition bill. That should make a difference. I am program chair for our garden club.

I also play bridge twice a week, and a little Mah-Jongg in the winter. My golf is terrible, but I love getting out there with my buddies. I work hard at keeping it fun even when I have a 120. Also, this winter I have been concentrating on seeing all of last year's Oscar-type movies.

Claudette Harloe Dalton (Earlsville, VA)—Life has become a bit more interesting in my old age than I intended for it to be. For 6 years, I have been coordinating a team from UVA that goes to the little mountain town of Wise, VA, each July and delivers 2 ½ days of health care to people who cannot otherwise get any. This has become a bigger event than any of us ever dreamed. We see about 3000+ patients in those few days and that doesn't count what our dental and optometry colleagues see. But that work led to my being asked to field an unofficial team of UVA docs and nurses to New Orleans in Feb. I was the advance party and handled the logistics so stayed pretty busy getting us set up and ready to go. But I did call **Martha Brewer** and, although we could not get together, I can report that she seemed well and happy and safe, which was a relief given the devastation I was seeing all around me. Over 19,000 people came to our clinic, which lasted a week. We were a band-aid, at most. **Martha** and her partner, Susan, have now moved to AR where she is trying the academic route. Her family was there to visit and she and I have traded basketball quips by e-mail. Susan sounds lovely, and I hear that **Frere Murchison Gornito** (Wilmington, NC) was in New Orleans recently lending her grandchildren who live there and got to see them both. I have been appointed to the VA Board of Medicine, both an honor and a lot of hard work. The final news is that my current med. ed. job is no longer funded so I am trying to move over to the clinical side here full-time. I may take my heart in my hands and look for something else altogether. There will be a certain symmetry in **Martha** entering academia and my leaving it.

Ronde Kneip Bradley (Bramtree MA)—Just divorced after years of attempts, trials, and tribulations. I meet up with **Nancy Crawford Bent** frequently to watch the birds, listen to the music, and drink some wine, and, of course, discuss politics. (Ahhhh, the Massachusetts life!!) So wonderful to be among the majority!

Nicky is at the U. of DE in the school of nursing. Date graduated from Georgetown in '05 and is in Austin,

TX enjoying the bats (mammals, not baseball) and working for United Way. I met up with **Dina Moser McGuinn** and **Lisa Baker Bukley** (San Francisco, CA) in S. F. for a celebratory weekend recently, and we had a wonderful time I continue to sell textbooks into the university system for John Wiley & Sons despite students' resistance and professors' beliefs that all books are the same. Zen keeps me sane these days.

Meinda Koester Pendino (Tampa, FL)—I went to a SBC luncheon here in Tampa. The women who attended were incredibly gifted, energetic (all ages) and positively delightful! Being a widow—again—is the pits. I wish I could write that it is ok...but it is still sad 2 ½ years later. There is a course, "Walking the Mourner's Path," somewhat Episcopalian but a terrific curriculum that I would highly recommend to any and all who have lost a spouse, parent, sibling. It was wonderful for all of us in the class...a Hollins girl and some I knew and some I didn't. I went to Italy (Rome) and joined the group in Tuscany—on a SBC/Hollins trip 2 summers ago with a 'girl' who went to Hollins. This past summer I went to Uganda on a mission trip with my church, St. John's, Tampa. That was very worthwhile as the people are so grateful and fun-loving and kind even though they have NOTHING except HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty. It was a very important trip for me as I now look at everything I buy in terms of how many scholarships that amount of money could provide to the school we visited. My daughter, Suzy, lives here now—thank God—a mile from my house as I was her Realtor so she has to pass my house to get to hers...no guilt there! She is a Prosecutor and dyed her hair red when I was in Uganda. She boxes—not kick but bags—so is a size 2!! She is the light of my life!!! While crawling around the dog one morning at 6 AM (a precious English Bulldog, Hambone, that Tommy gave me before he died) I fell off the bed...these new mattresses are so high—and broke 3 nbs and other 'stuff' the day after the SBC luncheon so am still recovering...being housebound is not my style and I want to go to work and get on with my life...it will happen—later than I had planned but it WILL happen!! The can't remember' part is not something my parents ever had a minute of...maybe it is environmental?

JP Powell (Chattanooga, TN)—Life in Chattanooga is good. I continue to enjoy my work at the TN Aquarium and various volunteer and civic activities. I can't believe I've lived here 15 years. It

was supposed to be a quick work-related 3 or 4-year stay! But good friends, good work and the fact that Chattanooga has so transformed itself after a lot of award-winning urban renewal means I'm here for good. In Sept. I'm taking a trip to the south of France and the lake country of Italy. This will help me bear a move (so much stuff!) in Aug. from a larger house to a townhouse. It will be my base for a couple of years while I look for property and build a 'not-so-big' retirement house that is also eco-friendly and energy-efficient. I'm looking forward to this project since it combines my love for architecture and design with my concern for the environment. I was very saddened to read of **Mimi Lane Hamilton's** passing (Dec. '05) in the fall issue of this magazine. Mimi was one of the 1st friends I made at SBC. Although our lives went in different directions a few years after college, I have such fond memories of her. I still remember a visit we made to the beach together one summer. This UNC-Chapel Hill fellow showed up at the door one day, took one look at her and was a goner. She and Frank were married for 36 years. She loved things French (her mother was French, she spent her junior year in Paris), was full of fun, smart, beautiful and always ready to laugh. For those interested, donations in her memory can be made to the Lynne Cohen Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research, P. O. Box 7128, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

Keithley Rose Miller (Palm Beach, FL)—I've lived in Palm Beach for 5 years, working at Kemble Interiors. Dwight sold his former company in St. Louis, passed the Ft. Bar (yikes), and after 2 years practicing in a wonderful law firm here on the island, made partner this past Feb. Our hours are terrible, but we both absolutely love what we do, and for us, it is like living and working in paradise. I had a wonderful house published 2 years ago in *Florida Design*, and am about to have another photoshoot soon for a house in Hobe Sound. Daughter Tory is in NYC, working as a media planner for a large advertising firm. As for Gibby, he has now moved to LA, designed and developed an interactive internet game, still has his Indy/chat music Web page, and has a techno CD at the top of the charts in Germany! When in NYC I always lunch with **Belle Quesenberry McIntyre** (NYC), and she is exactly the same and looks FABULOUS!

Susan Scanlan (Alexandria, VA)—'05 has turned out to be *The Year that Susan's Warranties Expired*. In Mar., I

was diagnosed with uterine cancer, which required a not-so-fun hysterectomy. Luckily, it was caught early, hadn't spread, and required no chemo, radiation, or other follow-up. Once I knew my hair had been spared, I rose to the occasion and was back at work, part-time, within 2 weeks. The last thing to go is always the vanity. In mid-July, I came down with what was 1st diagnosed as a sinus infection, then as a respiratory flu, next as acid reflux disease, and finally—6 weeks of misery later—as Whooping Cough. So I was sick as a parrot for 3 ½ months, cracking one of my ribs during one coughing spasm, vomiting so fiercely and frequently that I lost 19 pounds, and carrying an emergency asthma inhaler in my pocket. Worse yet, I couldn't take time off to rest because summer is the lead-in to WRE!'s big Sept. fundraising gala at The Mayflower. So I inched my way through the gala. The big moment came when I addressed our guest-of-honor, Andrea Jung, in Mandarin. She's the president and CEO of Avon—the 2nd most powerful woman in corporate America—and was born in China. 5 years of demanding language lessons in Taiwan were all validated when, during her acceptance speech, Andrea informed the crowd that my Chinese was better than hers. I rested on my linguistic laurels and felt well enough in Oct. to fly out to Santa Cruz, to attend the wedding of the son of my old h.s. buddy, Steve Wilson. (Steve's dad, Rep. Charlie Wilson (D-CA), gave me my 1st job at Capitol Hill.) On the 1st morning of the 1st day of vacation, I fell off a curb in Monterey and broke my foot. The rest of the trip was spent getting x-rayed and casted, trying to walk on crutches, buying a \$400 wheelchair when I failed at that, finding an orthopedic surgeon in the Sacramento yellow pages, and shaking my fist at the heavens. The only upside of the story is that I'd shaved my legs and had a pedicure the day before this nosedive. For the next 6 weeks I lurched about town in a walking cast/boot. In addition to the ill-fated trip to the West Coast, we did enjoy 10 days in Bogota in Oct. with Jared's partner from Taiwan. David has been developing a country image plan for Colombia and wants to bring my spouse down to execute it. Can't predict whether this will come to pass, but we sure wouldn't mind such a change of scenery. Bogota reminds me of Europe—clean, cool, chic, with great food and an upbeat lifestyle. Instead of following my New Year's resolution to cut back on career commitments, I took on the chairmanship

of the National Council of Women's Organizations in Nov. This is a 25-year-old coalition of 200+ progressive groups in the country—everything from the Girl Scouts to the General Federation of Women's Clubs to Hadassah to Lesbian Women United (“from soup to nuts”, as Jared puts it), representing more than 10 million American women. This means I now have 2 jobs, 2 offices, and 2 staffs. This leads me to being wooed by the oddest assortment of organizations and individuals. Lifetime TV is flying me to NY to meet the stars of several of their various women-oriented shows. The Mongolian Ambassador has invited me over for dinner. *Sports Illustrated* wants my opinion on a National Hockey League commercial in which a player is assisted in donning his uniform by a blonde bimbo in a brassiere. I've been invited to Cuba to address the National Women's Federation there. The Shopping Mall Association of America is soliciting my advice on how to control the sexual content of Victoria's Secret window displays. And while I'll never see the inside of the White House while the Moran-in-Chief resides there, I'm up on Capitol Hill hobnobbing with the Blue Staters at least once a week. And I spoke at Sweet Briar on March 23rd as part of Women's History Month. My speech title was “Sweet Briar's Once and Future Feminist.”

I do have some other news for you: **Melissa Griffith Manning** (Hamilton, VA) is now a grandmother. Samantha was born about a month ago by younger son Thomas (a champion horse and carriage driver) out of an avid, accomplished, and beautiful horsewoman named Caitlin. I actually met the new Mom last year when **Pam Noyes** (Great Falls, VA) and I drove out to horse country for a Paul Cronin book signing. Met any number of SBC alumnae while waiting in line for my copy. They compared—nay, competed—over how many concussions, broken bones, and other catastrophic injuries they'd sustained whilst exiting the saddle.

Nancy Crawford Bent (Sherborn, MA)—Adele is in the MSW program at Simmons College in Boston and Charles is a senior at Hamilton College, so Peter and I are pretty much empty nesters. We went through a rough patch when he was downsized out of his job in '02, but we're about back on track now so I am free to give my attention to other things besides us. My parents are 90 and 92, living in a full-care retirement community about 50 minutes away, so I usually spend 2 days a week with them. I also serve on the Board of said community, as well

as on the Board of Sherborn's Historical Society where I have a wonderful time volunteering. My long-term project has been transcribing, researching, footnoting, etc. the 1863 diary kept by Sherborn's then town doctor when he served with the Union Army between New Orleans and Vicksburg. I hope to cap the project with a trip to LA to see the places that he described. I often see **Ronde Kneip Bradly, Ridgely Fuller** (Waltham, MA), and **Dina Moser McGuinn** (Seattle, WA). Ridgely and her family, including her father, moved a year ago to Waltham, much closer to Boston and to her job and Brad's. As always, she has many irons in the fire, still active politically, still keeping her horse and riding, still taking the dogs for a run every day, and also managing to get to their place on an island in a ME lake for a good part of the summer (where she works just as hard, as far as I can see). Dina comes east fairly often, in part because her children are here. Kate is married and working for Pfizer, Ian is at Tufts in the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Stephen is finishing up his MSW this spring at Columbia. Both Dina and Ronde are serious students of Zen so I get to hear some puzzling but fascinating discussions when we get together. Thank you to all who sent in news. If you have e-mail but did not get a reminder from me, it means that I do not have your current e-mail address. Please send it to me, and please send in your news (e-mail or snail mail) for the fall issue (before June 25) or the winter issue (before Oct. 15).

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Thank you, ladies, for all your responses over the years. It has been a genuine privilege as well as pleasure to serve you as secretary. I brought my daughter Elizabeth (13) and her cousin, Michaela (14), to SBC for Homecoming last fall. My niece thought that a college “just for us girls” was a “way cool idea.” I am truly impressed with the strides that the College has made to bring its redesigned excellent offerings to meet the educational and career needs of today's students. It takes money to support the ideas into action, but it also takes applications. Let's continue to “give green” and encourage our young women

to “think pink” for this “way cool” special place.

Karina Schless, lives in Phoenixville, PA and is going to Rome for her Italian study abroad reunion in May—hopefully we'll also see her at SBC for our 30th. She traveled to S. Africa in Oct. '05, and had up-close and personal experiences with Bengal tigers and cheetah cubs—not too far a stretch from her own Bengal cat. She rides her QH “Angus” cross country and has now completed 25 years in Human Resources for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

Laurie Lenkel lives in DC, spends many weekends in NYC, and has been the ombudsman at the US Food and Drug Admin. for the past 5 years. She enjoys the challenges of mediation for the agency and its regulated industries.

Donna Daniels Rubin writes from TX that she and her husband celebrated their 29th anniversary, that her daughter is a pediatrician, married and living in NY. Their son is a college sr., now applying to grad schools. Donna's “free time” is spent doing community volunteer work and caring for her parents.

Catherine “Kitty” O'Neal Owens writes of the travails that Katrina has wrought in Gulfport, MS. Her youngest daughter's wedding was postponed, and her family came though O.K., but “things have changed a great deal.” She has been a nurse for 15 years at Memorial Hospital, and her youngest daughter, newly graduated in May, is the family's 4th generation nurse.

Ainslie Jones Uhl, in Raleigh, NC will be unable to attend Reunion due to her oldest daughter Colbern's h.s. graduation. Twin brother Hart graduates from h.s. 2 weeks later. Their youngest daughter Everett is a freshman at St. Mary's School, and youngest child Henry completes elementary school this year. Robert still commutes weekly to his office in DC, and with only the 2 youngest at home, **Ainslie** hopes to devote more time to her photography business and her writing.

Deborah Silins writes from Northern KY that she is a plastic surgeon, is married to Tommy, they have a farm with horses, goats, and a miniature donkey. She still rides and shows horses when she gets the chance.

Liz Farmer Jarvis's 2nd daughter, Anne, was accepted early decision to U. of DE Fine Arts Dept. Son Alex will have his parents to himself with the sisters gone to college. Liz works on 2 book projects as well as work for historical society clients. She keeps up with **Lisa**

Schubert of NYC, who was the start-up person for the new Rubin Museum of Art in NYC—Lisa “continues to toil there bringing innovative programming and working in other areas.” Liz keeps in touch also with **Holly Weaver Kenreich** and **Jill Wentorf Wright**, both of whom have children busy in the college application process.

Sharon Coe Glen, of Rotherwick, Hampshire, England has a daughter who is a theater major in university (West End, here she comes!), and her 2 sons are in their 6th form, or last year, of secondary school. She is in touch with Jane Garst Lewis ‘61, who teaches renowned international culture courses for globe-spanning business travelers. We really hope Sharon can come to our 30th Reunion along with her sister, Laurie Coe Boyle ‘81—her class’s 25th.

Nonie Mickle Daniels, with degrees from U. of GA and VA Commonwealth, settled 22 years ago in Atlanta and is a graphics designer. She and her husband, an international photographer, have 3 children, 17, 15, and 12. They recently traveled to HI and to Italy.

Mary Woodford says all is well in the Leslie/Woodford household. Both stepdaughters have now graduated from college, and are in different fields, one studying women’s American history at Yale, and one in international women’s health at NIH. Mary continues to work on economic issues in intellectual property litigation, including “patent troll” litigation, recently exemplified by the “Blackberry” case. Mary and husband Jim play golf and ski in their spare time. Her hope this year is to break 100!

Treacy Markey Shaw sent 2 wonderful photos along with her class questionnaire—one of her very handsome family, and another of herself with **Kate Kelly Smith** in NYC. Treacy writes from Atlanta that she and husband Mark have been married 27 years, have 3 children: Morgan, 21 returned from a semester in Florence, and is a jr. at Vanderbilt. Son Mark, jr. will be attending SMU next fall. Youngest, Clay, will still be home at school, and enjoys tennis like his mom. Treacy is taking painting classes, and remembers the great joint 50th birthday party at Kit Newman Detering’s “Hart & Hind” Spa in TX.

Dede Ryan Ale, who along with **Kit Newman Detering**, could not make it to Homecoming ‘05 due to Rita—which thankfully spared Houston—writes that “all is going well.” Her oldest son John graduates from h.s. during Reunion. She

saw **Meg Shields Duke** at Vail in Jan. ‘06, and “it was great to catch up.” Her life is busy, both boys are away at the Taft School in CT, so she and her husband have been empty nesters for 2 years.

Ann Works “Workado”

Balderston, in Pittsford, NY and husband Biv continue to be busy with kids and school. Daughter Sarah, 20, transferred to Hobart-William Smith, daughter Maggi is a jr. at Allendale Columbia along with John in the 8th grade. They were able to get away to their family ranch in WY several times for riding, hiking, and relaxing.

Melanie Coyne Cody in the Chicago area continues to love her job at Young & Rubicam, as the Manager of People (HR). “...the hours are insane, I have more responsibility and I’m making less—go figure—the people I work with are truly wonderful and the job changes every day.” Daughter Caitlin graduated from Kenyon and Sarah is a soph. at Scripps. **Missy Briscoe McNatt** visited her in her cottage in Green Lake, WI over July 4th ‘05, and Melanie attended a lovely Chicago SBC lunch hosted by **Mary Beth Hamlin**. Melanie had a total hip replacement in mid-Nov. ‘05 “...I ran my old hip into the ground...I’m going to need to come up with a hobby or two if I ever plan to retire.”

Lynn Rogerson, director for Art Services International, wrote that they have moved to Alexandria to be closer to Olivia’s school. Olivia loves ballet, ice skating, and piano. Lynn continues to travel internationally seeking new museum exhibitions. She sees **Maureen O’Hern Slowinski** from time to time, and hopes to catch up with **Norris Judd Ferguson** this spring.

Kelsey Canady Griffo-Grice writes that it has been a hectic year for her. She severed her Achilles tendon playing tennis last May, had surgery plus an 8 month recovery period, with lots of physical therapy, and is determined to be back on the courts by this May ‘06. Her daughter McKenzie has decided to pursue Musical Theatre in college, she and mom are busy traveling to auditions, and is scheduled for a show in Japan this summer. Son Parker is a h.s. soph., plays travel soccer and pole vaults. Husband Chuck is a busy yacht broker in the Atlantic Yacht Basin on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Melanie Holland Rice writes from VA Beach that her daughter Carrington is at U. of MD pursuing her master’s degree and doctorate in behavioral and clinical psychology, with internships at NIH and Johns Hopkins. Son Tripp will graduate

this May from UVA Communications School and works as an investment analyst for Bear Stearns. **Melanie** is a realtor for William E. Wood in the Tidewater area—and if you are thinking of selling or moving there, she loves her job!

Ann Kiley Crenshaw writes that all is well with her family in VA Beach, her son Clarke graduates from UVA this spring, and wants to be an orthodontist. Son Gordon is finishing his jr. year at Woodberry Forest.

Sally Old Kitchen’s daughter Mariah ‘04, wrote a very nice article in the Spring ‘06 *Alumnae Magazine* about her experiences teaching physical education in a girls’ school in England the past year. Sally has been co-chair of our class of 1976’s Reunion giving, along with **Lisa Nelson Robertson** and **Kit Newman Detering**. They all have done a great job in organizing and marshaling so many of us to support SBC. **Sally** and the other co-chairs deserve many, many thanks for their long hours and work for SBC’s financial soundness.

Tricia Higgins O’Callaghan enjoys retirement from being Dep. County attorney for 20 years. She now coordinates Westchester Co. Child Fatality Review Team. She and husband Harold live in Pound Ridge, NY, and have a winter home in Hobe Sound, FL and a home in Nantucket, MA, and so they do travel a bit. Son Timothy Higgins is a jr. at Holy Cross, and Trish finally has the time to enjoy it all, and play golf and tennis too.

Dede Alexandre Lecomte also sent a photo card of her extraordinarily handsome family with LOTS of news. Son Jonathan, 19, is a freshman at Muhlenberg College with great mid-term grades, daughter Lysi, 17, is a sr. at Oldfields, where she won ‘Most Dedicated Player’ in field hockey and “Most Improved Rider” awards, and is doing the college application thing, son Evans, 16, at Academy at Swift River, won the “Certificate of Honorable Merit, Magna Cum Laude, for Outstanding Performance in the National Latin Examination”—and he got his braces off last May! Son Nichols, 13, plays ice hockey, skis, snow boards, and does track, soccer, and swim team—and after growing his hair, decided to cut it all off and donate it to “Locks of Love,” like his big sister Lysi did. Husband Jon has been working on a huge project, a new golf club in FL, and commutes home. **Dede** continues to work part-time for OWC and serves on the NW Greenwich Assn.’s board, as well as working with the Jr.

League on Provisionals. But her largest commitment is to Oldfields, where she is in her 4th year as trustee and Chair of the Governance Committee, and is Chair Elect of the Board of Trustees.

Karl Andersen Shipley and family are still trying to recover from Hurricane Wilma—after all the damage and loss of power (and didn’t you just get through with some renovations last year?) they are “...buying a big generator for next season.” She keeps very busy chairing fund-raising events and with volunteer work. She spent 1 month last summer visiting their oldest son at Bond U. in Brisbane, Australia, and traveled to New Zealand and the Dominican Rep. where the middle son is a tennis pro for Club Med. Youngest son began college at U. of San Diego. Karl says her husband is busy as ever with trial work, but he “hunts, fishes and plays golf with me!”

Virginia Spangler Polley and husband will be empty nesters next year. Son Frank graduates from h.s. this May. **Ginna** isn’t waiting—she is in an MBA program (made all A’s—something she says she didn’t do at SBC). The family spent the Christmas holidays on a Danube river cruise, visited Germany and Austria “...Christmas Day in Vienna was wonderful.”

Trish Reed and husband Tom in Fairfax Station, have 4 busy kids: Meghan, the oldest is 20 and a soph. at Christopher Newport U., planning to teach English Lit. Ashly, 18, is a sr. busy applying to colleges, an avid athlete, hopes to play college soccer and basketball. Wrightly, 16, is a h.s. soph., interested in “riding any type of ‘board,’ the drums, and the rifle teams.” Carrington, 13, in the 8th grade, is “very social and an avid soccer player.”

Kit Newman Detering writes from Houston of children off to college and the empty nest for herself and husband Carl. Daughter Cassie is a soph. at Sewanee, son Carlos is a freshman at UTSA, bound for UT/Austin next fall. Carl is taking over the presidency of the National Millwork Assn., and Kit is taking some time off from operating “Hart & Hind” to enjoy the ranch with family and friends. How can 30 years pass by so quickly?

Meg Shields Duke e-mailed from Vail along with **Mary Beth Hamlin**—Mary Beth was visiting Meg, doing some skiing and get-away fun together over MLK weekend. It was over the hill in Denver that SAME weekend for the 100th National Western Stock Show, staying with **Sally Berriman** and her husband Steve Brown! No wonder we need

Reunions to get everyone all together at the same place and the same time.)

Meg writes that her son is a college grad and is working for Vail Resorts, Inc. in their corporate training program. Daughter Margo is a Dartmouth jr., and just completed SBC's Junior Semester in France program and LOVED it! **Meg's** baby girl will attend Colby College in ME next year, where she'll play both field hockey and lacrosse. **Meg** will be visiting **Gray Thomas Payne** (go, Grammet!) '75 in Camden, ME a lot in the next 4 years.

Mary Beth's daughter Caroline is doing well as a jr. at Chatham Hall, varsity goalie on her field hockey team. Son Hollis is in 7th grade and debating boarding school vs. local. He plays lacrosse and basketball "...with great passion, if not great skill!" She and **Peggy Weimer Parrish** took their children together to England 2 years ago, and are thinking to do a trip to France together this summer. **Mary Beth** sees **Candy Casey, Karen Adelson Strauss,** and **Melanie Coyne Cody** every so often. **Mary Beth** is also the National Reunion Giving Chair for SBC, and we give her a great round of applause and appreciation for her extensive work.

Marsha Taylor Horton has a new job, as Coordinator of Clinical Studies for Wilmington College and a new home in Magnolia, DE. She has the same husband and kids, 6 yr. old Samuel, now in the 1st grade, 2 yr. old Jasmine, "Jazz" in preschool, and husband Bobby "is doing yeoman's work keeping up with our schedules." **Marsha** preached her 1st sermon New Year's Eve.

Lochrane Coleman Smith writes that she and her 18-year-old daughter looked at 12 colleges, and **Lochrane** saw SBC friends everywhere. They stayed with **Margaret Milnor Mallory** in Memphis, and **Peggy Weimer Parrish** in Richmond and had dinner with **Carrington Brown Wise**. They saw Anne Baldwin Mann '78 and daughter at 5 colleges during their tour. **Lochrane's** daughter Lochrane was accepted early decision to U. of Richmond. Our deep condolences to them as **Lochrane's** father passed away Nov. 28th.

Andie Lux Yellott, my personally favorite cousin in Lutherville, MD, writes that "Life is wacky as usual, maybe even more so." Son Benet, 16, is learning to drive. He is a jr. in h.s., and growing into a "fine young man, a talented artist with a bent for philosophy and psychology, and possessed of a wicked sense of humor. Any mention of 'college' immediately elicits that classic 'deer caught in the headlights'

look." Andrew, 12, is in the "brand new Metal Kid Academy of Baltimore—he is lucky enough to be home schooled by his mom. Andrew is a talented musician, and likes Metal Kid Academy a lot, even if the teacher is "a bit peculiar." (Sir Francis Bacon observes "All rising to great place is by a winding stair.") **Andie** also works as supervisor of writing instructors in the Distance Writing Program at JHU/CTY, and tries to ride her Irish Cob occasionally, and show her German Wirehair Pointer in Obedience classes.

Keebie Grones Leonard wrote from her dairy farm in the beautiful Shenandoah that she and husband Gordon and their children Dow and Isabelle (remember how little they were at our 25th?) are all doing well. We hope they all come to Reunion in May.

Cheryl Lux: Life is good in Montana for us. Cattle prices are up and steady, we've received normal moisture so far for the year, and everyone is healthy. My husband, John Cobb, underwent emergency gall bladder surgery last year, with extensive recuperation time, and we are very aware of and grateful for our good health. Our children, Adam, a jr. in h.s. and Elizabeth, a 7th grader, are growing too fast. We have too little leisure time, but we enjoy our family life and what we do, and that's what counts. Any travel we do is business-oriented, not much glamour there. John is term-limited next year after 24 years in the MT legislature, and I'll be glad to have him home on the ranch full-time. Maybe I'll get him a milk cow to use up all his "extra" time and energy. If anyone comes out our way, please know that we are open for visitors. Life here is simple, out of the way and not fancy, but the welcome is genuine and warm.

"Any way we come," any ways of keeping in touch, we enjoy not only what was, but also the women we have become. By June 30th, we will know whether our Alumnae giving, as it adds up one dollar from each alumna at a time, has merited the additional \$2 million in matching grant from an anonymous and truly charitable donor, a believer in women's education. An additional class member, like many of us with too hectic a life for class notes, who merits a word of thanks for her work as the head of the Boxwood Circle of Giving is **Robin**

Rodger Heller. SBC could be a faded memory in the dust without her tireless work, and without the leadership in fund-raising by other classmates **Mary Beth Hamlin, Sally Old Kitchen, Lisa Nelson Robertson** and **Kit Newman**

Detering. Thanks to them, and to us, and all the other alumnae SBC maintains a strong, competitive, vibrant academic program. In a world full of throwaway, cookie-cutter mediocrity, Sweet Briar offers a unique experience to shape our future. Viva la SBC!

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Since we last contacted you, **Jean Beard Barden** wrote that in Sept. '05 she completed her 1st Olympic distance triathlon. **Jean** loves the banking business and working for a German Bank with offices in NY. Number one son, Scott is 17 and off to college next year. Lelia is 13 and heading to h.s. next year. Husband Bob, of 25 years is works at Nuera. Her 2 dogs, a Jack Russell and Black Lab are doing well after attacking a skunk. **Donna Mihalik J. G. Lee** wrote that her manuscript—*On the Altar of Greece*—won the 7th Annual Gival Press Poetry Award (<http://www.givalpress.com/>) and is due to be published in fall of '06. **Donna** would love to arrange readings for alumnae clubs or other alumnae venues. She now lives in NJ but will be traveling. **Donna** lived in Greece for many years. You can read her poetry online in The Cortland Review (<http://www.cortlandreview.com/issue/15/lee15.html>) and Terrain.org: A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments (<http://www.terrain.org/poetry/18/lee.htm>). **Donna** looks forward to meeting many Sweet Briar alumnae.

Sadly, I must also report that **Betsy Ryan Glenn's** father Burt Ryan passed away on Dec. 15th, '05 (He was also the father of Nathalie Ryan Hoyt '72 and Dede Ryan Ale '76).

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Robin Behm writes: Life is good in San Diego with partner, Wendy, new jobs and new home. Our dog is addicted to the beach and ensures we enjoy it often. I volunteer with the Big Sister League. Wendy and I look forward to celebrating 10 years with a trip to Italy this fall! Had a great visit to SBC last year—I'm impressed with its evolution and excited about plans for the new Field House facility. I've been working diligently with fellow alumni to resurrect the SBC alumnae club in San Diego. Happy to report that we have had 2 wonderful events, have reconnected about 30% of the alumni here, and look forward to our upcoming fall party.

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Jennifer "Piffin" Stark Portz writes Paul and I are both very happy enjoying our active life in the lovely though rather muddy English countryside. I've had a busy year over here, building a new business with a few very good 'old hand' real estate chaps, purchasing beautiful houses for terribly flush clients. I love it, we are called Haringtons UK. Both boys have left prep school; Christian (13 ½) joined Alexander (15) this past Sept. at Winchester College. They are on their way now to being 'men at large' in the world of big school, both very tall, sporty and shaggy-haired (and very teenager-ish too, with all the requisite mono-syllabic grunting!) I wrecked my knee skiing into Christian last Easter and have finally had it reconstructed after months of re-hab. I've been doing lots of riding and fox hunting and bird shooting with Paul.

Frances Root writes: Back in NYC and loving it. Off to Nicaragua in Apr. to visit Sandra and family. Enjoy seeing SBC '80 folks when they are thru NY.

Robin Bayles writes: My new e-mail address is: RBayless@gmail.com. Life goes on much the same here in Bellevue. I'm still happily single. I'm involved in the local chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America and I've recently taken up knitting. I also enjoy spending time on-line, chatting with

friends about hobbies and other interests.

Anne Secor writes: My husband and I are enjoying our new life in the woods north of Montréal (it's been a year since the move from Manhattan). Steve had a heart attack just before the holidays last year, and an angioplasty was done to open up 3 blockages in his coronary artery. He has lost 25 pounds, is feeling great, and we are both very grateful for the outcome. We are pregnant with twin girls, due July 7th, and we're so excited!! The pregnancy has gone fine so far, and at this point I'm supposed to be taking it easy, staying mostly in bed. We have plans to double the size of our home to make room for the girls.

Julia Grosvenor Sanford is renovating a home in Lookout Mountain, GA and divides time between family, volunteer work, and dance. I love being on stage with my daughter Elizabeth (12) who is an apprentice dancer with Ballet Tennessee. Daughter Julia (14) also studies dance at Girls Preparatory School. Phillips (16) is a wrestler at McCallie School, and Charles (19) is a freshman at Auburn. I can't believe I have one old enough to be in college!

Pam Koehler Elmetts writes: This summer our family took my Dad and Doug's Mom to Italy. We explored Rome and Florence together for the 1st time! I have 2 teenage drivers!

Barbara Wesley Bagbey writes: Dealing with 2 teenagers with my husband in Iraq has made me age! I'm thinking about trying to ward off old age with weekly massage, yoga, daily naps, small portions of food and probably a face transplant!

Toni Santangelo Archibald writes: Chip and I are well and so are the kids. My son Johnny is a freshman at U. of CO, Boulder studying engineering and snowboarding almost every weekend. My son Franny (17) and his football team won the NY State Class B h.s. Football Championship in Nov. in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse U. Very exciting!!! My daughter Sara (14) graduates from 8th grade in June. I am still working at the School of the Holy Child as the Dir. of Special Events and Parent Liaison. We have a family trip planned to AK in Aug. with my entire family—all 16 of us! I so enjoyed our Reunion—we were delighted to see everyone, catch up and hear of everyone's family.

Carson Freeman Meinen writes: I just had lunch with **Susan Mengden Ellis** in San Antonio and showed her Reunion pictures. She says she will

return again one day when her children are older—her oldest is 10 and her youngest is 5. She was great and hasn't changed much since we were roommates freshman year. We are waiting to see where our youngest will choose to attend college next year. I had hoped for SBC, but I'm not sure if Reunion scared her off or what. Caroline had a great time at Reunion and would probably have considered SBC if it weren't so far from home. It's either going to be U. of TX or TX A&M. Surely I am not old enough to have 2 children in college. Tell **Barbara Bagby** that I am still waiting to hear about our mini-reunion to France. That 50th birthday is quickly approaching.

Myth Monchah Byoud writes: We are great! Charlie just turned 7! On Feb. 24, '06! We celebrated for a week! He is in 1st grade and loves it! I have been busy with Charlie's school...chaining our Trek for Tech (5k and 1 mile Fun Run) and co-chair of our school Auction. David, Charlie and I are at Lakeway (near Austin) about every 6 weeks or so...for R and R! We are headed to Lyford Cay for Spring Break to see David's parents.

Ginny Farris Hoffman writes: I am still doing title research. I have added 2 people to help, so it's less stressful. Allison is in her freshman year at U. of Mary Wash. in Fredericksburg. Brings back many memories of going off myself those 25 yrs. back. Mary and Graham, in h.s., are making sure we don't relax too much! Alan and I are content walking along through the days. Forget running.

Tish Longest Tyler writes: I'm still working (22 years) as a sr. legal assistant in the prisoner litigation section of VA's Office of the Attorney General. I love my job and VA's prisoner population keeps growing so I have good job security! In May '05, I spent a week in Normandy and then a week in Paris (sans husband who doesn't like to travel). I just booked a reservation in Paris for Sept '06 for 10 days. I am the proud mom of 2 puppies (chow chow, Cowboy, who is 7 months and a sheltie, Holly, who is 5 months). Yes, I'm crazy, and I'm counting down the months until they are grown and hopefully have some manners!

Martha Freuhof writes: I moved back to Charlottesville, VA from Richmond after 10 long years. My daughter went off to VA Tech and my youngest son is in h.s. in SC where his dad lives. My 2nd son, Jeff, is a jr. at Auburn—we think he's on the 7 to 8 year program. My oldest son, Mike, was honorably discharged from the USMC after 4 years of active duty. 2 of the years in Faluja. We are so thankful

that this is over for the time being! A very stressful time for all of us. This is the 1st time in 25 years that I have been without children at home. In order to avoid the pitfalls of empty nest syndrome, I enrolled in graduate school; working on my MBA. I started last June and STILL have a 4.0! What a perspective 25 years would give you. I am actually enjoying the work! My plan is to go to law school after I finish my MBA next July. I recently bought a penthouse apartment in the Court Square building here in Charlottesville and am in the process of remodeling. Hopefully, I will be able to move in by the fall. I am dating a very nice man that I met here in Charlottesville. He's a doctor and I'd actually met him about 15 years ago, but never really connected. We will be traveling to Greece at the end of Mar. I am still involved in horses. I have always kept my horses in Charlottesville, so now that I am here, there will be no more driving back and forth from Richmond!

Mimi Walsh Doe's new book is, "Don't Worry: You'll Get In: 100 Tips for Stress Free College Admissions" (Avalon). She has also launched Application Boot Camps in NYC and Santa Monica, CA for rising seniors. (Don'tWorryGetIn.com). Mimi says she'll offer a discount for any SBC alumnae kids! Her daughter Whitney graduated from h.s. early and is teaching in Ghana, West Africa for 3 months before beginning college in the fall at Vanderbilt. Her younger daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at Deerfield Academy. Mimi continues speaking to parents around the world about Spiritual Parenting (SpiritualParenting.com) and she and her husband of 21 years, Tom Doe, are adjusting to a slightly empty nest.

Kim Wood Fuller writes: I'm still traveling the world as much as I can. Spent Thanksgiving in London, did a 2 week Panama Canal cruise before Christmas. We spent a week in Grand Cayman at the end of Jan. Will meet up with **Janel Hughes Wiles** in Vail for skiing—which will be a blast, can't wait to see her and finally get to meet some of her children! I believe Claire and her family will be up there as well. Will head back to NYC and hope to hook up with **Fancy Root**. I'm sure we'll hit Maui and take a cruise sometime during the year. I'd travel more but work gets in the way. My husband has a new start-up company. I help him on Tuesday's and Friday's and am at the Travel agency on the other days. He/we are making skin care products. We'll have Acne products, Baby

lotions, anti-aging products and products for psoriasis, eczema, and dermatitis.

Karen Black Meredith writes: My husband, Robin, and I bought a potato farm on Long Island in '97. We built a winery business, Broadfields Wine Cellars, over the years which we sold to Leucadia National Corporation (they own Pine Ridge in Napa Valley and Archery Summit in Oregon). We have a home in the heart of Long Island wine country and also an apartment in NYC and go back and forth. We are both telecommuters which makes having 2 homes more feasible. I am an attorney specializing in aircraft financing transactions and Robin is a marketing consultant. Right now we're looking at wine business opportunities in the western part of the U.S., particularly AZ and NM.

Randy Mulholland Benedict writes: We have been blessed with healthy, happy kids and Ben and I consider them our greatest pleasure. This is my 16th year as the Dir. of Admissions and Financial Aid for my h.s. *Alma mater*. I live on campus and help to oversee one of the dormitories. I have taught in the Upper School and been a faculty advisor each year. Ben has been part of a foam and fiber manufacturing company for the past 15 years. Our son, Lex, is a jr. at Gilman School, is 6'2" now, played varsity soccer this fall and made the varsity lacrosse team for spring. We have been busy visiting colleges up and down the east coast. Our daughter, Parker, is in 8th grade at Garrison Forest and is VP of the Middle School. Parker played on an undefeated field hockey team this fall and has just made the top middle school squad for lacrosse.

Each summer we steal away from our full-time jobs to our summer place at Chautauqua where my husband's family has gone since the early 1900s—it is a great retreat for all 4 of us and summer would not be complete or restful without this 2 week get away! Ben and I are avid gardeners, readers and occasional golf and tennis players—we look forward to doing more of all of these things as our kids get older. We have a tabby cat (13) and an Australian Shepherd (8). I ride occasionally and our daughter rode avidly until 6th grade when she turned to team sports, and has now taken up indoor polo. I think of many of you and I remember listening to Hall and Oates endlessly, painting the hitching post—I was not as painted as Ginny and Barbara, getting used to Catherine's accent freshman year and lots of fun in our quad soph. year and also all the silliness of being an "Ass."

True Dow Datillo writes Life's grand here in NH. I had a small art show entry, just small enough to what my whistle and get my "studio" up and running... it's set up in the laundry room, the dryer is running just fine...my art is not quite as active. But we'll see. Missing my girlfriends something terrible, though. Hope to get together again soon, yes?

Susan Posey Ludeman writes: Danny, jr. is a college soph., Allie a freshman, David is a freshman in h.s. and Caroline in 6th grade. We are headed to FL for spring break with Danny's brother, Doug's family...looking forward to that.

Sandra Rappaccioli Padilla writes: My oldest son Max Carlos is a freshman at VA Tech, studying Industrial engineering. My 2nd son Jorge is a jr. at a boarding school in Chattanooga TN. I am at home with Sandra (13), Violeta (12) and Felipe (9). I work ½ day at a family business, my husband Max works for E.D. & F. Mann, a British company. We also work a coffee farm. **Lisa Sturkie** and family came down to visit this summer, had a great time and **Francie Root** will come visit in Apr. The day goes by fast between work, kids, volunteer work and we try to go to the beach on the weekends, it is only an hour away.

Eithne Broderick Carlin writes from the Cape that all are well. This includes their recent upgrade of their restaurant which is the place to be and be seen on the Cape for those chicken wing lovers. She and family had a nice trip down to FL to visit all of the relatives and have a bit of R+R for her family. Candace (15) and Johnny (13) fill the house with teenage fun.

The Thornton household is alive and well. 2 teenage boys keep us on our toes! We had a wonderful Schneider family reunion in Feb. in Eleuthera. Kevin is busy at work and doing a bit of traveling. He loved his trip to Paris. Tim (16) is doing well at springboard diving and we are beginning the college shopping and application process. Brian (14) is a very spirited young man. I am busy with part-time work and being a wife and mother and loving it!

Debra Hill Maes writes: We are now in McLean, VA. I have 2 "lovely" children, Jack, 11, and Olivia, 7. Chris works for Discovery and I'm home keeping the fires warm.

Charlotte Gay Gerhardt writes: All is well with the Gerhardts although it is very hard to hang in there with 3 teenage daughters. Yes, our oldest, Catherine, is a freshman at W&L. Our next daughter,

Augusta, is a jr.—driving—looking at colleges—doing the boyfriend thing—and testing my patience. Our youngest, Ann Burton, is immersed in field hockey, soccer, and friends, and do hope she puts off her rebellion for another year or 2. We are remodeling our kitchen and back of the house, so we our camping out in our own home for the next month. Don't want to wish this most precious time away, but can see the advantages of empty nesting when the girls are grown and "on their own"—Right!

Liz Swearingen-Edens writes: I'm still doing freelance graphic design and illustration in Louisville with husband and kids (Alex 10, Cary Pippin 7). Fun this year included trips north (woods), south (water) and east (mountains/DC), with family and friends. Equally entertaining are the telephone conversations with **Carol Williamson Jenkins** and correspondence with **Barbara Wesley Bagbey**. When it comes to Tales of the Bizarre, I am privileged to be Carol's "go-to" person. Had a great visit with **Ginny Farris Hoffman** in Lewisburg, VA recently and look forward to the next SBC '80 adventure!

Missy Gentry Witherow writes from her desk at the alumni office that they are happy and healthy living in IVY.

Jeannine Davis Harris writes some highlights: Saw Catherine & Schneids in NYC in Dec. Working in an Antique Store-19th cent. English antiques. Started new sport-trap shooting—this year. Vacation in Snowmass in the winter & Figure 8 Island, NC in the summer. Work on a lot of Community Service Projects, including running the Boy Scouts in Town. Kids: Leigh 14, Reid 12, Brad 8.

As for myself, I had a very inspiring and humbling trip to work in a make shift clinic in Pealington, MS. One of the many battered communities on the gulf coast this past Oct. We spent a week seeing 80-100 people a day that had remained in the community. It is a mess and will be for a long time. The people were inspiring and had many a tale of survival. I have a teenager now Taylor (13). He continues to play the cello and lacrosse and push my buttons whenever he can. My husband continues to globe trot and spread the word about virtual proofing in the printing industry. I am still with our local Hospice, enjoying what I do for them and all of the people who want to die with dignity!

1982

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Leslie Hertz Firestone writes "Bob and I have been busy these last 8 months with our move from Las Vegas to San Antonio. We built a new house, pool, etc. and have finally begun to settle in! Dee J Stanhope, '81, is scheduled to be our 1st SBC houseguest."

Lucile Redmond Flournoy reports "My sister, Frances Redmond Malone, and I are running our custom frame shop and art gallery in Columbus, GA. Tom is busy with Flournoy Development Co. building apartments all over the southeast and expanding out west as well. My oldest daughter, Lucy (16) and her sister, Betsy (14) are both at Brookstone School. Both enjoy theater. Lucy will be in "Guys and Dolls" at the Springer Theater in early Mar. and Betsy will play Mammy in "Lil Abner" for Brookstone School's spring musical. We have horses and are foxhunting a lot. I keep in touch with **Lee Watson Lombardy** who is in Orlando and Jill Steenhuis Ruffato '81 who lives in Aix en Provence. Both of my girls are interested in French and Lucy spent her summer there this past year with Windsor Mtn. Intl. travel group. Betsy and I ventured to Russia with a mission trip group from our church. Wilderness camping in Russia with 11 14-year-old kids is quite an adventure!"

Monika Kaiser writes "This year we have a number of plans including some repairs on the house, which fortunately only suffered minor damage during the hurricane season. We are planning a trip to Europe in June where we hope to see our families in Germany and France. Alexa 16 and Julius 11 are doing great. I cannot believe that I will be checking out colleges with Alexa next year."

Gay W. Loudon-King reports that she has 2 children—Andrew 7 in 1st grade and Gracen 5 in pre-school. She is a stay-at-home mom and active in the kids' school and at church. I am delighted to report that on the 11th of Mar. '06, in Mt. Laurel, AL, **Leisa Seay** was married to Mr Paul Niven Sanford. Leisa is using her Biology training in research work in the Birmingham area.

As for the **Dowlings**, we, including Peter 10 and Betsy 8, are on the move to the mountains of NC and by the time you read these notes I hope we will be settling into a new home. Since we haven't yet found the home, I have given

you the address of the church where my husband, Ben is the pastor. Please send me any news or just a hello or drop me a line by e-mail.

1983

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It's been awhile since I've submitted class notes for the class of 1983—I surmise we are all in a very busy stage of life right now. Robert and I had a big life change in Aug. '05. We moved our family to Richmond, VA! We are enjoying being back in the south after 6 years in the Boston area. Robert is seeking a position as an Associate Pastor, Marriage & Family and I am still working for IBM. Our children Rachel (7), Andrew (6), and Leah (2) are a joy and keep us hopping! I have had occasion to see **Anne Little Woolley** and her family which has been fun!

Amy Boyce Osaki writes from OR that she recently updated her information on the alumnae Web site, and started looking up classmates and sending e-mails! She and her husband John celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year and still enjoy their specialty travel company Walking Softly Adventures. They have also bought some property in Bulgaria and are planning to open a B&B (so start making your plans now!). Their daughter Heidi (6) is now in kindergarten in a Japanese immersion public school.

Wylie Jameson Small is currently working part-time as a computer training consultant and studying for her pilates teacher training certification. Aside from that, she is busy with her family. Rudy (12) is a nationally ranked squash player and active in student council. She and her husband Stuart are also slaves to their Jack Russell Terriers—Lucy (15, a wedding gift from Lucy Chapman Millar) and Maris (8). **Libby Glenn Fisher** says life pretty much revolves around the kids' activities these days. Wil (13), is pure teenager, which has been an adjustment for her! Mary Kathryn (11), is a horse fanatic and has her eye on SBC for college due to the equestrian program! She has gotten over committed to a variety of volunteer projects, but everything seems worthwhile and it's hard to say no. She loves seeing Christmas card photos from her SBC buddies—all the kids are darling and so

grown up. How is that they get bigger and yet we don't age? Look forward to hearing from you all soon!

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Save the date for our 20th Reunion next May 18–20, 2006. Hope to hear your news soon!

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Cameron Cox Hirtz moved to West Point, NY. They've adjusted to the weather changes and the kids love seeing the seasons change. The snow has been fun and the kids learned to ski! They've made a ton of new friends, run into some old friends, and truly miss their far away friends. Tony is very popular. He is now the very core of the Family Practice Clinic and one of only 2 pediatricians on post. There have been big changes in the kids this past year. Grayson is now 4 ½, started preschool and is overjoyed to be there and learning so much! She did club soccer over the summer and is now declaring herself a ballerina. Colby just turned 3 in Feb. and is bigger than ever; he has caught up to his sister's weight and is only a ½ inch shorter. The biggest development in their lives was inevitable... Tony's deployment to Iraq. It happened fast; they only had about 10 days notice but they fit in a lot of family time, a short vacation, and some beautiful family portraits before he left. The rotation is due to end in Sept. He is working with the 96th Aviation Support Battalion that is part of the 101st from Ft. Campbell, KY. They are at Camp Speicher which is north of Tikrit. Cameron also enjoys volunteering with the kids' school, activities with West Point Women's Club, and her newest fascination... Pilates!!

Denise Landau Blind reports that after 11 years she finally got to see **Cameron Cox Hirtz** for dinner. They live about 45 mins from each other. They hope to get together with **Denton Freeman Kump** and **Julie Martin Collins**. Denise is busy with Chelsea's competitive gymnastics and Tyler's baseball. She gets to ride some and they just returned from

a vacation in St. Kits and Nevis. **Heather Shettle Buerger** and family are well and live in Baltimore, although they spend a lot of time in NY. Heather is doing some "art law" & real estate in NYC with an attorney friend. They have an office on the 1st floor of a gallery in Tribeca. The goal is for her to stay 2/3 days a week in NYC and the rest of the week she's at her office in Baltimore. Her husband is doing real estate development in MD & DC and adjusting well to being the father of 3! The kids (Mandy, Cece & Jack) are great! They love school and have lots of extra activities. **Mary Alyce Keyser Corbett** and her family spent Christmas with the Buergers—this has been a tradition for many years now—the kids think they are all cousins! She and her 2 lovely children (Sarah Jane & Cooper) and Gary live in Northern VA—near Tysons. Heather reports that she is as beautiful as ever. Heather also mentioned skating with **Stacey Sickels Heckel**. It was wonderful and Stacey is as amazing as ever. Heather's girls were so thrilled to watch her skate and get a few helpful tips to improve their skating! Her boys (Kent & Leland) were delightful and, of course very charming! Heather often sees **Leigh Carroll Roebuck**. She was working at her sons' pre-school. And she sees Vicki Wolfe '85 at the gym. Heather also talks with **Tina Savage Lytle** and she sounds great.

Jennifer Bach Rosen's home sustained some serious damage from Katrina, as did her mom's and her in-laws'. They were particularly unlucky in the sense that they had just completed their renovation (that they've been doing for the past 3 years). However, they feel fortunate that they do have something to repair and that their family was out of harms way during the disaster. They easily evacuated to her sister's home in Atlanta and after several days, Rob went to MS to help his parents rebuild their roof. (They chose to stay for the storm and the eye went directly over their land.) About a week later, Rob had to return to New Orleans to help his company restart and Jennifer got a taste of being a single mom for the next 4 months. A cousin very generously offered her vacation home in Rosemary Beach, FL (a bit east of Seaside), so even though their lives were in complete turmoil, they had a beautiful and safe place to stay. Their boys, Matt (8) and Will (5) have been so strong and are very proud of them. They are in the midst of the rebuilding efforts of their home and of their city, but have great hope and absolutely appreciate the calls,

e-mails, and prayers that so many have sent their way.

Christina Savage Lytle has 2 beautiful girls, Lucie and Leslie. They are enjoying life in Alexandria, VA. They're enduring the finishing of a walk-out basement project. It should be wonderful when complete and will allow for much more room for visitors! Lucie 8 ½ and Leslie 5 are now monopolizing as much of Tina's time (and JD's) as possible w/ their activities...the usual soccer, gymnastics, ballet, Irish dance, piano, choir, Brownies, lacrosse, swimming... thank heavens they are not all going at once! She leads Lucie's Brownie troop and is getting ready for Leslie to start Daisies next yr. She is looking forward to spring break in the British Virgin Islands and a girls' trip to Santa Fe in late Apr. They will likely get up to Newport this summer sometime and to the Outer Banks as well. If anyone else is in, around or near any of these locations, including Alexandria/DC, she'd love to catch up!

Stephanie Sprouse is as busy as usual. She is planning to take a break and hopes to go on a vacation to see her brother in CA—dates not planned yet but will be spring of '06. Jackson is 5-years-old and continues to be the light of her life. She spent a weekend with friends and drove home immediately after the snowstorm...not fun. Almost 2 feet of snow overnight is enough to get the attention of any Yankee. They have spent a lot of time in VT this season which has been fun. They had the pleasure of watching the Christmas fireworks the night after Thanksgiving and the night skiers traveling down the mountain with their torches—it was magical. Their whole family was home for Christmas this year. It was awesome.

Kathryn Ingham Reese has 2 beautiful daughters—Landon and Elliot. She is teaching middle school English at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE. She is coaching volleyball and lacrosse. She is really looking forward to returning to SBC for the alumnae lacrosse game in Apr!

Lisa Thompson has a busy, busy life. Her law practice and family business are keeping her very busy. But, she is still looking for Mr. Right—introductions are welcome. On a serious note, she lost her mom 5 years ago and her dad very recently. She has enjoyed traveling. She just got back from Egypt and she found it awesome and enchanting. She is in touch with **Stacy Meadows Apter** and hopes to travel some place with her soon. She traveled with Stacey and her

family to Switzerland and Austria several years ago.

Heidi Metzger Potter says her life revolves around her 2 boys—Andrew (13) and Collin (9). Both are very active with ice hockey. They are constantly traveling to tournaments and games in the Mid-Atlantic region. It's fun and the whole family enjoys it. Heidi is still substitute teaching for K-3 and recently began working PT for Junior Achievement.

Stacey Sickels Heckel just returned from MI where her synchronized skating team, Ice Force One, won the silver medal at the national championships! She found it thrilling to have achieved this milestone in her adulthood that she had longed for as a child growing up. See http://www.gazette.net/stories/022206/nortnew201051_32003.shtml for an article about the team and a fun photo of the team skating (she is in the middle line of the block pictured). Another fun skating moment came when she met up with **Heather Shettle Witherspoon Buerger** in Jan, and her precious daughters, Amanda and Charlotte, and her son, Jack, to go ice skating on the national mall. Given that Stacey doesn't have girls of her own, she found it fun to skate with the girls. Stacey is still working as Dir. of Institutional Advancement for St. Timothy's School outside of Baltimore. Kent (9) and Leland (7) are doing great—very into sports, singing and their friends. They are very blessed to have her mother living with them helping to take care of Kent and Leland with their busy travel schedules. David just returned from a work trip to Indonesia. Stacey has been more connected to SBC lately as the daughter of one of her close friends, Hillary Holbrooke, is a freshman. She loves it! This month she will go to an Admissions Fair on behalf of the College. Stacey writes—"If any classmates have young friends of college age, you can recommend SBC with pride. It is stronger than ever."

Katie Keogh became Katie Weidner in Jan.!! The wedding was in Jamaica on New Year's Day at sunset. They only invited their kids and parents. They stayed the week and had a blast. Doug is W&L '77!

Caroline Corum is an attorney in DC. She is considering a permanent move from Seattle to DC. She sees **Beth Stookey Sargent**, who is a teacher in Prince William Co., often and reports she is doing well.

Anne Powell is living in Wytheville, VA. She works for a Henry Shein company as a tax manager.

Jeanne Rovics Mexic has been traveling all over the world with her job with Hilton—Dublin, New Orleans, Paris, Vienna, Mexico, HI, Rome. Her husband, Scott, took on a special project in Afghanistan for 4½ months—which was very successful, but very scary. He was out in the countryside on official business when a roadside bomb destroyed the car behind theirs. In Aug, her 7-yr-old son, Blake, was in New Orleans with his grandma when Katrina hit. They evacuated to Beaumont, TX. Her mother-in-law lived with them while Scott was in Afghanistan. She returned to the Garden District and found that her house had been spared any serious damage (unlike **Maia Free Jalenak** whose mother-in-law's house in Metairie was almost crushed by a pecan tree). They ended their year with a fabulous vacation in Maldives—the most beautiful place she's ever seen. She sees Beth Ann Newton '86 weekly—she lives 4 houses away in McLean. Their kids ride the same bus. Her 1st grader, Blake, is star struck with Beth Ann's 5th grader, Bonnie. In Feb. '06, they had a mini-reunion for **Kristin Peters Randolph's** birthday in Miami. **Laura Schumacher Kasprzak** and **Nici Fraley Williams** were there for the celebration.

Shela Silverman has been living in rural NM for about 5 years. She is a program director at Contac del Oeste and working with persons with mental illnesses who are in the state hospital or in the community. Her non-profit is based in WV and she travels to AZ, CA, WA, ID, CO, FL and DC. She loves the work and plans to do it for at least another 2 years. Her son, Phillip, is teaching chemistry at the Naval Academy. He will be there for another 2 years until his tour of duty is over. He will be returning to the chemistry faculty at the U. of MO.

Christine Diver Ans is keeping busy with her 2 children, Aleks (16) and Amanda (10), who are swimming competitively for Blue Wave Swim Team in Brandon, FL. They are currently swimming under Olympic coach Peter Banks. She divides her time between swimming, volunteering for Girl Scouts, and working from home for a publishing company children's educational materials, Usborne Books. Her husband is currently a Lt. Col. in the USMC assigned to CENTCOM in Tampa, FL.

Erica Hennig Subramaniam and her family welcomed Lindsey Grace into the world on Sept. 30th. They barely made it to the hospital in time—her labor started at 7 am, they got to the

hospital at 8:15 and Lindsey arrived at 9:08. Lauren (2) is adjusting well to her new role as a big sister. Erica is still working part-time at Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College Library and loving it. They live in Asheville and would love to see anyone visiting in the area!

Kim Bretnall Shinn is working on her MBA, raising 5 kids and working for her father's company. Her oldest, Willie, starts h.s. next year and her twins will start kindergarten. Whew!

Kate Cole Hite declares herself the CinC Home—military jargon for Commander-in-Chief, Home Affairs. She visited **Minta Jones-Ford** in Oct. when she flew down to Memphis to surprise her for her birthday. Kate also enjoyed a mini-reunion in June with **Katie Keogh Weidner**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Minta Jones-Ford** at **Leslie Corrado's** home. She also got to see Leslie in the fall when she did family portraits for them.

Laura Ferrazzano is a realtor/partner for a residential brokerage firm in DC.

Susan Detweiler just got home from her 3rd austral-summer working in Antarctica. She continues to find her job in Field Safety fascinating as it provides a lot of variety and the occasional unusual experience such as getting to pull hot lava, using an ice axe, out of a bomb just thrown out of an active volcano. The red hot lava was surprisingly stiff but did pull out like taffy, creating fibers of volcanic glass as it cooled. She's home now in Jackson Hole, WY where she and her sweetie (also and Antarctic) have been skiing, mostly in the backcountry, until her mountain guiding season picks up again. She keeps in touch with a number of SBCers. **Susan** guesses she's among the 1st of our class to hit 40. She's finding being 40 is much better than one is led to believe; our generation has so much information available about how to take care of ourselves.

Ro Putz gathered updates from some of her fellow turning point students! Ro has 2 married children and 3 lovely grandchildren (2 grandsons and a granddaughter). Ro is still working at Sweet Briar. She is a branch library assistant. He reports that the science library was incorporated into the main library along with the art books. The Shallegger Library now houses the rare books and college archives. The music library is still Babcock. Ro also teaches several evenings a week at National College of Business & Technology in Lynchburg.

Ro reports that **Toni Dean** has retired and is doing really well. She has jumped out of a plane! As **Ro** said, "Go girl!"

Brenda Payne has been working at Nelson County Dept of Social Services for 12½ years. She is now in Adult Services. Her daughter, Kristy, is now at the Home Depot in Lynchburg and a real hero. She donated a chair to her father in June '05 and they are both doing well. Her son, John and his wife live in Encinitas, CA and are doing well.

Gussie Harrison Dunston had a baby boy, Harrison Fleetwood, on Nov. 2nd. He joins Guen (5) and Millie (9). They are both great help with diapers. They also push him around in a doll stroller and place him in a doll bed. Gussie went back to SBC for her cousin, **Ginger Tripp's** graduation. She was one of the 1st to do the 5 year option for an education degree. She reports that much has changed but much remains the same. And, it was fun to share a common SBC experience with a cousin.

Mary Halliday Shaw and her family are enjoying Atlanta. The twins, Jack & Mike, just turned 14 last Nov. They are enjoying their new school and have started recording their music in a studio. Kevin turned 10 last Aug. and is on the basketball team at school. Mary is teaching at her kids' school. Her husband, Brad, is working hard and enjoying the corporate life at Home Depot.

Nancy McDonald moved to Cary, NC. She loves it! She is building a house and ready to settle down. She is teaching 3rd grade and loves it.

Brooke Rinehart Dunn lives in Charlottesville and would love to see any classmates in her area. She left her paralegal job after 15 years to spend more time with her kids and all of their after school activities—soccer, basketball, swimming, lacrosse, guitar. She also works at her husband's landscaping company and joined the garden club. (Her e-mail made me laugh—she said she's turning into her mother. Aren't we all? Yikes!)

Virginia Bennet Leeds is still in NC. She is staying at home with her daughter, Andrea, who has mastered running and climbing. Virginia is going back to work and will change careers to become a teacher. She will be starting graduate school at UNCg to get her M.Ed. Virginia saw **Sara Ammar Whitt** and her family last fall in Bluefield, WV. She corresponds with **Lee Ann Conard** by mail. Lee Ann sent Andrea a beautiful blanket that she had quilted with Sweet Briar roses all over it.

Scarlett Roitman lives in London with her husband, Mark, and her 2 daughters Clarissa (16) and Eloise (7). She and Mark run a property development company which builds properties in Southern Portugal and redevelops older properties in London.

Kelly Meredith Iacobelli—I was reading a magazine on a plane when I practically fell out of my chair—there was **Denton Freeman Kump** staring back at me from an UPS ad. How cool!! Check out www.poesisonline.com!

I'm in touch with Sharon Staley Kelly '87. Her husband and her darling daughter, Kendall are doing well. She enjoys her new career as a stay-at-home mom. I got a Christmas card from **Julie Martin Collins** and her family. Her sons, Christopher (10½) and Joseph (6) are getting so big!

My own cutie, Kathleen, is 3½ and really fun. She's doing gymnastics, dance, soccer and choir. I'm balancing the working mom thing and enjoying my job at EarthLink. John and I are looking forward to a relaxing week in Mexico in Aug.

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Hi Ladies! I apologize for not having notes in every issue, but I need to hear from more of you! You can send me mail or e-mail. We also have a Class of '89 group page for quick messages and posting pictures. If you are not already a member, please check it out! <http://groups.msn.com/SBC89>.

Gina Pollock Davis moved to the Seattle metro-area in Sept. '05 and works in consulting for a ceramics importer specializing in Tableware, Bakeware and Serveware for the Retail and Food Service industries. **Camelia Washington** is currently teaching 7th grade Math and English and is planning her wedding, which will be on July 1, '06. **Sandy Compton Selman** is teaching 1st grade. She lives in Columbia, MD with husband Neil and their 2 children Alexandra 5, Kyle 2.

Allyson Welch Cain and husband Tom added a daughter, Noelle Lynn, to their family in Apr. '05. Noelle has 2 sisters, Nicole 6, and Natalie 4. Allyson continues to work part time as a computer programmer for Washingtonpost Newsweek Interactive and resides in Fairfax, VA.

Beth Hodgkins Green moved to Hilton Head Island, SC in June '05. They love being "Repotted Yankees" and enjoying Southern living! Her music enrichment business is still going strong after 8 years, and has made the transition to SC very well. Beth serves as the music specialist at many area schools and music therapist at several special needs and elder care facilities. She is directing children's musical theater, as well as teaching private vocal instruction for adults and children. She enjoys singing in a barbershop quartet. Her parents are celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary this spring and are doing great!

Raquel Hickman Thiebes and family are now in Valrico, FL (just outside of Tampa). She is at home with her 2 boys, ages 6 and 8, but does real estate on the side. Her husband is now aide-de-camp of a commanding Special Operations General, so it looks like they will stay put for a while, where they are finally closer to family.

Nancy Quinones Chancler now lives in Orlean, VA (just outside of Warrenton) on a 12 acre horse farm with her friend, Mike, 2 Dobermans (Max and Casey), 2 barn cats, 2 house cats and 3 horses (soon to be 4). She is working in economic development for Prince William County. She will soon be a 1st-time aunt!

Kim Kline Malone and David have put their house on the market and are hoping to buy in Southern MD. Brendan is in 1st grade and Jeff & Sarah are in preschool. She has been working at their school this year and enjoying it. Her husband, David, is still in the Air Force. She keeps in touch with Squirrel (**Sharon Bittner-Webb**) who is in England.

Christina Stolz Feldkamp started working as a kindergarten teacher's assistant this school year and loves it! She and Scott finally are on the same schedule for vacations, and can't wait to have the summer off! Ariel starts kindergarten next year at the same school. They were in NYC last summer for Chrissy's 20th h.s. reunion, and that was the 1st time she had been back since before 9/11. She says that, "seeing the skyline from the airplane was still really strange for me; it almost felt like we were landing in some other city."

Whitney Bay Shuck and Quin may have to relocate, although they would prefer not to. Quin's company closed and he is job hunting. Whitney has been with Maritz for 12 years now. Both of Whitney's parents had cancer last year.

Fortunately, both are doing extremely well. On the Gryphon Beads front, she has branched out into making beaded pens, which are selling like crazy. There's a store in Farmington, MI that's carrying them now. She learned to snowboard on a trip to CO this winter and will be doing her 4th 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk in Aug.

Tiffini Minatel resigned her position as Dir. of Operations of Brother Jimmy's NYC, LLC about a year ago and decided to take "some" time off. She has taken up gardening and cooking. She and Michael have traveled a lot. They took a Caribbean cruise on the new Carnival Valor, went skiing in VT, summured in Upstate NY and CT with Michael's folks, visited her brother and 2 adorable nieces in NC as well as attended her 20th h.s. reunion, not to mention a few destination weddings here and there. The best was visiting friends in St. Marten for 8 days over the New Year. Michael's son, Jonathan, is now 10 ½ years old and they are looking now into taking him to England to visit London and some castles. Tiffini is researching life-changing career jobs. She would like to work in theatre operations and/or film production.

Kate Robinson Hillestad and husband, John, live in Richmond, VA with daughters Katie Grace 5, Isabelle 3, and their 3 boxers, Stoney, Bailey and Brandy. I see Kate often, as I finally convinced her to move her horse, Killian, to the same farm where I board my horse, Cadot. The stables just relocated to the historic and beautiful Norwood Plantation, and we are enjoying our new barn and miles of new trails. I am still working way too much, but enjoy some travel with the job. Hope to hear from everyone more often!

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Hello all and thanks to so many of you who responded for our class notes. It was great to see some of you at Reunion. Hopefully we'll have more for our 20th.

Taki Kinoshita Austin writes: I am living in London with my husband, Alastair. After 14 years or so, I have become fairly well acclimatized, although I still have an American accent (of course!). I work at the Institute of Child Health, which is a postgraduate institution, as their Research Ethics

Coordinator. I am in close touch with **Beth Brodie, Nancy Kershner, Gwen Fisher, and Anne Galbreath.**

Kate Patin writes: I was just at SBC for a year ('86-'87) but still keep up with **Gladden Adam** and I would love to know how some of my classmates are doing. I live in New Orleans and am a librarian at a private school here. Isidore Newman. I have 3 children, Margaret 5, Thomas 3, and Ellie 1. We spent 4 months in Waynesville, NC while everything was closed after Katrina, and I got to be a stay-at-home mom—that was great.

Katrina affected **Chris Carriere Zazulak**, as well. Her notes are as follows: Things are getting better in New Orleans. The boys are back at school. Philip turned 1 in Dec. and is trying to walk. We are cleaning up our city and bringing it back to life. Once again I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and actions. Keep us in your prayers because we have a long way to go before New Orleans will be back to what it was. While the boys go to school, I am working with Junior League trying to rebuild our wonderful city. Our hearts and prayers go out to our classmates that have been affected by these terrible tragedies.

Anne Richardson Lackey says: I am working as VP of Sales for a local Atlanta technology company. On the side, Mark (my husband) and I have been working as real estate developers, investors, and property managers for the last 4 years. We also got our real estate license last year. My oldest stepchild Stephanie & her husband David are expecting their 3rd child—being a grandmother at age 37 has a lot of advantages. My 2 younger stepchildren are growing up fast—Andrew is a freshman in college and Jessica is a h.s. junior. She is considering SBC.

Gladden Adams Faivene says that Phil and she are having fun with Ellie 7 and James 5—highlights of the winter—skiing a few times and watching James learn to play ice hockey. Sorry to have missed Reunion!

Congratulations to **Stacy Gilmore Hanling** on her nuptials. She recently remarried in Nov. '05 to R. Scott Hanling. They were married in Mount Pleasant, SC. Her daughter, Haylee, is 10 and currently in 5th grade and loves having a father. Some of you may remember Jim, Stacy's 1st husband died when Haylee was 15 months. She saw **Leslie Carson Albizzati** at her wedding. Stacy is living in Mt. Pleasant, active in her church and the Junior League.

Brandi Beck Fowler writes, I'm still working as a psychologist in LA. My husband and I spent 2 weeks in Russia in Dec. '05, which was magical. **Elizabeth Mason Horsley** is coming to visit this Feb. The 4th xiven to visit me in LA.

Becki Finkbeiner Street writes that she just started a job as a full-time math instructor at U. of AR, Little Rock. (I've been home with my kids for the last 10 years, so I'm pretty much a basket case at the moment!) Got to spend some time with Anne Crow Galianides '91 recently and hope to get up to SBC this spring.

Congratulations to **Beth Pensi**

Solomita who is expecting her 2nd child in July. Her daughter Grace is 19 months and enjoys 'school.' Beth still has Jake, her dog, who is 13 years old. She is in the Stamford, CT area and has been doing social work at a pre-school for the past 8 ½ years.

Amy Booth writes that she's been living outside DC for some time. Her kids are great. Sara, 12, just made an elite travel soccer team. Her twin boys, Michael and Nicholas, 10 ½, are into baseball. Amy remarried a great guy, Charles Desimio. They spend what little free time they have visiting family in NC, as well as friends all over the US. Amy paints when she has time and does commission work for local shows to raise money for her children's schools.

Candace Collins Preston writes that she has started her own law practice, Candace Sylvia Preston, P.A. She is in FL. Her husband Peter and she enjoy parenting their 2-year-old, Sylvia.

Stephanie Dance Tancredi writes, via the Web, that she is in Memphis enjoying their new home, with their new arrival, Andrew, born Jan. 30, '06. He is their 3rd child.

Bryn Currie writes: '05 was very busy. Within an 8 week period, I bought a new home, moved into a new home with my boyfriend and his 2 daughters (joining my son, William, 9, and daughter, Sydney, 7), got engaged to Bryan Elliott—totally unexpected (we had the Kurt Russell/Goldie Hawn thing down)... then retired from my position and decided to try my hand as a stay-at-home mom. I have done a few freelance jobs over the last couple of months, so we'll see how long I can stay away from a food-related, corporate environment. I'm really enjoying this time with each one of our kids. Bryan and I are planning to be married in May '06 in a small, family ceremony. I have joined the finance committee of 2 of the kids' schools, and I am a class parent for another. I was

so sorry not to be able to get to Reunion last year—my house closed on the same weekend. We skied over the Christmas holidays and we are ramping up for the Winter Term at school.

Julie Brooks says: Life continues on as normal. I have 2 more classes to complete my master's in Public Administration and should be finished by July. I still am the Grants Administrator for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. I've reconnected with **Debbie Lee, Lea Harvey** and **Vanessa Rhodes** in the past year and enjoyed seeing other classmates at Reunion.

Lisa Waldrop Hammerschmidt says: Kurt and I are approaching our 10-year anniversary next Apr. Trinity just turned 6 and has started kindergarten—so far she loves it. She is quite the little rider and was champion in short stirrup hunter 9 and under division and the VHSA Finals in Nov. Link will be 4 in 10 days! He likes the ponies but I think golf or tennis may be more his calling. I'll keep trying to push the ponies though! Our family keeps busy with a hectic lesson, boarding, training, showing and breeding business—not to mention Kurt's tennis and hunting schedule! I have been enjoying many judging jobs since acquiring my USEF license 3 years ago (Thanks, SBC Riding program for your encouragement and support). I visited SBC in May '05 to attend a wonderful ANRC riding clinic—what a blast! I spoke with **Susan Beebe** in Aug.—she is bartending in Charlotte, NC and was recently voted "hottest bartenderess" in Charlotte! She's getting back into the horse business as well. Best wishes to you all!

Parker Shultis Pearson writes: Since Reunion I have been keeping busy with work where we have been growing our business and I have been launching a new software product. I am still riding, and am in the process of getting a new horse to bring along. I spent Christmas in Sanibel, FL where I golfed and enjoyed the beach, along with seeing my new nephew. I stay in touch with Jenni Vance '91 and would really like to know the whereabouts of **Anne Galbreath**. Has anyone stayed in contact with Anne? If so—e-mail me at parker@ali-inc.com.
Sonja Gruhl Dupourque wrote: "We welcomed the arrival of our 2nd son, Erik James (9 lbs., 2 oz & 21 ½), on Sept. 27, '05! He's a true bundle of joy, with a constant smile on his face and a wonderful, happy disposition! His big brother Jack amuses him and he

completes our family beautifully! Jack is now 2, and attends preschool. He's still quite the clown and charmer! I'm a full-time, stay-at-home Mom, and enjoy participating in MOPS and volunteering as a family at the local CA Veteran's Home. I'm looking forward to getting involved with the proposed new SBC Alumnae Club, here in San Diego, this spring '06. We may be moving this Spring/Summer to either Atlanta, Houston or Baltimore/Washington Areas." Sonja's husband is still a Captain for the airlines and Officer in the Navy Reserves.

Louise Bouldin Carter writes: It is great to be back in Huntsville close to my family. We have Virginia Louise (3) and Brian Russell Jr. (1 ½). I work part-time for a decorator. We spent most of last year working on our new old home and still have plenty more to do! Mostly I see **Amanda Priddy Berkey** at Bunko. I had a great time seeing **Chris Carriere Zazulak** and all her children and **Amy Kroeger** the year before last when they came through Huntsville—Chris to see the world Famous Space Center and Amy on her way to Med School from the southwest headed northeast.

Ann Beatty Malone writes: Alexandra just turned 3 and I am getting to spend more time with her since I started part-time with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Sam is 11 and is enjoying 6th grade.

Congratulations to **Carole**

Witherington Lumpkin and Bert on the soon-to-be-arrival of their newly adopted daughter, Carole writes: Bert and I are expanding our family by adopting a little girl from Guatemala. Helena Julianna was born Sept. 6, '05. I have been down to visit once. She is beautiful. I hope she will be with us in Mar. or Apr. I keep in touch with **Jacy Carter Allen** and **Elizabeth Mason**.

Amy Kroeger writes: Life in NY is good. I am in the middle of my surgery rotation. I've traveled to Phoenix a few times this year where I saw Patsy Kroeger '85. I'm looking forward to an upcoming visit with **Joie Tankard** and **Beth Jinks**. One year of school to go.

Dolly Garcia submits: We sold the business, and I am administering Mikey's law firm. The kids are doing great. Miguel won 1st place in a fencing championship. Dolly is into make-up and the American Girl and Marisabel is the funniest girl I have ever met, plus she is an artist and has all the walls in my house painted with crayons. We went on our skiing trip; however Mikey had a little accident. He broke his leg and ankle

and had to have surgery. Mikey is doing better.

LuAnn Hunt writes: I was a Turning Point Student so I had a head start on most of you! I son Chris and his wife Megan have a daughter, Halle (2) and she's the most precious child I know! She'll soon be a big sister, as the 2nd baby is due in July. My daughter Candice is engaged and will marry in Oct. This will be a busy year for the Hunts! My husband works for Glad Manufacturing and I am still working for the City of Lynchburg in Communications & Marketing and love my work. I am in the planning stages of starting my own consulting business called "Work FUNDamentals." Basically, I plan to consult with local, state, and federal government organizations about how employees can have fun at work and as result be happier employees that are motivated to do more, get sick less, and overall produce better results. If any of you are interested, just visit my Web marker at www.workfundamentals.com. I still live 1.5 miles from SBC, so if ever you're visiting, stop in and say hi!

I had previously asked for notes last year in July and had received the following from **Allison Miree Novellino**: "Let's see the latest is that I changed names (again). Married Marc Novellino in Aug '04. We made it a fun trip and eloped to a quaint town in the mountains of NC and had the Judge marry us at the town's historic courthouse. Our reception was a picnic lunch for 2 on the Blue Ridge Parkway that afternoon. No hassles, just fun! Marc is a NJ transplant, but grew up in The South and went to Auburn so he counts as a Southerner. He works for an international construction firm as a Project Mgr. So far we have been able to stay local and work on our home remodeling project. We never get very far from construction! Attended **Nancy Jones'** wedding in May. She and hubby are in Bluffton, SC just outside Hilton Head and are starting a catering business. Nancy works as an interior designer.

Elizabeth Mason Horsley wrote I am practicing law at Williams Mullen in Richmond, VA and specializing in trust and estate litigation. I am also involved in recruiting law students, so I get to travel a little, but still have a lot of time with my husband, Shelton, and 2 boys, Jack and Will.

In the last set of notes, I had said that **Ben Brennan Rucker** gave birth to 2nd daughter Madison. I was wrong. . . . her name is Morgan . . . my apologies to Jen.

As for me, not much has changed. My children are growing older and making us very happy and proud. We look forward to all of the great times yet to come. I want to thank everyone again for writing. If you have someone's e-mail and want to forward it on, I'll be happy to accept it and send it in to SBC for them to update.

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Vickie Campo Byrd had a baby girl, Caroline Campo Byrd, June 21, '05 who joins big brother Garnett (5 ½) and big sister Ellie (3). They live in Fort Lauderdale, FL where her husband Garnett, HSC '90, works in the marine/yachting industry. Vickie is at home full-time with the children and loves it!

Karen Hott writes that her design business, Karen Hott Interiors, has taken off and the New Year has been very busy. She is doing commercial and residential work, has great clients and loves what she is doing. Working in DC last summer on a law firm afforded her the opportunity to meet and hang out a bit with Kiefer Sutherland. She hears from our classmates and sees some SBC friends in Atlanta as often as possible. Karen met **Caitlin Sunby Sullivan, Norah Wagner Smith, Lucia Marks** and **Stephanie White Frost** for dinner and says it was fun. Check out our Yahoo Group page!

Clover Shaman Mellen writes that she is a mom (which is fun but exhausting). Her little girl, Molly Margaret, will be 2 in Aug. She went inactive as a lawyer, but is involved in a garden club, has been freelance writing for a magazine and in Apr., helped out with her town's 1st annual book festival for children, reading books to children in the coffee shop. After 6 years of staying at home with the kids **Katherine Cooper Hoffman** is back to work (and she swore she never would)! She is the new Divisional Sales Manager in Montgomery County, MD and DC for a woman's clothing company out of NY called The Worth Collection (www.worthny.com). Katherine LOVES the company and the clothes but says the most difficult part of the job is finding a good housekeeper to help with the resultant mess!

Heather McGowan Sanford and her husband Kevin, live in Galway, Ireland with their 3 children: Hannah (9), Abigail (5), and Matthew Henry (18 months). They've

lived in Ireland for 9 years, together she and her husband pastor Abundant Life Christian Center. They love what they do. Ireland is a beautiful place to visit. Heather stays in contact with **Suzanne Petrie**, **Katherine Hoffman**, **Raynelle Muench** and **Christine Canturbury**.

Lea Renee Gardner Tikka is enjoying being a stay-home-mom to her lively baby boy, Luka. Big sister Sophia is attending the local Finnish primary school and is speaking the language fluently. Lea is slowly adapting to life just below the Arctic Circle but finds the dark winters a bit too much to bear at times. She says that the endless summer days are glorious however. They plan to spend the coming summer in a rustic cottage overlooking a Norwegian fjord. **Suzanne Ziesmann** has been working at UVA for the past 3 ½ years, 1st as a post-doc and now as an assistant professor of research (e-mail: smz4n@virginia.edu). She works primarily on building an educational program at UVA that bridges the gap between math and biology, especially in medicine. A bonus to the work is that SBC Profs Davies, Robeva and Kirkwood are collaborators on the project, and she even gets paid for visiting SBC for meetings with them! She often sees Katherine Cook, '94, and has recently met Joan Dabney Clickner's '91 husband and 4-year-old, Ian. The Clickners live in Charlottesville. Suzanne has a dual existence in Charlottesville and Madison Heights, where her main house and mom are. Although her beloved Nugget, who also went to SBC, peacefully passed away in Dec. '03 at the age of 31, she rides around town now and then.

Nicole Gauthier enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to her 10-month-old daughter, Chloe. Chloe is on a very busy schedule with her swimming lessons, French lessons and playgroup. Nicole talks to **Claire Stapleton Batson** at least twice a week and they are going on vacation to the Abacos together for 2 weeks in June. Of course, she keeps in touch with Melinda Wick Aufmuth '92 and **Donna Peters**. Melinda has a little girl as well, just a few months younger than Chloe and they are already planning on them being roommates at SBC in the year '22. **Sonia Haddad Salfity** is enjoying being a busy mother of 3. Shereen is now 11, Shareef is 9 and Matthew is a busy 2 ½. She is thankful that her mother was able to take care of the children so she and her husband could enjoy a week-long cruise to the Eastern Caribbean last Feb. She says it was lovely to spend uninterrupted time with her husband

whose growing Cardiology practice keeps him extra busy. The whole family enjoyed a vacation to Dallas, TX for Thanksgiving where they stayed at the Gaylord Texan. She enjoys playing in a tennis league and helping out at the kid's school. She's also a monthly contributor to *Viva*, a women's magazine which is published in Jordan (in English). In Sept. **Al Doucette** visited her husband Billy in Japan; they had a wonderful time trying and retrying the local cuisine and hiking. They were grateful that he was able to come stateside for the holidays and she is planning another visit to the Orient in Apr. They are looking forward to June when his orders will bring them back together as a family.

Joan Dabney Clickner writes that she's happily back in touch with Stacey Simpson '92, **Suzanne Ziesmann** and **Katherine Cooper Hoffman**. She saw both Stacey and Suzanne recently and they're both as fun and youthful as ever. She asks that anyone in or planning to visit the Charlottesville, VA area get in touch at joanbob9@juno.com. Her family has grown by 1, they have a new cat, but no baby yet—she says that getting and staying pregnant can be hard, it seems! But son Ian, 4, is such a great little boy that if he's the only 1, it's blessing enough. **Margo Ten Broeck Calkin** and her husband Brad went to China to get their baby boy. The biggest surprise of '05 was that their little China girl was actually an adorable little boy. Hugh Lian Bradshaw Calkin was handed to Brad and Margo on Aug. 15th (wearing pink). He turned 1 on Sept. 10th.

D'Andra C. Simmons-Manges is the VP of Marketing at Ultimate Living International, Inc. She recently published a book with her mother, Dee Simmons, called *Natural Guide for Healthy Living*. She was also on t.v. on Apr. 13th for 3 shows on HSN and America's Store. **Shelbie Filson** completed her 1st year in her new position at SBC. She still loves her job and feels she has contributed a lot to SBC's Theatre and Babcock Seasons. She stayed busy this summer helping at a friend's restaurant, teaching a summer drama class for SBC's Kids in College, and taking a fun trip to CO. In the fall she audited a musical theatre class and performed in SBC's "Macbeth." She attended a performing arts conference in NYC this Jan. **Karen Holland Carlisle** is expecting her 1st in the spring. All is well in Chicago but she misses mid VA winters. **Signee Hoffman Swartley** is busy practicing in her hometown. Her husband is teaching middle school and

loves it. They are planning to go to the Bahamas.

Elliott Pitts skis, sails, and raises funds for The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland, ME. She switched Master's degree programs and is focusing on organizational development and adult education/training.

I recently lost my father and am staying close to home for the time being. I continue to teach and am active in youth ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. I keep in touch with Clover Shaman Mellen, Carey Bates, Kate Haw '92, and Missy Walker '89. These are my last notes as class secretary. It was a great job while it lasted. I so enjoyed hearing from all of you. Peace and blessings to all.

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And the big news is: 1 of us has 7 children! **Erin Currie Thompson** writes that she lives in Ankeny, IA and is a stay-at-home mother to 7 children under the age of 9. She has 5 of her own and 2 step children ages 9, 8, 7, 5, 2, 2, and 6 months. She volunteers on her daughter's soccer team, leads a Daisy Girl Scout troop and serves on various school committees. Life is busy and full, but Erin keeps in touch with **Stephanie Brown Steinmetz** and **Kendra McGeorge Dougherty**. 3 is a charm for **Dana Varnado Campbell**! She had a baby girl at Christmas—Emery Leigh was born on 12/29/05 in Chapel Hill, NC. Dana reports that her 2 sons are great big brothers and the entire family is in love with their new addition. **Ashley File Phoenix** and husband John are living in CO with their 2-year-old cutie, McCall. Between motherhood and running her ever expanding Denver yoga enterprise, Yoga on 6th, Ash has truly found her calling. If anyone is ever in the Denver area, stop in for a class! **Elizabeth Harder Botzis** had a son named Reid in Aug. She and Elliott are thrilled with parenthood! Elizabeth's brother Bill and his wife live in Greenville as well, and had a son within a few weeks of Reid's birth. **Kendra McGeorge Dougherty** and husband Ken relocated to Glastonbury, CT this year. Children Tyler (5 ½), Chase (4) and Brooke (2 ½) love their new home. Kendra writes that everything in CT is great! **Annalisha Anderson McGinley**

and husband Sean live in Panama City Beach, FL. Sean is in the USAF, and they recently relocated from Key West. They love life on the beach, and Annalisha started an airbrush tanning business inside a local spa. Very different and fun, especially for a former Web designer! They plan to build the house of their dreams in Gulfport, LA, where they had purchased land 2 months prior to Hurricane Katrina. She writes, "It is our favorite place on Earth, and we know it will come back stronger and more beautiful than ever." The 2 enjoy married life and hope to start a family in the near future. **Kristen Hooper** continues to call Little Rock home, and enjoys being close to her family. **Maria Bergh** had a lakeside wedding last May, and sounds deliriously happy as she and husband Kyle Rodemacher await the birth of their 1st child this spring. They lived in Austin, TX with SBC girls **Ashley Celis Cavelier**, **Beth James Longest**, **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams**, **Hopie Carter Avery**, **Muffin Steers Farese** and Ginger Marks Collier '92 looking on. Kyle is a structural engineer and pro cyclist, and Maria is the Dir. of Marketing for Whole Foods in their 80,000 sq. ft. landmark store. **Tracy Parker** has been working with mentally ill adults at Central VA Community Services for the past 5 years. She and Tim recently bought a house in Lynchburg which keeps them busy with renovations. Son Timmy is 10, and Tracy is active at his school, serving on the Special Education Advisory Committee. She is giving thought to renewing her teaching license and getting back in the classroom. **Tracy Meier Mason** married Derek Mason in May of '03. They moved back to MA, bought an old house and spend all of their free time fixing it up! She says her wedding was a mini-reunion, with **Carolyn Imperato**, **Laura Hammer**, **Gretchen Finley** and **Stephanie Turner** showing up to help her celebrate. Special Holla Holla to **Daniella Ceccerelli Toomey**, who is kind enough to keep me updated with the following: After 5 yrs as an OB/GYN Nurse in Annapolis, I've taken a break, in order to better handle the marketing for Chris's Dental Practice in Towson, MD. We have 2 fun and very handsome boys, Stefan (5) and Christian (2). After the loss of a little girl at 17 weeks, we're looking forward to working on family expansion next year.

I keep in touch with **Corrine Judekis Hodges**—her little peanut, Madeline, is gorgeous and laughs all over herself. She and Edward live in Richmond, VA. **Stephanie Brown Steinmetz**, has a

little guy, Samuel. I saw **Page Holmes Selby** at Stephanie's house; she is living in CA but visits her family on the East Coast often. She has an adorable little guy, Max. **Meredith Alpert DeSantis** handled the multiple hurricanes in her town of Stuart, FL well—all things considered. She and Jimmy have 2 little ladies, Brooke and Hunter. **Eleanor Guild Coghill** is in Boston and doing well. Daniella gave birth to a baby boy in Sept. '05. Despite being outnumbered by all of the testosterone in her house, Daniella reports that her family is happy and healthy. **Brigette Buynak** earned her JD from U. of NM and is a bill analyst for the NM State Judiciary Committee focusing on water rights issues. **Kerry O'Donnell** is fabulous, still eligible and living the good life in NYC. She swoops in for play dates with me periodically, and is the same "born under a lucky star" kind of girl she always was. She is completely enchanting to my children, and I live for those visits. **Jen Mooney Risey** and her husband are raising Jack, Aidan, and new baby Marigny in sunny FL and loving it! Her folks moved to Tampa recently, so she has a couple of capable hands to help with changing all those diapers! Jen writes with the news that **Britt Ellison Dressler** had a son, Cole William, in Oct. '04. **Polly Crawford** is in Richmond with William Sonoma and loving it. **Sabryna McClung Roberson** and Greg settled in CA after their trip around the U.S. and Canada. They moved to Sacramento to be closer to Greg's west coast HQ. They keep up with **Stacey McClain Folwell**. **Laura Warren Underwood**. **Tracie Allen Webber** and **Dianne Doss Hayes**, all of whom are busy with growing families. Sabryna was in Katherine Schupp Zeringue's '94, wedding with Lucy de Oliveria Bosworth '94. **Norah Wagner Smith** and Kat Madden '94. As for me, my family Gracie (6), Gedd (3), and Caroline (2) keep me on my toes. I try to carve out some time for myself, but mostly I change a lot of diapers and pack a lot of lunches! I bought myself a piano this year and hope to reacquaint myself with it. I try to write a bit when I can, so please keep the updates coming.

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Korina Adkins recently finished fire academy and launched her Web design business, High Sky Design, <http://www.highskydesign.com>. When she's not toiling away on the computer, she's either on the hiking trail or splashing around in the creek. She spends her time with her partner, her son, and their tenacious wiener dog, Jerry.

Nicole Streeter is the Project Dir. for the WHO Collaborating Center for Supportive Cancer Care at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. She sees **LaQuinta Donatto** all the time, and communicates with **Renee Rose Flowers** often. She and **Mamie Jackson** attend graduate school at the Center on Philanthropy at IUPUI.

Caitlin Sundby Russell and her husband Scott welcomed their daughter Eva Dixie into the world on July 8, '05. She's named after Caitlin's grandmother who graduated from SBC in '39. Eva can't wait to meet her future roommate, Marley Sullivan, daughter of **Betsy Lanard Sullivan**. Class of '23? She also keeps up with **Molly Morris**, **Lucia Marks Kerns**, and **Keleigh Smith Sommers**. Scott enjoys working with the North Highland Company and Caitlin will continue her Masters in Nutrition. **Linda Lombardo** and her husband Tony are near Charlotte, NC and they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their oldest son Daniel was married in 10/05 to Kathryn McGovern. Linda teaches at the IB school in Davidson and received National Board Certification this year. She and Tony are planning a trip to England and Ireland this summer.

Amy Ross Hendrix and her husband Brian welcomed Oliver Rossi Hendrix on 1/30/06. She saw Gretchen Vida '95 and Molly Becherer Hasty '95. She and Brian moved into a bigger condo in San Francisco, and spent last summer traveling in Italy with 16 people in her family. She was able to go to Abruzzo, to see where her family was from, and found the experience quite emotional. She's still teaching, consulting for Everyday Mathematics, and is looking to go back to graduate school in the next year.

Susan Morgan lives in Richmond, VA and works at Circuit City as a cd buyer. Last summer she was lucky enough to be invited to the MTV Music

Awards and has been able to meet some artists through her job, her favorites being Sting and Fleetwood Mac. In 11/05 she ran her 6th marathon and qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Allison Vollmer Douglass left her job as Business Development Dir. at Fitness Magazine in 5/05 to spend more time with Kate (4) and Abby (2), although she still consults for Fitness 2 days a week, and often does freelance work. William is still with Citibank and they have been in Westchester for almost 3 years. They spent a weekend with **Jamee Thompson Briggs** and her husband John in Vegas in 05/05 and they spent a day with **Lia DeSimone Colbert** and her family in MD over the summer. Another new SBC baby was welcomed by **Amy Biathrow Ross** and her husband Craig. Reid Kieran was born 11/11/05, just 3 days before Kate's 2nd birthday! She was promoted to Legal Affairs Manager just before her maternity leave, and now that she's back at work full-time, she's getting adjusted to all her new responsibilities at home and at work.

Victoria Sevastianova enjoyed Sweet Briar Day at the home of Jan Assmus '69. She teaches at Dartmouth College, and took her students to Russia for the summer. She tries to get to NYC and DC as often as possible, and plans to leave Dartmouth at the end of the school year to move to Moscow.

Chandra Garcia is in Chicago. She teaches and has a crop of precocious 4th graders that make her laugh every day. She conducts training as a consultant for Delta Education and the FOSS Science program. She and Venus welcomed a new puppy named Pashmina this Christmas, joining Velvet. Chandra ran her 1st marathon in 11/05 as part of the Chicago AIDS Marathon program.

Dorothy Bailey survived the Appalachian Trail! She and Andy completed the 2175 mile trek, walking from Springer Mtn., GA to Mt. Katahdin, MA in 5.5 months. It was an incredible journey that pushed them both mentally and physically. They are now back in the "real world" in Germantown, MD. Andy works at a small veterinary hospital and as of 12/05 Dorothy is still looking for a job. During their hike they stopped in VA to see **Jodi Szuszcwicz McGee** and **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead**. They fed them lots of food and let them shower.

Kim Szuszcwicz Snead works on a contractor basis for Sprint-Nextel since 5/04 in the role of IT Project Manager. Her 2 sons are awesome. Cole will be 4 in 4/06 and Grayson turned 1 in 10/05.

They lost their Golden, Kenobi in 06/05, but in an effort to add to their already hectic life, they brought home Koda in 10/05. They hope to get out on the golf course come spring. Cole is already playing better than his mother!

Courtney O'Dea Plaisted lives in Charlotte, NC and loves the South. She is a part-time pediatric oncology nurse and her husband Larry is an attorney. They have twin sons Andrew and Connor who were born on 7/4/04 and are expecting a girl in 07/06. They also have 2 loving beagles, Ellie and Mackenzie.

Amelia McDaniel Johnson writes that she, Wooten, and Wyly moved to Baton Rouge, LA in 06/05 and welcomed Julian Wooten Johnson, III "Jed" at the end of July. They witnessed Katrina in Aug. and then Rita. It was a wild move, but now things are getting settled and they love living in LA. Amelia would encourage all of us, in our class and others, to give to charities and support policies that will help rebuild New Orleans and the rural areas that were even harder hit by the storms.

Katherine Schupp Zeringue was also greatly affected by the storms in LA. She writes that her life was "pretty uneventful until Katrina came and gave New Orleans a good punch!" She and her husband Jody were able to evacuate in time and were in Huntsville, AL with family watching the events unfold on TV. After about 2 weeks they went to St. Louis, MO to visit friends. They spent a month and a half at an Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge before they could head back to New Orleans. Their house was fine, but it was a rental that had been sold earlier that month! They had already started to look for a house, and luckily found a great condo. They were both able to keep their jobs, but Katherine decided to resign from the museums where she worked to take a job with FEMA. She now helps museums recover from these events.

Stacey Eisenberg Payne teaches 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in Watertown, CT. Dave practices law and enjoys the international travel that comes along with it. They have been busy with their 2 boys, Mathes (3 1/2) and Carter (1 1/2).

Katie Blaik James is busy in Oklahoma City. She's President of the Jr. League and spends time with her husband and 2 boys Conner and Jackson.

Lesli Sedwick Sheusi writes that her son Charles Sedwick Sheusi "Wick" was born on 9/22/05, also his dad's b'day and is enjoying lots of attention from his older sister Caroline. Lesli was lucky, enjoying 14 weeks off of work, returning just after the holidays. Caroline is in her

last year of preschool and is preparing to go to SBC—she's picking things out that are pink and green so she can be "like Sweet Briar Mommy." Lesli has started riding her young horse, and can't wait until he can be shown.

Kim Bramley Estep is still working on their house. Scott stays at home with the girls: Morgan is 5 and Ryleigh is 4. They spent their Christmas vacation at the Atlantis resort on Paradise Island. They loved it! Kim works for Braniq, but also teaches ski lessons part-time in the winter.

Shannon Hetcel-Dykes writes that she and Jim celebrated their 10th anniversary with a romantic trip to VT—without Carter. They're living in Orlando, FL and Shannon is teaching 5th grade. Carter is 8 and comes up to her shoulders. They are doing great and look forward to a possible move to NC when Jim finishes his time with the Army in '07.

Vinca Swanson is in Seattle, and has taken classes at the Art Institute Online. She received a diploma in Web design. She has a portfolio up www.vincadesigns.com and if anyone needs a Web site done, send them her way! She did a lot of backcountry skiing this winter, and went on a 10-day trip in the Olympic Mountains where she came across a huge black bear, a mountain goat and a herd of elk within 20 feet. Now that she experienced nature, she went for "kultour," and spent 17 days in Russia in 02/06. She had always wanted to see St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Tysha Calhoun Stroka is still working on her cd. She and Pat are in San Marcos and they camp out and kayak the river as much as possible. They've got 2 dogs and 3 cats and their puppy, Nikki, is an amazing agility dog. Ty has been helping a friend work with rescued animals from Katrina and Rita and has been encouraged to look for other volunteer opportunities elsewhere. She hopes that other pet lovers can help by contributing to the "Best Friends" animal rescue organization dedicated to helping defray the costs of vet care for these animals. <https://www.bestfriends.org/donate/hrf.cfm>.

Kelly Schmitt Molique and Mark welcomed Erik Albert Molique on 05/27/05, 9 lbs., 12 oz. His sister Elizabeth loves her baby brother and is happy to have a new playmate. They visited **Lesley Byers Bush** in Denver in 01/06, and Lesley came out to Phoenix for a visit in the spring of '05. She is staying at home for now, but did get her real estate license in the fall in preparation for a possible future career.

She and Mark are looking forward to their 4th anniversary in 05/06.

Ginger Amon White writes that "life is good at the White house!" She and Tony have been enjoying some much needed rest with their 2 girls: Natalie and Vivian Anastasia born 11/28/05. Natalie loves her little sister to death—almost too many kisses and hugs, and Vivian is very healthy and growing like a weed. They just finished a 3-year renovation project of 3 downtown Mooresville, NC buildings from the 1890's.

Loreli Bahret Mote has been in AZ since '99. She and her husband bought a larger property as they have started to breed thoroughbred Hanoverian crosses. They had 2 foals born in the spring of '06 and hope to take them to breed shows this year. They are out of the Stallion Salto, and can be seen at www.desertspringranch.com, and her mares Love to Kiter and Slews Stormer.

Rosemary Ratliff is in Austin, TX after her grand tour—Since graduation she has lived in MT (which doesn't count since it was only 3 months), Austin, Dallas, Boston, NYC, Long Island—while she was in NYC she earned a degree in Landscape Architecture and moved to Long Island to work, living in East Hampton for 2 years as a landscape designer for a large nursery. In 01/06 she moved home. She's renovating a house that overlooks the backyard of the house where she grew up.

As usual, **Hopie Carter Avery** and Allen relocated and are now in San Francisco. She works for Old Navy, where she designs womens' and girls' accessories. Allen's company is also out there, so that made the move easy. She's slowly getting used to the non-NYC life. Before they left, she went to a book signing for Paul Cronin's new book at a saddlery in Manhattan. She writes that the NYC club is very fortunate to have Yana Wagg '95 as the president of their alumnae club. In 05/05 Hopie caught up with many of her fellow wixens at **Maria Berghi's** wedding in Austin, TX.

In 06/05 she went to Allen's 10 yr. reunion at UVA and was able to show off SBC's campus. She spent the 4th of July holiday with **Kim Clayton** and her boyfriend in the Adirondacks, and then finished the weekend with **Kirsten Osmundsen Boyd** and her family on Long Island. She travels back to NYC frequently for her job so she gets to catch up with her friends when she's there. She is expecting a baby boy in 08/06. Her sister Mary is also living in SF, and had a baby boy in 11/05.

I'm great! I'm working at Pottery Barn part-time, and I'm taking classes at Capital U. Law School. Last spring I started rowing, and I am an active member of the Greater Columbus Rowing Assc. I participated in 2 regattas last fall and my Recreational 8+ won a gold medal. I returned to campus in 9/05 for SBC's 1st homecoming celebration. That was a lot of fun—and it was nice to catch up with **Liz Homoki Titus**, who also attended. Afterwards, I went up to Arlington, VA and spent an evening with Dana Varnado Campbell '93 ("glowing" at the time—a few short months before daughter Emery would make her appearance), Jamie, and some other Deltas from W&L for a mini-reunion. **Hilarie Wakefield Dayton** joined me at the party and I spent the rest of the weekend with her and her family at her in-law's house in Fairfax. It was wonderful to finally meet her son Christopher and to spend more quality time with the Daytons. I'm looking forward to a trip to Norfolk this summer as well. Please make sure I have an updated e-mail address for you, and I will communicate these deadlines via e-mail.

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First, I'd like to say I received many e-mails this fall expressing concern and prayers for those impacted by Katrina. We truly hope all of our classmates and SBCers have recovered and are doing well. PLEASE let me know how you're doing so I can pass along news to the class. Please contact me or the alumnae office if you're not getting my e-mails—it just means I don't have your address.

On 9/22/05, **Jennifer Parker Raudenbush** and her husband, Art, celebrated the birth of their 1st child, Evan Parker Raudenbush. Jen says Evan is a constant source of joy in their lives. They also built their dream home last year and moved in July '05. **Cari Miller James** and **Kelly Hall** were their 1st overnight guests at Jen's baby shower in Aug '05!

Harleen Signh reports that "not much is new." She teaches at Brandeis U. and likes Boston, despite the weather.

Laura "Janae" Thomas writes: "05 was a busy year! I sold my house this summer in South Riding to move closer to my job and bought a house in Fairfax. I work for the Consumer Electronics Association, and love my job

handling our Board of Industry Leaders programs, as well as other special Executive Programs. I have been busy decorating, remodeling and planning my wedding. I am getting married on 5/06/06 to Daryl Hudson. Daryl works as a contractor to the EPA. He is a Chemical Engineer with a Master's in Environmental Engineering. We are looking forward to a 2-week honeymoon in HI. I would love to hear from classmates at laurajanae@hotmail.com."

Susan Hickman Mason says her daughter Anne (2) joined big sister, Ellie (4), 3 mornings a week at pre-school. Susan now hopes to have more time to help John with plants at the nursery. Susan said **Liz Dunck Hayes** did a super job on reunion and enjoyed seeing Lucile, Nancy and Cathy and getting to know people she didn't know well.

Jane Rabadi writes, "I live in Denver, CO with my partner of 7 years, Shannon, and our 5 cats. I continue to make art, primarily multi-media works, and am studying Communication Design. Denver's art and design community is closely knit and progressing forward, and I am proud to be a part of it. My education from Sweet Briar serves me well each and every day!"

Jen Noble Kelly married John Kelly in Jan. '05 and moved from NYC to Raleigh, NC. She's started a boutique public relations & consulting firm specializing in the hospitality industry and is thrilled to be expecting her 1st child in July!

Jennifer Gaudette Nelson writes: "We just wanted to introduce our son, Addison Codet (1/4/05). He makes a perfect companion for his big sister, Hannah Rebekah. I am still a Computer Program Analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation working on newly-built Aegis Destroyers. My husband, Doug, is the Manager of Quality for Bath Iron Works. Our family enjoys spending weekends on our sailboat during the summer (weather permitting)."

Kelly "Pepper" A. Coggsall, Ph.D is still an adjunct Chemistry Professor at Piedmont VA Community College in Charlottesville, VA, a dog agility trainer, and has now officially started her own online business making homemade doggie ball toys and treats! Pepper says her 3-year-old Australian Shepherd, Sun Bear, "is running excellent level courses!" Her husband just took a job with the US Patent Office and will be in the DC area 4 days a week.

Sheila Miller-Lane and her husband, Taylor, are living in Stafford, VA, but

moved into a house in Apr. '05 and love it. Sheila still works in DC at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency as an editor. Occasionally she gets together with **Dawn Leary** and Rachel Cooper-Gray '96. Sheila says it was great seeing everyone who was able to attend reunion.

Heather Elliott just moved back to the Durham/Chapel Hill area and is house hunting with boyfriend, James, and hoping to be in grad school in the fall. She keeps up with Kate Powell '91 and Cynthia Thiele '91. Kate is living in Alexandria, VA with her husband, Barry Maglaughlin. Cynthia is in Charlotte, NC, with husband, Peter Cronin. Heather also keeps in touch with **Elizabeth Hendrix**, who recently married long-time boyfriend, Jon Camm in Sept. '05.

Heather also attended **Daniela Ricci's** wedding last year. Daniela married Nicholas Tolson on 12/03/05. They were married in Baltimore and went on a honeymoon to St. Lucia in the Caribbean for 2 weeks. Daniela says she also changed jobs this past year, and bought a house!

Eileen Yates Von Herbulis and husband Brian (HSC) have been living in Stafford, VA since the fall '01. Eileen is a stay-at-home mom, and Brian is a Major select with the US Marine Corps, and will be promoted 2/06. He worked at Quantico for 2 years, and then moved up to the Pentagon to work at Headquarters Marine Corps. He was recently sent to Kabul, Afghanistan for a 6 month deployment. He is due to come home in March '06. She and Brian have a beautiful and spunky 2-year-old girl, Brinley Hollins, who was born on Halloween '03. Eileen, Brinley, and dog Scout visited family in CA for 2 ½ months for the holidays to spend time with family and pass time during Brian's deployment. She says she and Brinley have been able to maintain good contact with Brian.

At home in VA, Eileen stays in touch with **Maren Howard Leggett**, **Meredith Williams Melmed**, and **Lynn Ivey Turner** who all live in the DC area. She's also in touch with **Carson Scheppe Hobby** and **Jessica John Ponce**. On a recent trip to FL, she got together with Jessica and her family (husband Steve, and children Treatt, Gabrielle and John), as well as Carson and her daughter Mackie. She also caught up with Monica Dennis '96.

CeeCee Valentine writes "I am still practicing law at the public defender's office in Tucson, AZ. Things are going very well, and I am enjoying life. I bought a house in Oct. and love being

a homeowner. My wonderful roommate from the "Virgin Vault," **Julie Fivecoate**, is coming for a visit in Jan. I look forward to a visit from **Susan Wooldridge Yeatts**, **English Griffith Koontz**, and other classmates. I hope to see Chandra Garcia '94 when I go to Chicago, IL for a conference at the end of Mar."

Gretchen Vida says she's still in Tampa "fearing the next hurricane season." She works for Medtronic selling stents. Any free time she has, she rides & competes on her horse, Danny.

English Griffith Koontz lives in Berryville, VA with husband Glen (W&L 82A 87L), daughter, Holland (1 on 1/26/06), and Bassett Hounds, Dunhill and Davidoff. She's worked with Merrill Lynch (in DC) for 10 years this summer! English ran into Julie Hildebrand '96 and Katrina Balding Bills '97 at the last Hunt Country Alumnae Club event, and keeps in close touch with **Susan Wooldridge Yeatts**, **CeeCee Valentine**, and Liz Homoki Titus '94. On occasion, she's able to catch up with Becca Nelson '94, as well.

Christy Patten Hundertpfund and husband, Jan, bought a house in London where he is setting up his own risk consultancy. Christy has left Continental Airlines, and is managing a shop and is looking for a career change.

Lee Roman Bibb lives in San Antonio and works for her dad who opened a strictly used motor home dealership in New Braunfels, TX. She keeps busy with her daughter, Taylor (6), and son, Travis (8). She got re-married! And if she wasn't already busy with her own 2 kids, she will be now as hubby Craig brings 3 boys to the family. They are 12, 14, and 15. Lee says doubling the family will result in adding onto her 3 bedroom, 1 bath house! Lee keeps up with **Jill Goolsby Baumhoyer**, **Jennifer Wissman Rosencranz** and **Eleanor Dickinson**. Lee also recently contacted Lucretia Beck '97 who is the GM of the Ford dealership in Seguin, TX, and visited **Sarah-Glenn Stafford Mercado** last year for her little girl's birthday. Lee says SG is married to A.J., has 2 adorable little girls, and is working as a police dispatcher in the small TX town of Lockhart.

Carson Scheppe Hobby and husband Scott are living in Jacksonville, FL with daughter, Mackie (2), and renovating a 1926 Mediterranean house. Scott is working for Case Pomeroy

Properties and loves his job. She and Mackie saw **Maren Howard Leggett**, **Meredith Williams Melmed**, and

Eileen Yates Von Huberlis in DC this winter and saw Eddie from OH. Carson also had a lot of baby news to report: She said Meredith is expecting a baby in Apr. '06. Buff Barkley '96 just had her 2nd child—a girl, and **Kate Bryan** (back in J'ville and a few blocks from Carson) just had a baby girl. Finally, she reports that Katherine Lindsey '94 is pregnant with her 3rd—a boy.

Andie Thomas lives in NC. She and her husband (Terance) are enjoying their home and careers. Andie said "I truly enjoyed attending our class reunion and reminiscing with old friends...it was wonderful to see everyone again, especially CeeCee, Sarah, Nessiem, Laurel and Liz...I had a ball!"

Jill Goolsby Baumhoyer writes "My husband Brian and I are stationed in Atsugi, Japan with the US Navy. We welcomed our 1st child, Aubrey Elizabeth, on Nov.2, '05. Highlights from the year included a trip to Palau and meeting Brian, who was deployed on the USS Kitty Hawk, in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia. We have enjoyed our adventures, but are anxious to get back to the States by the end of '06."

Tina Carlton and her partner of 5 years, Mary, bought 26.5 acres of land in TX and are building a house in early '06. Their dog and 2 cats will soon be joined by horses, cows and mules but "NO CHICKENS as has been rumored in some circles." Tina is in advertising. Her territory is all of East TX. She says it's a lot of driving but fun, too.

Gwen Hickey Babcock reports that all is well in Dallastown, PA. Her daughter, Kaeden Grace, is 3. She says Devin is traveling often to Chicago, while she stays homes and mans the fort. Their dog, Jackson, keeps them on the move (more than Kaeden at times!) The 3 of them are excited to go to **Beverly Stone's** wedding in Apr. '06.

Sounds like **Mary-Bryd Schroder Braun** is taking a wine sommelier class and playing tennis at Army Navy CC with **Heather Aspinwall** and Karn Henderson '97. She's also been manning her fort and taking care of son, Andrew (born 5/8/04) and husband, John.

Tricia Lynn is lives in MA and reports "I took a position as a professional development teacher in a large school district working with secondary level kids and their math teachers. I now have 15 teachers under my supervision. I am looking into becoming a principal. I became an aunt again on 12/30/04. My boyfriend and I have been together for 1 ½ years and are looking forward to our

trips to Ireland and Rome this June for his sister's wedding."

Kelly Hall has been hard at work on a dissertation on late-medieval travel, and taught in London this past semester. She says it's been great living in the big city, and of course having the opportunity to see lots of her British boyfriend, Simon.

Kristina Pody Hibdon is running a large insurance agency and has opened 9 offices across the state and spends most of her time making sure they're staffed and run properly. She's also gotten her stockbroker's license, which will enable her to grow her business and do estate planning for clients. She's joined the advisor board for a local middle school, as their community liaison and will help submit proposals for grants and money. On the mom front, her 3-year-old twin daughters have almost finished potty training, are enrolled in a mother's day out, and keep she and husband Ricky very busy. She hopes to bring Ricky to SBC soon so he can see the beautiful campus

Catherine Nihem Orr and the twins joined hubby, Jack, in Dallas this past fall, and says they are slowly acclimating themselves to the TX "everything is BIG" culture. Catherine also made the transition to stay-at-home mom, and loves every minute of it (although she is still serving as an independent contractor for the advertising agency doing some analytical work). She and Jack took twins Connor & Tyler (2 in Oct. '06), on an adventure to Turks and Caicos over Christmas! She also got together with **Stephanie Arnold Floyd** at her family's bank opening in Dallas, and met Stephanie's husband Carter. Catherine said she looks forward to seeing **Kara Dickey Moore** when she comes into town on business in a few months. Catherine wrote "Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our class members who were affected by the storms this past summer."

Liz Dunck Hayes writes "I am an account manager for First Franklin a division of National City Bank. I have been there for 4 years now and love it! Who would of guessed I'm in banking? I couldn't even manage my Phone Bill at SBC. Paul and I will be celebrating our 9 year anniversary in Apr. We Live in Charlotte, NC. I stay active at SBC serving on the Alumnae Board as the Carolinas Chair."

Heather Aspinwall lives in Alexandria, VA and is an Early Childhood Special Education teacher. She gets together every week or so with **Katie**

Maxwell Schellhammer, Holly Elkins Marshall, Anna Reilly, and Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun. She loves hanging out with Katie, Mary-Byrd and their little munchkins.

Yana Wagg and her husband Chris live in NYC with son Charles Wesley born 5/11/02 and daughter Madeleine Grace born 10/21/05. Hoping to share her love of art and things French, her son attends a total immersion French language preschool and she brings him to Sotheby's Contemporary Art exhibitions, where Yana worked before he was born. For fun she paints seascapes and does copperslate calligraphy, recently addressing wedding invitations for Christy Holterman Zeigler '01. Yana serves as Pres. of the Sweet Briar Club of NYC, is a member of a book club with Diana Bradford Walsh '92 and serves on the board of Friends of Art. She enjoys seeing Kate Haw '92 at St. Bartholomew's.

As for me, I had the opportunity to see **Kimberly Roda Morehead**. Husband Tim (W+L) and their gorgeous daughter Georgia (3 in May) in Louisville this fall, where Kimberly broke the news that she was pregnant (as I slung back my 2nd bloody mary). They're expecting another little girl, due 6/03/06. Kimberly says big sister, Georgia, was adamant that she have a little sister to "boss around," and so they were glad they could accommodate her wishes. Georgia wants to call the baby "Pterodactyl."

Lucile Page Martin, Nancy Weigle, and I visited **Cathy Cummings** in Charlotte in Oct. '05, to ensure Cathy was behaving after her biking accident. Since Cathy was still recuperating and not up for any wild evenings out, Lucile decided to teach us how to make homemade soap—HUH? I am happy to report that Cathy has since made a miraculous recovery, and is training for AN IRON MAN in June '06. She's crazy and stubborn as ever.

Cathy, Lucile, and Lucile's son, Carter (2 in Aug '06), also visited me in lovely Baltimore in Jan. '06. Carter and my son, Walker (2 in Jun '06), hit it off and were speaking in secret code and doing gang signs by the end of the weekend. I was, however, a bit shocked by Carter's tactics with the ladies—as he trapped one under a bridge at an indoor playground and proceeded to chat her up. But then I remembered that Lucile got many of her college boyfriends this way. Lucile is pregnant with baby #2 (a girl), and is due in Jun '06.

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Paige Vaughn Campion writes that daughter Ellie Grace will be 2 on Apr. 4, 2006. Ellie and Paige went to SBC in Feb. for a night, and stayed at the Inn while Paige's mom volunteered at SBC's annual Leadership Program...they hit the bookstore and the dining hall—just like old times!

Amey Daugherty Michel was married to husband Sam on Nov. 13, '05 in a beautiful ceremony held in AZ. Many SBC girls were present including **Paige Vaughn Campion** who served as a bridesmaid, **Jill Trzupek Pala** and **Mary Copeland Dellinger**. Last June, Amey traveled to IN for a girl's weekend with Jill and Paige only to be surprised with a wonderful bridal shower.

Natalie Brown Adee, son Jonathan James, husband and family traveled to Spain this Feb. She also took baby Jonathan to meet **Jen Beck Locke**, **Jesse Durham Strauss**, **Sarah Chaffee Paris** and families for a weekend in Disney World.

Annie Pankoski Sherman and husband Peter welcomed baby Maximilian Joseph on Mar. 10, '06. Annie and Peter moved from NYC to San Francisco in Oct. '05. She now sees more of **Natalie Brown Adee** as she's only 90 minutes away.

Jen Beck Locke and Hunter are now in St. Mary's, GA where Hunter is the Superintendent for Georgia Pacific. Marte Elaine will be 3 in July and Thomas Rigdon was born in Dec., '05. Jen's busy being a full-time mom, volunteering for Marte's school and Habitat for Humanity, and is an active buyer for her mom's antique business.

Sarah Chaffee Paris is freelance proofreading and loves staying home with daughter Isabella, who turned 3 on 2/13. Sarah, husband Jonathan and Bella visited **April Collins Potterfield** and her son Benjamin in Portsmouth, NH last summer. She saw all the girls at **Sarah Reidy Ferguson's** wedding on Oct. 1st, and was part of the girl's weekend in Disney World. Sarah also sees Courtney Lammers Hemmer '97 frequently as Bella and Courtney's daughter Sydney have playdates.

Mary Margaret Dixon Biss lives in Skaneateles, NY (the Finger Lakes Region, outside of Syracuse) with husband

Andy. She works part-time as a nanny for her godson who is 18-months-old, and at Ann Taylor Loft. She went to **Sarah Reidy Ferguson's** beautiful wedding last Oct., and caught-up with **Sarah Dennis Roberts**, **Marie Bandy Wall**, **Sarah Chaffee Paris**, **Kacey Collins Lear** and Courtney Lammers Hemmer '97.

Marie Bandy Wall is pregnant with her 2nd child, another little girl. Her daughter, Sophie, will be 21-months when the new baby arrives in July. She has been practicing general dentistry for 4 years. Husband Mike is also a dentist and is doing an orthodontic residency with the Army in San Antonio. He graduates this June and will be a practicing orthodontist. After their daughter's birth they have 30 days to report to Heidelberg, Germany, Mike's next duty station. They're really looking forward to living in Europe! Marie has reunited with Lee Roman Bibb '95, and keeps in touch with **Sarah Reidy Ferguson**. She attended Sarah's wedding and had a great time seeing **Sarah Dennis Roberts**, **Mary Margaret Dixon Biss**, and **Sarah Chaffee Paris**. Marie also talks with Molly Becherer Hasty '95.

Abby Phillips Hinga writes that besides the constant challenges of owning an old house, life is great. Abby got to spend some QT with **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Powell** in Denver, spending St. Patrick's Day in Boulder.

Janeen Sharma lives in Boulder, CO and works as a Human Factors Engineer. After finishing her Masters in Industrial Engineering at TX A&M, she welcomed the opportunity to move to CO and take her current position. It's a treat to see **Laura Powell** '97 and her daughter Ellie often.

Catherine King Laufer was married July 4, '05 to Jordan Laufer. They honeymooned in Australia and had an amazing time. She's still teaching Kindergarten in NC and loves it. She'll see **Laura Lechler** in Apr. '06 when she visits to go to an annual steeplechase race in SC.

Amelia Dudman Atwill is the Special Events Coordinator for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and is busy getting her calendar organized for the spring. She'll spend the next month traveling in Lexington, Roanoke and Lynchburg—our old stomping grounds!

Wynn Cole Burr is the mom of 17-month-old twins Jackson and Ann Mason. Life is crazy, but she loves (most) every minute of it. She sees **Katie Campbell Brumley** a lot, and **Lee Foley Dolan** as well.

Christie Cardon is in her 3rd year as an associate in the litigation section of King & Spalding's Houston office. She recently became engaged to Darryl Anderson, who is also an attorney at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski. Darryl is from the Houston area and attended Duke, followed by Harvard Law School. The wedding will take place in Nov. in Houston. **Laura Billings**, **Lee Foley Dolan**, **Hilary Carlson Katerberg**, and **Ann Kays** will be bridesmaids. The couple plans to stay in Houston.

Beth Ike is getting married on 10.7.06 to Jules Tatum, a Charlottesville native she met 4 years ago. After an Oct. '05 proposal Beth has been eagerly planning a small C-ville wedding

Robin Bettger Fishburne reports that Addison Gibbs is now 12 months old and growing by leaps and bounds. Sarah Betz Bucciero '97 is her Godmother and spoils her rotten. Robin has been with Ryland Homes as a realtor for almost 3 years and husband Joe is working for Ryobi Technologies as an Art Dir. They're building their 1st custom home in a great neighborhood in Greenville, SC. Robin, husband Joe and Addison will vacation on Fripp Island with Sarah and her husband Paul for some well deserved R & R.

Melissa Snyder Gigenbach and husband Bader welcomed their 2nd son on May 7, '05. Baby Gigenbach joins big brother Nikolaus who will be 4 years old at the end of May. She continues part-time law practice while staying home with the boys. The family is building a home this spring and summer and hope to be in the new house by early Sept.

Heather Baskett lives in Orlando, FL and works at Animal Kingdom as an Elephant Handler. She daily takes care of 12 elephants, including 3 babies! She was married on Mar. 31, '06 to her girlfriend Layla, and they honeymooned on a cruise to the Bahamas. Life is good with their 2 dogs and 1 cat. She keeps in touch with **Diana "Dingo" Loy** and **Melanie Vracas**.

Lisa Aumiller Anderson reports that she now has 2 wee ones. Son Quin just turned 3 and daughter Joli Mae Cake Anderson is 1. Lisa was just offered a partnership at the veterinary practice where she works which she's very excited about.

Lindsay Mactavish is in her 4th year working with the PA State Dept. of Health in Harrisburg. She manages an on-line system to provide public health and emergency preparedness education and training to PA's health professionals and 1st-responders. She looks forward

to summer kayaking, hiking, trail-running and other hot-weather adventures.

Janine Paris Schofield and husband Paul welcomed their 2nd daughter Catherine on Oct. 12, '05. They are excited and happy about their new edition.

Victoria Gajda graduated from nursing school in May '05 and will be working on the SICU step-down unit at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL. She was married this Mar. 18th to her husband in a Key West ceremony—outdoors and very tropical! She keeps in close touch with **Linda W. Towers** who lives in Sanford, FL about 90 minutes away. Besides school she has been busy as the President of The Coconut Republic Parrothead Club—she's a truly devoted Jimmy Buffett fan! She and her husband have their own business building and repairing pool enclosures, and are busy taking care of 4 Siberian Huskies and 2 Persians—their "children."

Crystal Matusевич lives in Birmingham, AL where she works as a trainer for Fox Lake Farm.

Stephanie Cullom Pauly is a stay-at-home mom of twins.

Anne Osterholm Pribble and husband, Greg welcomed baby girl Courtney Elizabeth on 9/14/2005.

Imogen Slade is enjoying teaching 8th grade English at a private school in The Plain's, VA and selling real estate part-time. She is getting married Aug 5th '06 to Noel Ryan and the 2 will be honeymooning in his home country of Ireland. **Imogen, Julie Hildebrand** and Katrina Balding Bills '97 recently re-started the Hunt Country Alum Association and had 2 fun events so far.

Susan Whitehead-Froehlich just celebrated her 1 year anniversary working as a marketing assistant for River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg, VA. She plans all the fun things at the mall including decorating the Easter set and planning the Easter Egg Hunts. Husband Mike and she are settling into VA life, and enjoyed their 1st vacation in 3 years in the Bahamas.

Angie Conklin Abell and family are doing great. Son Tauman is 6 and loves Kindergarten, and daughter Hope is 3. Angie is the managing broker of a new real estate Office, Island Property Enterprises, Inc., and loves having her own office! She and husband Barry just bought their 3rd investment property on Chincoteague Island. She and her family traveled a lot in '05. They saw **Robyn Peckol Filiama** in Seattle, traveled

the CA coast, went to Walt Disney World, celebrated their 5th year anniversary in St. Lucia, and just returned from HI. **Paige Vaughn Campion** visited with daughter Ellie recently, and Heather Terry Adams '97 visited with her son.

Elizabeth Groves Aycock has been living in Baltimore for about 4 years, and recently bought her 2nd house. She was married on Nov. 12, '05 to a great guy that she met in Charm City. Several SBC ladies were in attendance—**Laura Million, Kelly Knappenberger Folt, TC Kennedy** '98, and Evangeline Taylor '00. She's still with Mercantile Bank and just took on a new role that she's enjoying.

Leah Jorgensen is still working at Erath Vineyards in Dundee, OR and travels quite a bit for work. She was nominated by her peers as a Board Member for the new Dundee Hills Winegrowers Assoc. She's busy working on Erath's 2nd annual Chef Series, where the winery is flying in celebrated chefs from around the world to prepare haute cuisine that pairs with Erath's wines—very cool. She's also been busy editing the manuscript of her 1st novel. Leah's been playing lacrosse with the Portland Winded Lacrosse Club and traveling to a bunch of tournaments. She sees Vinca Swanson '94 every so often in Seattle. And lastly, she was 1 of 10 singles selected by *Portland Monthly Magazine* as one of Portland's Most Eligible Singles auctioned off for dates in Feb. to raise money for the local Ronald McDonald House charities—these hot singles raised over 25,000!

Cindy Rakow Readyhough and husband Pat live in Fairfax with their 2 dogs Charlie and Betty. Cindy continues to work for Ernst and Young, and heads to the farm each week to ride those horses!

Meg Magistro Arcadia and husband Chris are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their bundle of joy this summer. In the meantime, Meg teaches 1st grade at Georgetown Day School.

As for myself, I recently changed positions at The Hospital of the U, of PA and work for the Dept. of Neurosurgery in a research nurse role. I'm half-way through my graduate program at Villanova and will receive my Masters in Nursing in Dec. '07. I recently saw **Monica Paul Dennis** as we were both visiting Abbie McCammon Jeremiah '98 who had twin girls in Jan. Monica and Matt are doing well, as is daughter Carson, and sons Wyatt and Lloyd.

Lastly, I want to let each of you to know how much fun I had serving as your class secretary these past few years.

I loved keeping up to date with each of you and hearing about the exciting events that have shaped your lives. Thanks for letting me be a part of all your special occasions, and more importantly, entrusting me to share them with the rest of the class.

Keep sending your notes Class of '96—it's the best way to keep in touch with each other!

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Hello 1997! Although I didn't hear from as many of you as usual, I loved reading what I received! If you didn't get an email from me asking for information, it's because the Alumnae Office has a wrong address—or none at all—for me to use. Send your updates to me.

Our 10th Reunion will be May 18–20, '07. I had many requests for the dates and knew it was serious when my dear roommate, Alison Hall, told me she needed to know so she could "plan ahead"—those are 2 words that have rarely crossed her lips! Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

Nicole Kelleher-Linkonin and husband, Richie, are happily married and live in Richmond. She graduated from med school 5/05 and has almost completed her intern year. Next up is a 4-yr Radiology Residency at BCVA that begins in July. **Heather Benhard Zander** says that "Nicole would never tell us this but, she's a stud because it's super competitive to get into radiology." Heather also said she and Duke are living in Sacramento, CA, and she's looking forward to graduating from UC Davis Vet School in '07 and practicing small animal medicine. She has no kids "yet" but dotes on her 2 dogs and 2 cats and even manages to lease a horse and train her in dressage.

Another vet from our class, **Cassie Thomas Campbell**, just celebrated daughter Lexi's 1st birthday and had a mini-reunion in Charlottesville with **Katrina Balding Bills** and son Kenny. **Susanne Nifong** and **Annette Dusenbury**. Cassie reminded us that her door is always open to visitors to Amherst. Katrina reported that in addition to the crew she saw in Cville she was able to host **Liz Drendall** in her home for a few days. The following weekend she "got to live every Sweet Briar rider's

dream of foxhunting with our dear Paul Cronin with Orange County Hunt." She is 1/3 of the steering committee for the Hunt Country Alumnae Club and has enjoyed sharing the planning with Imogen Slade and Julie Hildenbrand, both '96. "Activities are progressing!" she reports.

Charlottesville was a convenient gathering spot since **Susanne Nifong** works for UVA and **Annette Dusenbury** relocated there to take a job at UVA HealthSouth Rehab Hospital as a physical therapist working with spinal cord and multi-trauma patients. She's settling into her house in town and spends free-time adding touches to make it her own. She often meets Susanne for coffee and has recently returned to riding, and on the farm of an alum (Ellen Ober '93) no less!

Katy Seder is in Boston working as the office manager of a Hedge Fund. She bought a condo about a year ago and has been busy remodeling it. She sees **Lisa DuCharme** who is also in Boston, **Lindsay Rollenhagen Zook**, and **Kerry Coleman-Proksch** regularly. **Lindsay** left her teaching job 6/05 and worked at a Christian bookstore until her 7/30/05 wedding to husband, Jimmy. After their honeymoon they traveled around the country together with Jimmy's work as a long distance truck driver for a farm equipment dealer in Intercourse, PA. In 2/06 he took a job in the shop of his company and they now reside in Lancaster County, PA, where she is busy getting their house settled and working as a substitute teacher. They took a week to work in Gulfport, MS, helping with Katrina clean up which was a "very rewarding experience." I was sad to learn that Lindsay's Mother passed away 10/05 after a 6 month struggle with cancer. She and Jimmy consider it a huge blessing that she was able to attend their July wedding.

Kerry and her husband, Steven, are expecting their 1st baby in late May. They are living in NOVA and Kerry is busy trying to wrap things up at work and home before baby arrives.

Courtney Lammers Hemmer saw **Ann Barrett** getting her hair cut at the local salon but was too caught up in the excitement of her daughter's 1st real hair cut to say anything! Courtney asked me for Ann's e-mail so hopefully by now they've been in touch. She also included some darling pictures of her little girl enjoying a day at the park. **Cape Healey Boyd** writes, "I gave birth to twins on Feb. 1st, '06. Aiden Christopher was born 3 minutes before his sister Katherine

Rose. After 5 years, I left my job with Senator Chris Dodd to be a stay-at-home mom. I think that my stressful Hill job would be a walk in the park compared to how it has been so far taking care of twins! We are building a new home in the South Charlotte area of NC. The home will be completed in June and we are looking forward to establishing our family there. Brian works as a sale rep for Forest Laboratories, and he is looking to stay with them when we move, but he is also looking at other opportunities as well. I keep up with Ann Barrett and saw her not too long ago at my baby shower.

Reporting in from Midlothian, VA, is **Kate Hall Lombardi** whose Mary Kay business is thriving which has allowed her to stay home with 5-yr-old Grace and 1-yr-old Max. She's in touch with **Katy McCartney Gilliam**, **Melanie Vracas** and **Katrina Balding Bills**.

Katy and Dave are in Durham, NC, and loving it. They welcomed baby Anna 11/05 and she tells me Scott (2 ½) loves being a big brother! Also in NC is **Stephanie Pappanikou Foley** who resides in Raleigh with husband, Jon, and dog, Kodi. She occasionally sees **Leigh Wilson** who bought a home in Raleigh with her boyfriend. They recently threw a baby shower for Alex Stewart Manwarren '94.

Newlywed **Becky Moats Miller** lives in Gainesville, VA, with husband Chip. They were married 9/17/05 and work together and own a property management company called Miller Properties. Many SBC gals attended the wedding to wish her well including **Tasha Swales**, **Christina Benson Stanton**, **Vaiana Teritehua Williams**, **Kate Hall Lombardi**, **Tyler Louthan Childs**, **Leigh Wilson** and **Lindsay Mactavish** '96. Becky is looking forward to Reunion and putting Chip through his 1st SBC experience!

After 8 years in SBC's Alumnae Office, **Ann MacDonald Carter** has moved on. Husband, Michael, was promoted to Team Leader with Progressive Casualty Insurance which warranted a move to Olde Towne Portsmouth, VA. She's currently staying at home to unpack and "fluff the nest" but plans to soon start her job search. **Courtney Burt Harper**, husband Eric and almost 3-yr-old daughter Brooke are living in Richmond. Courtney loves staying at home with her daughter and keeps active by volunteering for a few local organizations. Her family is looking forward to a summer beach trip with **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson** and her

husband, John, who are currently living in NYC. Also in Richmond is **Molly Cameron Drex**. She and Mark have a little girl, Lillie Kate. She frequently sees Cakki Latimore Namorato and Frazier Miller, both '96.

The stork is busy with the Class of '97 and on its radar is Montgomery, AL, where it will deliver a pink bundle in late June to **Lucinda Polley Howe** and husband, Jon. Soon-to-be big sister, Sarah (5), is thrilled! They recently returned from Disney World and this fall Sarah heads to kindergarten. **Stacey McKimm Stevens** finishes her Ph.D. in Education Administration 8/05 and then moved with husband, Rick, to Tallapoosa, GA, where she teaches 2nd grade. They enjoy a slower pace now that they've both finished their post-graduate work (Rick has a MS in Engineering Technology). She enjoys the active Atlanta Alumnae Club and the opportunity to represent SBC at college fairs.

Amy Yakubinis is in Phoenix where, in 5/05, she left the corporate world to work for a non-profit, Christian organization called the Center for AZ Policy as the Dir. of the Community Action Network (CAP-CAN). Her responsibilities include organizing a vast network of pro-family activists and volunteers across the state. She sees **Tanya Ketchum** when she visits her parents in SC. **Tanya**, who resides in Mt. Pleasant (near Charleston) bought a condo 2/06 and is having fun remodeling and decorating. She's in touch with **Amy Kerry Coleman-Proksh**, **Rachelle Colquitt** and **Nessim Al-Yafi**. After we graduated **Nessim** taught nursery school and kindergarten for a year before earning her Masters of Fine Arts in NY. She acted in NY for a few years and now lives with her family in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where she is part of a Theatre Company called O.R.P. (Off Runway Players). She is also taking computer classes to improve her skills for the future.

Kathy Johnston and her husband took a belated honeymoon to travel around Vietnam after Christmas and she still travels to Lebanon for her job with SRI International in Arlington. When she's not collecting stamps in her passport, she finds herself taking a lot of dance classes and doing some performances. She's also seen **Jill Butcher** in PA over the summer and in NJ at Thanksgiving. **Jill Gavitt** is on the move again! She moved from Danville, VA, to C'ville 8/05 to take a position with a private family as an assistant and tutor. In 3/06 she will leave that to begin work for State Farm doing

workshops and professional development. I've not heard much about **Jill Meadows** since we've graduated so I was excited when **Jill G.** told me she saw her in NY in Nov. In **Jill G's** words, "She was one of those amazingly beautiful pregnant women and I know she is doing well with her son (born in Feb.)." She also saw **Tyler Louthan Childs** on New Year's Eve in C'ville with her husband and "beautiful baby boy."

Alicia King works for BellSouth in Atlanta and bought a home last summer in East Point, GA, which she shares with pets Lingo and Pagan. **Alicia Allen** saw **Cristy Jordan** complete a Top 10 finish in the National Figure, Fitness and Bodybuilding competition in OH. "She looked awesome and now even more so as she is expecting her 1st born with her wonderfully supportive husband, Joe Meade." She also told me she has joined the Global War on Terrorism as a US Paratrooper stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Also playing big roles in supporting the war are **Ticia Harbour Berg** and **Gail Mesdag Shrader**, whose husbands have been deployed. **Ticia's** husband, Scott, left 1/06 and is flying F18 Superhornets off the USS Ronald Reagan. They live in Hanford, CA, and **Ticia** is staying home with Mary Ashleigh (28 mos) and baby brother, Austin Scott, who was born 7/20/05. Sounds like Mary Ashleigh is quite the entertainer, keeping Ticia in stitches with her hilarious comments! She's in contact with **Gail**, **Katy Seder** and new mom **Amy Everett Carter** (a boy!). Gail's husband, Josh, was gone for a 16 month deployment. Their daughter, Kacy, was just 4-weeks-old when her Daddy left. He came home 10/05 for 2 weeks (Baby #2 is due in July!) and returned for good 1/06. Gail and Kacy joined him in Anchorage for his de-mobilization and Gail's description of the flight back to Juneau, with 30 soldiers aboard, and the welcome home at the airport had me in tears. Thank you, ladies, for your sacrifices.

Gina Miller is planning her wedding and finishing grad school all while teaching kindergarten! She'll get her MA in Reading and Language Arts and remedial reading teacher certification 5/06. Then 7/29/06 she will marry Marc Brown. **Robin Beaulieu Ellef's** 4-yr-old daughter, Taylor, will be the flower girl. They live near one another and are very good friends. She had the pleasure of attending **Lindsay Rollenhagen Zook's** wedding and visiting with **Katy Seder**, **Lisa DuCharme**, **Kara Vlasaty** and **Katie Gumerson Althuler**.

Amy Campbell is back in the classroom at SBC—as an instructor! She teaches the "Women, Law and American Politics" class once a week this semester. She has 22 "brilliant" students. She's still the CEO of Bloom Consulting which is in its 3rd year. Their publishing division is "rapidly becoming its own star, thanks to our work on *The Little Black Book for every busy woman*." Her company is working closely with a 1986 alum to host a late May wedding event for brides at the City Club of Washington. Now that's DC Alumnae Club networking at its finest!

The Charlotte Alumnae Club is in good hands with **Sarah Betz Bucciero** as president! She was recently nominated to the Alumnae Association Board as Region IV Chair and will be traveling to Scotland 6/06 on an SBC trip with husband, Paul, and her parents. In 8/05 they moved to Davidson, NC, when Paul took a job at Hexcel. She commutes to her teaching job in Ft. Mill, SC, and is working on her National Board certification. She is godmother to Robin Bettger Fishburne '96's daughter and sees them often. Coming up in Sept. is a girls' trip to the beach—no husbands, no kids—with **Melanie Chriscoe**, **Annette Dusenbury**, **Alison Hall**, **Jess Hively**, **Katie Clarkson Robertson** and a wh-

Alison and Jess went on a whirlwind adventure 8/05, when they popped in to each of our lives for a few wonderful days. They started at my house in PA and headed south, with their final stop at **Melanie's** in Greenville, SC. Alison in her 7th year with the city of Auburn. Currently the Community Programs Dir., she also volunteers as the County Dir. for Special Olympics where she was recently selected as a coach for the AL Delegation at the National Special Olympics Games in IA, 7/06. Just a few short weeks after her trip, we unexpectedly all found ourselves together at VMI for a memorial service for Col. Leroy Hammond who ran the OCF group for many years there. It was a sad occasion but a moving celebration of his life.

Jess criss-crossed the Eastern seaboard with Alison, she was in the middle of building a new house in Little Canada, MN, and selling her townhouse. In case all of that wasn't hectic enough, she switched jobs and is now the SEC Manager with St. Paul Travelers in downtown St. Paul. **Katie** is now the mom of 2 little ones. Catherine Grace "Gracie" joined big brother, Chase (3), on 8/2/05. She is an IT Project Manager at Wachovia in Winston-Salem and recently became a part-time sales associate

with Write Away stationary company. She hopes to see more of **Sarah Betz Bucciero** now that she's moved closer and can't wait for our beach getaway.

I've now lived in Somerset, PA, for 6 years which almost makes me a local! Chris, the kids and I have learned to survive the 7 month-long winters, although digging our jack-o-lantern out of a foot of snow almost sent me over the edge! My kids are the absolute joys of my life. Abby is 3 1/2 and Eli will be 2 in July and they are both little clowns with kind hearts! I'm the marketing dir. at the local newspaper and keep busy volunteering for a charity 10K race and with my husband's Boy Scout troop as a committee member. I'm also in 2 great book clubs and am in the planning stages of a small business with my brother's fiancé. After all these years of designing and creating, I've decided to try my hand at selling some of it!

As always, I was impressed and proud of all that we have accomplished. 1997 definitely represents SBC well in our various communities and I can't wait to see each of you May 18-20, 2007!!

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Reunion is 2 years away; put it on your calendar! If you aren't already on the e-mail list for our class, please e-mail cynthia_puckett@hotmail.com to be included, and **Dawn Everett Grobe** has put together a fantastic map at www.frapp.com/sbc1998 to track us all. Drop by and sign in and include a picture if able: 27 classmates and counting!

Isabel Jean-Pierre visited **Joelle Jackson** and her parents in Nashville, TN in late Jan. They also attended the TN Chapter of Sweet Briar Alumnae luncheon for new students. **Isabel** writes, "No matter the age or location of an alumna, we seem to connect. I love it." **Mary Friberg** moved to Santa Monica for a new PR job doing fashion and beauty accounts. Carol Skrifoff '00 and **Samantha Brolieb** plan to visit her in Apr. for a girls' bachelorette party weekend! Sam returned to working in Fashion PR and loves it. She is the PR Manager for Angel Sanchez who designs beautiful evening and bridal gowns.

Cady Thomas recently transferred from the Capital Markets practice

group to the Corporate group of her law firm; she is busy but loves her new responsibilities and clients, including a 6-month-old puppy named Oscar. She sees **Susan Barney**, **Lindsay Culp**, and Elizabeth Davis Baker '00 regularly and keeps in touch with **Serena Putegnat**, **Bronwyn Beard**, **Angela Elliott Merrick**, **Katie Martin**, and Tara Putegnat '00.

Dr. Darelle A. Pfeiffer is in her 1st year of private practice with Ocean County Foot and Ankle Surgical Associates. She also brought her 1st home in Point Pleasant, NJ. **Joanne Hopkins** is biking in Majorca this Mar. and hopes to plan some other fun trips this year. **Brigitte Laib** had her 1st dance competition this weekend and placed 1st in the tango, cha-cha, salsa, and West Coast swing. She placed 2nd in the tango, fox trot, and rumba.

Marquita Belzer Rhodes will spearhead a variety of efforts at Write Edge, lending her creative writing talents and project management expertise. She and husband Dustee still live in upstate NY, where she enjoys skiing, yoga, cycling, practical jokes, and other adventures. **Lisa Hall** has fun living and working in Aspen, CO. "The snow has been epic this season, and I have spent just as much time on my skis as on my snowboard. I also train horses (4 years now) and I own 2 horses: 1 pony named Chocolate and a baby horse, Oliver. I still love teaching children to ride horses and have successfully trained an 11-year-old girl to "championships" in local and regional competitions."

Rhonda Tyree is working as a program dir. at a non-profit in Lynchburg. Her son Parker is now 4 and "an amazing child!" She sees **Melissa Coffey** and **Jennifer Anderson** often. They are headed to HI together at the end of Mar. **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** is at home watching her nephew in addition to her 2 kids. Cora just turned 1, and Liam is set to begin preschool in the fall. Tim, her husband, received his full certification from the State as a Library Media Specialist. He continues to coach the Nelson County Cross Country and Track teams.

Bobbie "Jo" Hedrick Atristain lives in Blackstone, VA and works at Longwood U. as a Software Analyst. Her husband is a Dept. of Defense contractor who is stationed in Iraq. She is renovating their 100-year-old Folk Victorian Farmhouse and is busy preparing for the 1st paranormal research organization conference (vaparormalconference.com).

com) in Richmond in May. Bobbie is the founder and dir. of the Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation (virginiahosts.com).

Dana Bordvick Poleski is enjoying life on her farm in Monroe, VA with husband Mark, dogs Edie and Beau, cat Menew, and horse Lydia. She is working in PR/Marketing/Graphics at Amazeum Square Children's Museum and just opened an indoor skatepark in downtown Lynchburg. "I'm keeping my eyes peeled for the next big thing. I'm slowly but surely developing the farm into an equestrian center and found a good dressage trainer to work with." She keeps in contact with **Kelly Bowman Greenwood** and **Misty Donathan**. "Holla you two! Love ya!"

Chantel Bartlett spent 5 (very quick) days in Paris in Feb., visiting Kristell Barrejat (TA our sr. year). It was their chance to reconnect after a 6 year absence (last trip in '00). It was also an opportunity to meet Kristell's fiancé and "just be the girls." Kristell will marry in early Oct. and Chantel, along with her parents, will attend the wedding. Chantel will give a reading (in French). She continues her work in the not-for-profit world, managing a scholarship for h.s. seniors. Her jewelry business is on hiatus for the time-being. Yet, if anyone is interested in custom-made wedding jewelry or special gifts, contact her at chouchoubeads@yahoo.com or her Web site: www.chouchoubeads.com.

Gretchen Gravelly Tucker and husband Scott bought a home over the summer that is only 2 miles from SBC and are having a wonderful time settling. Gretchen is still in Admissions and really enjoys it. She works with AL, GA, OR, and WA. She says, "Everyone will be glad to know that Admissions is having another strong year. The first-years we welcomed in Aug. '05 were our biggest class since '99, so things are looking great." She visited **Lindsay Culp** on her last trip to Atlanta along with some other alums. She occasionally sees **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** and **Shelley Shreve Oliver** since they are in the Lynchburg area, and **Kelli Scott**, **Amanda Diamond Ring** dropped by SBC and Gretchen visited with her family (husband Kevin and precious little girl, Karleigh). The Rings live in Asheville.

And I, **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett**, enjoy keeping up with many of you and writing these class notes! Please continue to e-mail me! I have visited with **Heather Thomas Armbruster** and son Brian and hope to learn how to bake

homemade bread from her soon! I have also had the distinct pleasure of reconnecting with Alicia King '97, and we spent the day scrapbooking and catching up.

WEDDING NEWS: On June 10th, **Sam Brolieb** is marrying her boyfriend of 4 1/2 years in NYC. Mary Friberg and Carol Skrifoff '00 will both attend. Sam is looking forward to her honeymoon in Italy and Springtime in NYC. **Lisa Hall** wrote in about her upcoming wedding on Aug. 5th to Jason Flynn. "Jason and I met in Aspen and have been dating for almost 4 years. Our wedding will take place at a golf course in Kewadin, MI overlooking a beautiful lake named, Torch Lake. Kewadin is just north of Traverse City, MI—the area where my fiancé grew up. This area is a beautiful place in the summer with its Caribbean blue lakes and sugar sand beaches. Hopefully the weather will hold out, and we will have a beautiful weekend." **Darelle Pfeiffer** is planning a fall ceremony to her fiancé Tim Briggs, whom she has been dating since our time at SBC. And **Kate Rinehart** is also planning a fall wedding in OR to her love, John.

BABY NEWS: **Alicia Foster Wilburn** and husband Bret are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Michelle, born on Feb. 15, '06. **Kelli Scott** and husband Brandon welcomed their son, Miles Hamilton, also in Feb. They live in Charlotte. And **Tricia Mohana Summers** announced, "We are doing well and just added another addition to our family. Jack David was born Feb. 6, '06 at 9:50 am. He was 8 lbs 15 oz and 21 1/4". We are all adjusting well. James enjoys being a big brother. Brian is on shore duty and we are enjoying more time together. He is an instructor training new pilots to fly the Hornet. I am enjoying being a full-time mom! It has been an interesting fall. Most of my family was fortunate enough to avoid the wrath of Katrina. My aunt did get 5 feet of water in her house and my cousin got 8 feet in her house. My parents helped several homeless families and provided jobs for a few of the displaced. I plan on spending a month down there in May. Continue to pray for the healing of New Orleans."

EXPECTING BABIES in '06: **Jayme Calabrese Pomroy**, **Lesya Shroades Yeatman**, **Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes**, **Cyndi Hague Hinelein**. Cyndi wrote: "I'm pregnant, due 10/8. It was a surprise—we weren't trying—but Shawn and I are both excited, so I think it's a good thing. I'm doing *The Miracle Worker* at the community theatre (playing Annie

Sullivan), which is exceedingly tiresome right now, but it's going to be SUCH a good show! Now, I can't wait for it to be over so I can change my focus. I just told the other teen directors that I won't be doing music for the show this summer, but I'll still be around for them. The upside to that is, once I need one, I've got a HUGE pool of babysitters to pick from!"

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Kelley Dize Anderson moved from Portsmouth to Norfolk, VA—**Megan Butt Glover** was her realtor! Kelley's daughter, Costen, is now 16-months-old and due to be a big sister soon. In Dec., she completed an MBA from William and Mary, and in 5 years, she plans to leave the VA Port Authority and stay home full-time. Kelley reports that **Jennie Lee** moved to Seoul, South Korea in the fall, where she is working for Samsung.

Emily Sartor is living with her boyfriend in Durham, NC and working at Duke Hospital as a clinical social worker doing couples/family therapy for cancer patients.

Tina Hansel Snover continues to work at JMU in Athletics Administration while husband, David, finishes his master's degree at JMU. They are expecting their 1st child in Oct. She had **Melissa Henning Hill**, **Kris Harris** and **Meredith Tillery** at her home in Massanutten, VA, for a mini-reunion weekend last Nov. Tina reports that **Meredith Tillery** is engaged to be married in '06 and that Gary and **Susan Hurley Upshaw** are expecting a boy in Feb. '06, who will join his big sister Ashley.

Sharon Wilson, finished an M.A. at the College of William and Mary in experimental psych, and then an M.S.Ed. at The U. of PA in school counseling, is now finishing her Psy.D. at the U. of Denver, currently externing at a psych hospital in Philadelphia. Next year is her internship and, come Aug. '07, she will be a psychologist.

Kris Harris is living in Arlington, VA and finished her 5th year working at PricewaterhouseCoopers and her 2nd year working as a sr. associate in their not-for-profit group. She's seen lots of SBCers at various weddings and was able to go to SBC's homecoming and on a trip to Belize.

Kathryn Taylor Paine was promoted to Dir. of Volunteer Services of Ronald McDonald House of Houston in Dec. '05. In addition to planning a Volunteer Appreciation Party to honor the 300 House volunteers, she is busy recruiting volunteers for a new 14 bedroom House that will serve parents with children in the ICU of Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. Kathryn enjoys volunteering as an SBC AAR and visiting with potential Sweet Briar students at college fairs in Houston. Kathryn's husband Jonathan graduated with an MBA from the Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice U. in May '06 and is working for Wile Interests in Houston. Kathryn is looking forward to their summer trip to Belize to celebrate her 30th birthday and Jon's graduation! Kathryn had lunch with **Sarah Elkins** in Oct. when she was in Houston recruiting, and reports that Sarah is getting married next year.

Katie Leeming Sparkman was married to Alex Sparkman in June on Cape Cod. The matron of honor was **Kim Andolsek Bolz**, and **Kris Harris**, **Rachel Brattie**, **Natasha White Gamboa**, **Jill Triana**, **Meredith Tillery**, **Meredith Bonnell Houff**, and **Marlena Dearman McGuire** attended. Katie is living in CT and working as a massage therapist. In Sept., **Katie**, **Marlena**, **Kim**, **Jill**, and **Natasha** did the Susan G. Komen 3-day breast cancer walk in Chicago, which they have all noted was an amazing experience.

Rachel Brattie enjoyed seeing everyone at **Katie Leeming Sparkman's** wedding and recently started her 2nd year of medical residency in psychiatry at the Medical U. of SC—she's loving it! Rachel was married Oct. 29, '05 to Chris Taylor on Seabrook Island in SC, and honeymooned in the Dominican Republic.

Kenton and **Amy Gibbs Brown** had their 1st baby, Cooper Carmer, this past June. Amy is running her residential interior design business Amy Brown Interiors and has 2 big projects coming together this spring. Kenton just received his Ph.D. in Physics from U. of MD and is looking for a post-doc, so they will probably be moving away from DC in the summer. Amy has been helping Julie Hildebrand '96 with her home in Warrenton, VA, and has kept in touch with **Meghan Pollard Leypoldt**, **Brandi Whitley Hilder** and **Joce Whiherle Reimel**.

Jill Triana has been promoted to Coordinator of Disability Services and Assistant Dir. of the Counseling Center at

Meredith College, a women's college in Raleigh, NC.

Little Vogt Tillar is having a blast as a stay-at-home mom with her 2 ½ year old daughter, Virginia Ames, living south of Raleigh, NC in a town called Clayton. She reports that **Amy Jo Downing Pitts** is married to Mike Pitts and lives in Soho, NY working for a financial company with investment banking and banking operations; **Lynne Boyd** lives and works in Ft. Meyers, FL, and still rides; **Gina Mondel** lives in West Palm Beach, FL, still riding and tutoring kids on the circuit, and sees Lynne; **Erin Vlasaty** moved to St. Louis, MO and works in the quiche business with her dad; and **Tina Brady** graduated from law school and has moved to Norfolk, where she is an Assistant Prosecutor for the City Attorney working on domestic violence cases.

Sara Catherine Clyburn Corbett moved from AL to Pittsburgh, where she and Courtney bought their 1st house and plan to be for about the next 4 years. Courtney is finishing his Ph.D. at U. Pitt and **Sara Catherine** is taking graduate classes in History.

David and **Jill Stromberg Sherburne** were married in '04—**Rebecca Jackson**, **Brenda Elze**, and **Stephanie Kayson Windsor** were bridesmaids! David and **Jill** are living in Columbia, MO while David finishes his journalism degree and **Jill** does medical transcription for a rehab team in Baltimore—she loves working from home. They have 2 dogs and a cat and bought their 1st house last year. **Jill** spends time working outdoors gardening and landscaping, and has gotten back into art and hopes to show soon. **Jill** reports **Stephanie Kayson Windsor** is living outside St. Louis and she sees her about once a month to paint together. Steph is a "mom" to 3 dogs of her own as well as a 5-year-old girl, Maddie. **Rebecca Jackson** is living with husband Eddie in San Diego.

Steve and **Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky** are in Austin and just celebrated their 3rd anniversary. Devon is a staff attorney in the Enforcement Division at the Texas Real Estate Commission. They're hoping Steve will finish his Ph.D. in '07, and then plan to go wherever the job market takes them (but ideally, HI). Their bunnies, Gatsby and Sport, turned 5 in '05, and remain the cutest ever.

Megan Pollard Leypoldt's work in MBA Admissions at Duke has been going great; her latest travels have been to Thailand, South Korea, Japan, the

Philippines, China, Taiwan, Singapore and India. She went to Asia twice this year, including a 5-week trip, and has had great opportunities to see sights such as the Great Wall and Leaning Buddha. Megan was also accepted into Duke's MA program in Liberal Studies where she will pursue a degree in Higher Education and Certificate in Women's Studies. She and Steve are enjoying married life and had a wonderful time over Christmas in Costa Rica. Steve is pursuing his MBA at Duke, and they are die-hard Duke basketball fans—GO BLUE DEVILS! Megan sees **Brandi Whitley Hilder** all the time and also gets to see **Jill Triana** through the Junior League. She wants to thank everyone for their support for her family during Hurricane Katrina.

Shannon Smith reports things are very busy in her senior clinical rotations at the vet school at NC State U.—she'll be graduating in May '06! She's taken the national licensing exam and will soon be looking for veterinary positions in or around the Raleigh, NC area.

Won and **Emily Clark Kang** had their son, Terrence Jinil, on Dec. 5, '04 and Emily reports that now that he's a year old, he's walking and into everything. In the summer of '05, they moved back to her hometown of Puyallup, WA, and are glad to be close to family. Won has a new job at an accounting firm and Emily has just started teaching a night class at the local community college—English 101.

Kelli Rogowski has been hired by the National Endowment for the Arts and served as Pam Fine Auble '98's maid-of-honor at her wedding in Oct. Kelli moved a few blocks from her old apartment to Del Ray in Alexandria, VA. It's been an entertaining year, she reports—she's been lucky enough to do everything from have lunch in the West Wing to learn to shoot a sniper rifle!

Kristin Smith Radtke reports that, following a Sept. '04 engagement, she was married to Schrade Radtke III on Apr. 30, '05. Kylene Smith '03, sister of the bride, was the maid-of-honor, and **Brenda Elze** and **Jennifer Schmidt Major** attended the wedding. Kristin and Trip are now living in Atlanta, GA, where Kristin is teaching Latin at a classical prep school in the area.

Heather McLeod was married in TX last Apr.; she and her husband TJ moved from DC to Austin, TX in Oct. Elizabeth Hamshaw '00, **Shannon Bazar Zahn**, Catherine Zahn '98, and **Kris Harris** attended the wedding. Heather also reports that she and TJ attended **Catherine and Shannon Bazar**

Zahn's beautiful commitment ceremony at Seabrook Island in SC in Sept., and that Catherine and Shannon are living in Athens, GA.

Lindsay Hicks is living in Phoenix, AZ in a townhouse she bought in '03—one of her favorite new hobbies, out of necessity, is home improvement. She's still working in a PR agency and loves it. Last June, 1 of her clients sent me to TN to represent their company at the Bonnaroo music festival; Lindsay hired **Jera Niewoehner** to be her partner in crime, and they had a blast with all the hippies! Other than work, Lindsay's an active volunteer in her community through church and various other non-profits. She still keeps in touch with a lot of SBC gals (Shannon, Anna, Kristin, Jera, Megan, Jill, Emily, etc.), but doesn't get out to see them as much as she would like.

Rachel Barnard Fendley reports that her wedding in St. John, USVI was fabulous. **Paige Wunder Fadden** was a bridesmaid. Rachel and her husband, Bill, got 2 new puppies in June, and love their new babies: french bulldogs, Emma and Hogan. Rachel is still teaching 4th grade, horseback riding as often as possible and foxhunting regularly during the season.

Tom and **Brandi Whitley Hilder** just celebrated their 1 year anniversary on Dec. 18, '05. They bought a townhouse in Chapel Hill this year, and have spent a lot of time furnishing and decorating. Brandi is working at Cato Research in the Research Triangle Park, NC, as a Scientist in Integrated Drug Development; she helps manage clinical trials for cancer drugs, attends FDA meetings with sponsors, authoring regulatory documents to facilitate drug development at all stages, all with hopes of gaining FDA approval. Brandi gets to see **Meghan Pollard Leyboldt** and **Jill Triana** on a regular basis at Junior League meetings, and visited with **Katelin Chmielinski Garland** and her twin boys in Boston in Nov.

Tara Hartnett is living in NH, working at Garnet Hill producing photo shoots in her studio. Tara is trying her best to enjoy the great outdoors, and Mother Nature is helping by providing an abundance of snow so far this winter season.

Connie Paris Sabo had a baby girl, Emily Giesela Sabo, on June 1, '05, 8 lbs 1 oz. Connie and her husband Stefan bought a house and are living in Stewartsville, NJ, where Connie works for a Pharmaceutical Marketing company and Stefan is the Chef of a 4 star restaurant. Connie will be the matron-of-honor at **Becky Hamby's** wedding next

Dec.; she still has very close contact with Becky as well as **Cassie Ross**. Connie's sister Janine Paris Schofield '97 just gave birth to her 2nd daughter in Oct. Her mother Julia Paris '99 is a very proud grandmother of 3 granddaughters—SBC babies in training.

Araceli Castro finished her MBA in International Business from the U. of TX at San Antonio in Dec.

Misty Donathan is currently back in school working on an Associate's Degree in Photography at Randolph Community College.

Kim Andolshek Bolz reports that her family is keeping her busy: daughter Kate will be 3 in Feb. and Leo is 1 ½. Kim is still serving on her local school board, and she and Justin are hoping to start plans for a new grocery store in the coming year. Kim participated in the Breast Cancer Walk in Chicago with Katie, Marlena, Jill, and Natasha, and says it was well worth it: their team, the "3-day Divas" raised over \$15,000 for breast cancer awareness and research!

Jennifer Crutcher is living in uptown Dallas and working for UT Southwestern Medical Center, for the St. Paul Medical Foundation, a non-profit that supports research and advancement of heart, lung and vascular research. Jennifer, a Development Associate, is in the beginning stages of helping orchestrate the annual Legends Ball, which will unfortunately keep her from **Lindsey Neef's** wedding. She's been dating Matt, an engineer, for almost a year. **Julie Harju** and **Marisha Bourgeois** flew down to TX to spend Thanksgiving with her and her family, and she's still workshoping stories long distance with **Aimee Armentrout**, because despite beginning in an event-planning career, Jennifer is still 1st and foremost a writer.

Derek and **Valerie Roche Kite** live in Colorado Springs, CO.

Andy and **Shannon Weisenberger**

Habenicht moved to Charlotte, NC in May '04, where Andy works at Kennedy Covington law firm. They had their 1st baby on Aug. 24, '05; a little girl named Finley Grace who is always happy, laughing and loves to be around people. Shannon is staying at home with Finley and working on freelance public relations and writing projects.

Lindsey Neef moved to Isle of Wight, VA in Dec. '04, where she and her longtime boyfriend Sean Kelly, H-SC '99, purchased a house and adopted a Shepherd mix named Lola. Lindsey spent much of spring and summer studying

for the VA Bar Exam, which she passed; she's been working in a small law firm in Norfolk, VA and Sean is a network engineer, Operations Lead, at Langley AFB In July '05, Lindsey was engaged, and she and Sean are planning their wedding for April '06. Bridesmaids will include **Jessica Dennig**, who lives and works near Tuscon, AZ, and Jennifer Lind '02.

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Hello, Class of 2000! Thanks to those of you that wrote, for I have lots of news to report. Several of our classmates were affected by Hurricane Katrina, and many of you have been volunteering in LA and surrounding states since the disaster. Our thoughts are with you all. **Carol Skriflo** was temporarily living in Dallas, but now has returned to NO where she and Thomas Pickral (H-SC '00) bought a historic condo in a building that Anne Rice once owned. She attended **Alison Poncy's** wedding in Mar. Meanwhile

Renée Dupré is living in Lafayette, LA and working for Ottinger Hebert, LLC as an oil and gas attorney. Renée recently bought a house that she shares with her black lab, Jack. **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** reports that she and husband Keith had been living in Ocean Springs, MS where they weathered Katrina. Wendy enjoyed getting together regularly with **Germaine Gottsche**, whose dental practice is also in Ocean Springs. Wendy has just been promoted within her company (AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals) and is now working as an Incentives and Objectives Analyst at the AstraZeneca Headquarters in Wilmington, DE and living in Bel Air, MD. Her husband was able to transfer his job with Northrop Grumman from Mississippi to DC. **Allison Davis**, who recently returned from Timor as a Peace Corps volunteer, has been working as a Crisis Corps volunteer in New Orleans, living in a tent city and helping FEMA get governmental agencies up and running again. She says that she will work where she is needed, whether with the Red Cross or other organization, to help Katrina victims get back on their feet. **Josie Beets** spent Spring Break with her Brooklyn Law School classmates volunteering for legal non-profits in New Orleans and surrounding areas. Josie is in her 1st year at Brooklyn Law, and was recently named copy editor of their

newspaper. She's planning to study in China for 3 weeks this summer.

Now on to baby news! **Emily Pegues** reports that **Jackie Hauslein Kruchten** and husband Jake welcomed their daughter, Lillian Marie, on Feb. 10, '06 in Manassas, VA. Jackie is in her 6th year of teaching art to middle school students in Prince William County. Emily still loves her job at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, working in the Education Dept. on children's programs. She lives in Old Town Alexandria and just bought a "tiny little condo apartment so I think I will be staying in the area for the foreseeable future!" Emily says her happiest news is about her sister-in-law who returned safe and sound from her year stint in Iraq (flying Blackhawk helicopters around Balad and Baghdad for the Army) and says it is such a blessing to have her safely home! Emily is also into her 4th year of Dutch language lessons and is finally seeing some progress. She enjoys being able to converse with various good-looking Dutchmen who work in her office! **Anne-Ryan Sinnott Craig** and her husband are expecting their 1st child in May of this year. Anne-Ryan says that they bought a house in Fishersville, VA where she still enjoys teaching Pre-K. **Kimberly Earehart** was at Anne-Ryan's baby shower. **Erin Wright East** and husband John welcomed their son, John Patrick, on Nov. 23, '05. Married in Nov. '04, Erin and John live in Alexandria, VA and Erin says she is able to visit with Kris Harris '99, Leah Solivan Busque '01 and Jenn Dixon Graves, '01. **Kibby Bryenton Fergusson** writes that she loves being a full-time mom to Iain Cameron Fergusson, born July 15, '05. She and husband Donnie have been traveling around the United Kingdom and to France since they've lived in England. She enjoyed a recent visit from **Melissa Bellan**. Melissa is living in Dallas and bought her 1st house last year. She is an attorney with Buchanan & Burke, L.L.P. **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** and husband Andy are expecting a boy, James Emerson, in Apr. Lindsey loves teaching middle school math in Yorktown, VA, but is looking forward to 5 months off with the baby. **Maurena Robertson Crawford** and her husband Michael are expecting their new arrival in Sept. Mo is the academic coordinator for the office of Graduate Medical Education at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA. She teaches music in Sunday school and is also a substitute teacher. They've recently moved to a larger home and Mo says the extra room and spacious yard

will come in handy once the baby arrives.

Melissa Fauber Carter and husband Jack (H-SC '00) still live near Sweet Briar in the town of Amherst. They welcomed their 1st child, a daughter named Clara Lindsey Carter, on Oct. 20, '05. Melissa still teaches 2nd grade at Pleasant View Elementary in Amherst County.

Alison Stockdale will marry her fiancé, Adam Newcomer, Memorial Day weekend '06. Alison and Adam have known each other since middle school, but only began dating 3 years ago. She says that **Alissa Harris** has been the best maid-of-honor a girl could ask for, and looks forward to seeing many SBCers at the wedding. Alison still lives in Woodbridge, VA and commutes to DC where she works for the federal government. Alissa still lives in Los Angeles, CA and works for 20th Century Fox. **Liz Hyland Swann** stays busy at home in Massachusetts with her sons, Aaron (4) and Brandon (2). Her husband Kevin works for Lexus and Liz keeps in touch with **Casey Herman**, Chanel Smith '01, Ameke Reeves Cruz '01, **Nicole Rodriguez**, and Joanna Slusser Hughes '01. **Desiree Eveler Day** has been happily married since '04 to husband David, and works in downtown Lynchburg, VA with a mortgage company. Desiree is fluent in Spanish and also volunteers in the international community. She and David just bought their 1st house and she is excited to be in touch with her SBC classmates. **Kim Harden** will marry her fiancé, Chad Fella, on Apr. 15th, '06 in Macon, GA. **Kristen Lawlor** will be her matron of honor. Chad proposed to Kim during a fireworks show last July in Perry, GA. They've recently bought a lake house in Macon, where Kim works as an elementary school counselor. She says that they will spend the summer in Newport, RI while Chad goes through department head training and hopes that he will be stationed for his next tour of duty in Jacksonville, FL, only 4 hours from Macon. **Tarrah Kehm** lives in London and continues to work for McKinsey & Co., a global strategies firm. She has been to Stockholm and Oslo for work, and could move to Brussels in Apr. with her job. She loves traveling and says she has met a lot of great people, but not Prince William—yet! **Angelina Alongi** recently resigned from her job as a flight attendant for North American Airlines, where she flew with such passengers as the White House press corps, American troops, and the World Wrestling Federation. She and boyfriend David Vierya bought a house in Houston, TX where Angelina is pursuing a

teaching career in biology. **Katie Wright Thomas** and husband Spencer (H-SC '00) were married in Sept. '04 and now live in Sebring, FL. Katie teaches 9th grade English at a local high school, and says that FL is great, but VA seasons are better! **Vicki Zak** and boyfriend Ben have recently moved to Hawaii. Vicki says she is excited to live within walking distance of three Honolulu beaches! **Sarah Cunningham** moved to NYC in July '05 from Charlottesville, VA and started working for The Relevance Corporation as a Business Analyst/Project Manager. She is living on the Upper East Side and loves the big city! Sarah has seen a few SBC alumni since moving there and is excited to hear from any other classmates living in the NY area. **Cameron Theodores Neuhauser** works for Diablo Country Club as a Human Resource Director, where she's been for 3 years now. She got married on Aug. 20, '05 to Randy Neuhauser. Natasha White Gamboa '99, Katie Whitlock Summers '99, **Alicia Hart Palmore**, and Elizabeth Finch '01 were all in her wedding. Cameron and Randy honeymooned in South Africa and live in San Francisco. **Jessi Livingston** is still in AZ and working hard on building lacrosse. She has started AZ's 1st youth league called Desert Stix and had over 300 girls go through her program. She has a Web site if anyone wants to check it out at www.azgl.com. Jessi is also doing PR and advertisement for 2 elite magazines. She coaches Chaparral h.s. and says they are 8-0 right now and defending their state title. **Alison Cooper** bought her 1st house last year in Lake Helen, FL and received her Masters of Education in Reading from Stetson U. in Dec. Alison says she is surviving her 2nd year teaching reading for 9th–12th graders. **Susan Bobb** writes that she is still working on her degree in Psychology/ Applied Linguistics and will pass candidacy and take her comprehensives this summer, then propose her dissertation experiments in the fall. She's hoping to finish by the summer of '08. She recently visited Sara Foltz '01. In Mar. she will be going to the wedding of Lisa Tedder '97 and looks forward to seeing many SBCers then!

Amy Hess Snawder and husband Jared live in Sierra Vista, AZ. They bought a new house in Aug. and 2 weeks later, Jared went to Kuwait for 6 weeks. Amy is working at the Transportation Office on Fort Huachuca helping soldiers arrange to have their property moved when they change duty stations. Jared is now the company commander of "Charlie"

Company, 86th Signal Battalion 11th Signal Brigade, and he and Amy are planning to visit his parents in Moscow in late May/early June, before he deploys to Iraq for a year. **Elizabeth Hamshaw** moved from DC to NH in '04 to continue developing an online tack and supply site (everything for horse and rider). The Web site is now up and running (www.cheshirehorse.com) and keeping her very busy. Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys her 2 horses and 2 cats, and tries to travel as much as possible. This past year she went to Peru and Norway, and can't wait for a trip to France in Mar. Elizabeth is engaged to Christian Mitchell, and they are planning a Sept. '06 wedding. She keeps in touch with **Kristy Chatham**, Heather McLeod '99, **Melanie Naquin Mayberry**, Amy Whitney, Shweta and **Chhavi Sharma**, and **Mandy Rice**. Mandy bought a condo in Louisville, KY that she shares with her cat Lily. She works in health insurance and reports that **Christine Manley** got married in Nov. and also lives in Louisville. Mandy is looking forward to the weddings of **Kim Harden** and **Elizabeth Hamshaw**. **Christine Bump** writes that she continues to practice food and drug law as an associate in the firm of Hyman, Phelps & McNamara in DC. She had the opportunity to file significant documents with the FDA and has published 4 articles for her firm. She loves living in Arlington, VA and visits **Lindsay Perkins** and **Evangeline Easterly Taylor**. Christine also traveled to SBC in Feb. to speak at the Who's Who induction ceremony. She hopes all our classmates are doing well! Evangeline writes that she is working at Johns Hopkins Medical Center researching diagnostic indicators of breast cancer. Because of her new job, she and husband Eric decided it was time to buy their 1st home: a cute, blue cape cod near Baltimore. **Amanda Ankerman** helped them move-in and pick out paint colors. Evangeline and Amanda are going to see **Nicole Lamm** sing the role of Laurie in Aaron Copland's opera, "The Tender Land" at Catholic U. '06 President's Festival of the Arts. And **Mandy Rockwell** completed her master's in music at the U of Kentucky in '04. She spent time performing in Europe and is in the process of moving to Portland, OR to pursue a career in musical theater/opera/acting.

I still work at a community college in a federal program that keeps first-generation, low-income and disabled students in school. I serve on the college foundation's board of directors and am

slowly but surely pursuing my master's in adult and community college education. Brian and I travel when we can, and stay busy spoiling our cats, Lucy and Charlie. I also continue to serve as president of the Triangle Area Alumnae Club for SBC. I see **Chad Thomas** '98, Jill Triana '99, Brook Tucker '02, Meghan Gregory '02 and Elizabeth Melvin '99 from time to time and also keep in touch with **Kibby Fergusson**, Tarrah Kehm, Josie Beets, Alissa Harris, Liz Keating, Emily McGregor Fenlaw, Alison Stockdale and Lindsay Culp '98. I'm excited to visit **Lindsey Brooks** once the baby arrives, and I'm also excited to announce that **Liz Keating** is engaged to be married! Thank you all so much for sending in your notes, and be sure to keep 'em coming!

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After graduating from SBC last May with a Masters in Elementary Teaching, **Julia Kientz Ambersley** and her husband Robbie moved to Southern Pines, NC. She teaches 3rd grade at the Episcopal Day School, and she loves her wonderful, bright class of 17 students! She saw **Emily Keating** and **Jamie Solimando** this past Oct. when Jamie and Julia went to Philadelphia, PA to help Emily pick out her wedding dress. Robbie and Julia also saw **Ebeth McGovern Brann** and her husband this past New Year's in DC. Ethel still teaches French at the Miller School outside of Charlottesville, VA. Julia also keeps in touch with **Sarah Farber** who just moved in with her boyfriend of a couple of years. **Sarah Houston Kenning**, and her husband, Tyler moved to Albany, NY this past winter, where they bought their 1st home. She works in the Berkshire Mountains in MA, so her drive into work everyday is beautiful. Tyler is enjoying his residency, and they also took a road trip to visit **Megan Frier Stawasz** and her husband, Nick W&L '01, in Boston. **Lys Burdette Paulhus** and her husband, Michael W&L 'L01, in DC, and **Katie Wood Rae** and her husband Bryan in Charlottesville. Katie and Bryan just had their 1st child, Brenna Ann Rae on Jan. 2nd. This spring, Sarah plans to see **Dawn Martin** in Wilmington, NC and in Mar. she visited **Christine Rangel**, who lives in NYC. Sarah e-mails **Sarah**

Belanger and **Natasha Nickodem** who are both overseas finishing their graduate work. Sarah received a flyer in the mail from **Emily Reeh** for her new business, Local-Artisans.com, and heard about Kelly Hughes' '03 wedding this past Jan. in IN. **Frances Hunter McOwen Byrd** married Brian Byrd on Aug. 6th, '05 in Ocean Springs, MI-2 weeks before Katrina blew through town. Her bridesmaids included **Sarah Herndon Sydner**, **Elizabeth Haerberle Davis**, **Heather Kacho**, **Nikki Gilkison LaRue**, **Sarah Lyn Schultheis**, and **Melissa Campos**. Hunter and Brian had lived in Oxford, MS for the past 3 years with their 2 dogs, Rua and Dolan. She works as a substitute teacher for the Oxford school district and volunteers at the Humane Society while Brian finishes law school at Ole Miss. When he graduates this May, they will move to Charleston, SC. **Tamara Trout Samassekou** works for Gratis Internet, LLC, where she is a German Account Executive. She loves her job because she can apply her German major from SBC!

Vanessa Corry Julsen and her husband Trace had their 1st baby in late Jan. Vanessa and Trace are also excited to start their residencies in June. Vanessa is pursuing a residency in Internal Medicine, and Trace has applied for a position in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. This past winter Vanessa had brunch with **Brianne Vogler Midura** and her husband, Ben, and also saw **Rachel Sauder-Arguedas** when she was in DC. She also saw **Rebekah Burr** and her boyfriend, Matt Bertolami, during a residency interview in CT. **Erin Alberda** is doing well out in rainy Seattle, WA. She is horseback riding and training 5 days a week now, so she will be ready for the show season. She received a training grant from the US Olympic Committee, and has applied for some additional grants to help out during the show season. Erin's friends, family and doctors have all been extremely supportive of her, as she works towards competing in Hong Kong in '08! Erin is still living with her boyfriend of 2 years and their poodle, Tank. **Erin Packard Harrison** and her husband, Phill started living in their new home this past winter, and have been getting used to their new neighborhood. She is in her 5th year of teaching, and Phill put in for a promotion at his job with America First Credit Union. Erin still keeps in touch with **Amy Tabb**, **Sarah Machinist**, and **Vanessa Corry Julsen**. **Erin McKinley** married Bart Willey, an assistant general manager for a soccer

team, in Aug. '04. **Elizabeth Puckett Haworth**, **Diana Church**, **Sarah Riggs**, and **Rachel Souder-Arguedas** were bridesmaids. **Kris Harris**, **Rhoda Harris Irwin** and **Katie Reinhart** also attended the wedding. This Aug. Erin will graduate from the U. of WA with a master's in Speech Language Pathology, and hopes to work with children in inpatient rehab. She and her husband live in downtown Seattle, WA. In May '03 **Marian Spivey Estrada** graduated from Georgetown U. with a M.S. In June '04, she married Othon Estrada MIT '96, and they live in Arlington, VA. **Sarah Riggs** was her maid-of-honor. **Elizabeth Puckett Haworth** was a bridesmaid, **Diana Church** was a reader, and Susan Bobb '00 and Shannon Smith '99 were in attendance. In Sept. '03 Marian started working for Labat-Anderson as a contractor for USAID's office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, which has taken her to Haiti, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and most recently Darfur. She lost her right eye, but due to an amazing amount of prayers, and a healthy dose of retail therapy, she is doing much better, and her pink and green eye patch has since been replaced with a prosthetic eye. This fall, Marian participated in a SBC career panel in International Affairs and Government majors. Marian works from home part-time, and although she has already had 4 surgeries for her eye, she will have 2 more this spring.

Elizabeth Puckett married Peter Haworth in July '04. Peter is working on his Ph.D. in Political Science at Georgetown U. In May, Elizabeth graduated from the U. of MD with a Masters in Applied Anthropology. Liz and Peter now live in Phoenix, AZ, but Liz still manages trips to Africa in her spare time. **Sarah Riggs** finished the Peace Corps in Gambia in the summer of '03. **Marian Spivey Estrada** visited her there, and also had her wedding dress made there. Sarah then returned to the US, and received a Masters in International Education Policy from Harvard, and now teaches science at a charter middle school in the Bay Area of CA. Sarah is engaged to be married to Jim Stapleton this July. He is a fellow Peace Corps volunteer she met while in Gambia. **Diana Church** completed her Masters in International Development at the London School of Economics in '03. In her free time she swims on a Masters swim team, where she met her boyfriend, David Redinger, sings with a choral ensemble, and volunteers for several organizations that improve opportunities

for women and girls. Diana and David live in a log cabin with their cat, Clouseau. **Sarah Herndon Sydner** and her husband, Raph, now live in Providence, RI, and often travel to Boston, MA to visit **Sarah Lyn Schultheis** and her fiancé, Peter. Sarah Sydner enjoys teaching and choreographing for various studios and at the Wheeler School in Providence, where she choreographed *Cabaret* this past winter. She also does the choreography for the Show Choir, and teaches dance in the p.e. department. This past fall, one of Sarah's students was SBC alum Sarah Barrett '04, so she was excited to make another SBC connection all the way in RI, and Sarah and Raph were also excited to have Catherine Zahm '98 and Shannon Bazar '99 visit them.

Ameke Reeves Cruz really enjoys teaching at the h.s. level again at Jefferson Forest H.S. in Forest, VA, where she is a Special Education/Mathematics teacher. She is also in her final semester at Lynchburg College where she is pursuing a Master's in Special Education and is excited to be graduating this May. She has learned so much through this program, and was honored to have work from her research on adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome published in Lynchburg College's online journal for special education, as well as her research on math instructional strategies. Her daughter, Kaylah (who they call "Timbre") is now 3. Ameke and Scott are doing well and hope to have another child before Timbre turns 5. This past winter they were in the final stages of finishing their basement. Scott is still working on his degree in engineering, but they manage to juggle it all. **Whitney Smith Jordan** married Charles G. Jordan on Oct. 15th '05 in Louisville, KY at Churchill Downs. Her bridesmaids included **Roxanne Fox**, **Katherine Woodson Bates**, and **Mary Donelson Robbins**. In Aug., Whitney was able to transfer with her company, Prosperity Mortgage, to VA Beach, where she and Chas purchased a home in Sept. **Megan Belay** is getting married this Aug. in Costa Rica, and **Christine Rangel** and **Kimberly Martin** will be her bridesmaids. Megan also graduates from law school in May, and will take the bar in July. **Elizabeth Finch** was engaged to Corbet Wright, a graduate of JMU, this past Christmas Eve. Cameron Theodoris Neuhauser '00 will be one of her bridesmaids. **Dawn Martin** sold her home in Lynchburg, VA and moved to Wilmington, NC, where she loves living within a ½ mile from the beach. She currently works as a mortgage specialist

with Seaside Mortgage Corporation, and is also active in the Junior League of Wilmington, as well as president of the SBC Alumnae Club of Wilmington, which she helped organize. **Julia Kientz Ambersley** lives a couple of hours away, and attended the club's 1st official meeting on Jan. 12th. **Brianne Vogler Midura** is excited to graduate from GW School of Medicine this May and starting her pediatric residency. She and her husband, Ben, will be sad to leave DC, but are looking forward to life in a new city. This past winter Brie returned from a surgical medical mission in Kenya where she helped kids with facial deformities. She is already planning her next mission trip. Brie keeps in touch with **Vanessa Corry Julsen**, and was very excited for the arrival of Vanessa's son in Jan.

Sarah Patterson still works at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in Human Resources. Her company sent her to Guatemala in Jan. to learn about coffee and experience the culture. This past summer she purchased 10 acres of land in Middlesex, VT. Now she just needs to build the house and the barn! **Leah Brooks Waldrip** and her husband, Adam, moved back to Atlanta, GA this past winter where they bought a house. She is working as an investment analyst with AIG Advisor Group, which is not terribly exciting, but she enjoys getting to travel a bit. Her sister, Lucy Brooks '00 came down for a visit this past Christmas, and Leah is hoping to see her on her way up to SBC for Reunion. Leah volunteers with the Giant Pandas at Zoo Atlanta, and builds homes for Habitat for Humanity. She hopes this will be good practice for the work she plans to do on her new home! **Christy Holterman Ziegler** still lives in NYC working as a corporate event planner. She married Ron Ziegler on Sept. 17th at King's Point, NY. Her bridesmaids included **Hillary Herliehy**, **Lori Kovatch**, **Lauren Kaplan**, **Alison Brown**, and **Amy Sherman**. Christy continues in her role as co-vic president of young alumnae for the SBC Alumnae Club of NY with **Christine Rangel**. They have some exciting programs coming up this year and would love for anyone to join them!

Caitlin Russo is a teacher in the circus. She travels with the show and during performances, she teaches math, social studies, science, language arts, etc. to performers' children. She enjoys traveling from city to city, and was in Puerto Rico this Dec. **Angela Rodriguez** and Paul Newman had a baby on Dec. 4th '05. Her name is Hannah Lynn, and weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz.

They are all healthy and doing well. **Kim Schmidt Miscavage** and her husband Brian bought their 1st home in Sept. in Schenectady, NY. Even though the house had been fully renovated, they are doing a complete overhaul. Despite all the work, it has been a fun experience, and Kim has learned a lot from Brian, who is a do-it-yourself kind of guy. Last June they got an Australian Cattle Dog puppy named Ozzie. Since Ozzie had so much energy, they adopted a 3-month-old Staffordshire Terrier named Lilly to help counter Ozzie's endless energy. **Lori Kovatch** finished her master's degree in Microbiology from Seton Hall U. this past Dec., and continues to work for ImClone Systems. She was excited to see some SBC girls at the weddings of **Christy Holterman Ziegler** and **Alison Brown**. Lori and **Hillary Herlehy** were bridesmaids in **Alison's** wedding, along with **Jenaire Terry**, **Tana Malm Baber** and **Lauren Kaplan**. **Christy**, **Bethanie Swisher Smith**, and **Laurna Kaatz** also attended **Alison's** wedding. **Angelita Aiken** is in her 2nd year of grad. school, working towards her master's in Social Work at the U. of MD, Baltimore. She continues to work at the HIV organization in DC, and she and Carl bought a condo in Greenbelt, MD in Feb.

Allison Johnson Haley is at home, raising her 1 ½ year old daughter, Danielle Carolyn. She is also teaching on-line courses for Tidewater Community College, and has applied for doctoral work in psychology at Regent U. in Virginia Beach. **Katherine Morse** is living in Brunswick, GA, and loves living near the Golden Isles and beautiful Salt Marsh Areas. In June, she was engaged, and looks forward to a wedding next fall. She is pursuing a new career as a legal assistant, and enjoys Real Estate and Elder Law work. Katherine is excited to be a bridesmaid in **Rachel Roth's** wedding this Aug. **Lys Burdette Paulhus** enjoys living in the DC area because of the many opportunities to get together with other alums, and is teaching AP English Literature at an all girls' h.s., which reminds her of SBC. **Lauren Kaplan** moved back to Dallas, TX this winter, and had a little girl in May of '04, named Ava Grace Kaplan-Snyder. Lauren has also been in several SBC weddings and enjoys seeing her SBC Ladies. **Jennifer Dixon Graves** married Adam on Aug. 21, '04, and on Dec. 23, '04 she gave birth to twin boys, Gavin and Blake.

I'm still working for the same marketing company, and really enjoy working from home 4 days a week. I'm

looking forward to the spring kickball season, as well as visiting Sonya Truman '02 who now lives in Atlanta, GA, where she enjoys her work for a law firm. I always love hearing from everyone, so please keep your notes coming.

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Sarah Canovaca Poirier married Booker Garnache-Poirier, on Apr. 16, '05, in Kennebunkport, ME. Her sister, Esther Canovaca, was her maid of honor. Her bridesmaids included: **Nicole Crowder**, **Kelly Hughes**, **Danielle Ross Oberg**, and **Kate McClellan** '02. Also in attendance were **Jade Boardman**, **Olivia Neary**, and **Michelle Moshier** '05. Sarah met her husband through his sister, Sadie Garnache-Poirier, who was part of the class of '04 when she attended SBC. She was also a groomsman at the wedding. Sarah's son, Daniel Ryder, was born on Sept. 16, '05. Sarah's future plans include attending graduate school and beginning an event-planning business. Sarah, Jade, Kelly, Nicole, Michelle, Danielle and Olivia, are all planning a get together in NYC in Oct. '06 to visit Jade. **Tiffany Williamson** is in her 2nd year of teaching h.s. special education to students with learning disabilities and emotional disorders in Richmond, VA. She reports that her students are tough, but fun! She is also coaching the h.s. cheerleading team. Tiffany recently became engaged to Ryan Norwood, who is from Richmond and a minor league baseball player for the Chicago Cubs. They are planning a Nov. '06 wedding. In Aug. of '05, Tiffany visited with **Kylene Smith** in VA Beach before Kylene returned to London. Over the holidays, Kylene came to Richmond for a quick visit while she was home from London. **Sarah Reynolds** and Kylene attended a Christmas party at Tiffany's home.

After a whirlwind of a year, **Shirley Pinson** relocated to Spartanburg, SC to finish her master's degree at Converse College, which she will finish in Dec. '06. Shirley is also working at Bank of America. She reports that leaving DC and the Senator's office was a tough decision, but she decided that she wanted to pursue her longing desire to teach. She visited with **Amanda Crighton** and **Christy Maxwell** before

she left Charleston. Since then, Shirley has had many 'mini reunion' trips to Atlanta to meet up with Christy, Amanda and **Gilli Long**. Shirley celebrated her 24th birthday in Atlanta with Christy, Lana Davis, and **Kylene Smith**. While in Atlanta they ran into **Chesley Phillips**. **Christine Nail** is living in Philadelphia. She married Josh Beisker on Oct. 16, '05. **Jenny Neureuther** attended the wedding. **Jennifer Leigh Smith Hargett** completed her master's in Medical Genetics at the U. of Cincinnati. She is now working at East Carolina U. as a genetic counselor. She married Chas Hargett on Oct. 8, '05. In attendance were **Laurel Speilman Rodgers**, **Julia Schmitz**, **Katy Kummer**, **Laurea Ison**, **Kathy Pierce** '02, and **Leslie Price** '09. **Courtney Finklea** currently lives in downtown Silver Spring, MD. Over the past 2 years she has competed in beauty pageants and was twice selected in the top 15. She has done promotion for a popular talk show, fashion shows and photo shoots. She works at Verizon Wireless with the federal government division where she runs a program to expand business throughout federal agencies. Courtney is looking forward to pursuing a graduate degree. **Lizzy Meyer** has spent the past few years working on a plethora of exciting activities. She was an apprentice for a holistic horse veterinarian in ID and CA, then apprenticed for a horse trainer in TX. She then had an opportunity to go to CO and manage a horse ranch for 6 months. **Lizzy** currently works at a therapeutic riding center (non-profit) for handicapped children and adults, called SIRE near Houston, TX. She works at the center 8 months out of the year and then returns to CO where she manages the horse ranch. She is building an equine bodywork business but is focused on her job at SIRE as the equine coordinator. **Sandra Grant Main**, her husband Mike, and daughter, Noelle (19 months), welcomed their twins to the world on Dec. 21, '05. Ava Christine weighed 5 lbs 7oz and Michael Jr. weighed in at 5lbs 4oz. Sandra and Mike recently moved into their new home in Long Beach, NY. Sandra will continue working as a sales rep for French interior design imports while Mike continues to work in the financial district in NYC.

Lisa Renfrow has been elected the Junior SPAC for the Junior League of Napa and Sonoma. In this position Lisa will represent the legislative interests of the CA Junior Leagues. She is now a Sales Representative for Bruni

Glass. **Megan Gaillardet** is living in Charlotte, NC and working for a national homebuilder called KB Home. She is busy selling homes and having a great time in Charlotte! While Megan was in Raleigh she was able to spend time with Casey Herman and now that she is in Charlotte she has run into Emily Welton. **Kelly Hughes Kaufman** was married on Jan. 28, '06 in Indianapolis, IN to Nick Kaufman. Bridesmaids were **Nicole Crowder**, **Sarah Canovaca Poirier**, and **Michelle Moshier** '05. Anne Benham Willson '04 also attended the wedding. Kelly is working as a Financial Representative and Dir. of New Representative Development for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Indianapolis, IN. **Amanda Crighton** is living in Atlanta and has been working for the past year as the Worksite Marketing Coordinator for UNIQ benefit solutions. She loves her job and looks forward to a great career in the insurance business. Amanda has kept in touch with many SBC friends including Lana Davis, **Courtney Pfaff**, **Shirley Pinson**, and **Christy Maxwell**. **Erin Keck** married Terry Walsh in Richmond in June of '06. **Jackie Devine**, Virginia Fowler '04, and Brienne Daley were bridesmaids. **Gwen McKinney** would like to announce the birth of her son Cian Daniel born on Oct. 23, '05. Gwen and her husband are living with Cian in Rochester, NY. **Alisa Cline** married Jason Berry in June of '04. **Chesley Phillips**, **Samm Grist**, **Erin Keck**, Liz Brewer-Grimley '02, and Christi Hart Rose '02, were all in the wedding. Alisa and Jason are beginning the process of building a house in Staunton, VA. Alisa went on a cruise in Sept. '05 with Christi Hart and Katie Parnell '06. After living in South Beach (Miami) for 3 years, **Virginia Uchello** decided to return home. She is now working for Deloitte & Touche in DC. She loves being close to her family again, but misses those FL winters! She recently caught up with **Carrie DeShazor** in Old Town, Alexandria. **Claire Affleck** is living in Syracuse, NY and looking into starting her own barn to train horses and teach riding lessons. Claire was a bridesmaid in **Jenni Stanley Thompson's** wedding in Aug. '05.

Nahliah Webber lives and works in Beijing and starting her own company, Oshun, LLC. She will be returning to the US soon to pursue a master's/ Ph.D. in Sociology. **Courtney Pfaff** graduated from U. of Miami's 2nd degree accelerated nursing program in May with a BS in nursing. She plans on working in

Northern VA. Last summer she was top 10 at the Palomino World Show Horse Show in Tulsa, OK. She will be attending the show again this summer. Courtney will marry Chance Kimble (a firefighter paramedic for Northern VA) in Sept. '06 at Smith Mountain Lake. They are in the process of home buying in Northern VA. After a year of working in the ICU and ER Courtney plans on attending CRNA (nurse anesthesiology) school at VCU.

Quinn Smith Hall finished her Master of Education in Community Counseling at Lynchburg College Dec. '05. She is working as a case manager/therapist at the Bedford Counseling Center as well as part-time as a crisis therapist in the Lynchburg General emergency room.

Anna Fines saw **Becky Follin** and **Melinda Seberger Liddell** at Melinda's sister's wedding. Melinda was married in the summer of '04 in Lincoln, NE to Dennis Seberger who attended the Naval Academy. They are expecting their first baby this summer and are getting ready to move to HI where Dennis will be stationed as a Marine Pilot. Becky, married Melinda's brother, Jason Liddell, in May. They bought a house and are almost done fixing it up in VA Beach. Anna is looking forward to finishing her last class this summer at American U. for her Master's in International Economics for Development Finance and Banking. She enjoys her job at a government contracting firm working on information system security for the department of homeland security. Anna reports that she enjoys the single life to the fullest.

Ingrid Zensen moved back out west to Portland, OR where she teaches K-8 Spanish. Since she moved out west she has gone to San Diego to visit **Michi Krohn** and has made a trip back out east to visit **Allison Funkhouser**, **Kristin Anerala**, and **Lauren Friend McKelvey**.

Laura Ison finished her master's in Art History at the U. of Louisville this past Aug. '05. She is still living in Louisville for the time being. This past Christmas she became engaged to Franklin Russell (VMI '04). They are planning a summer '07 wedding. Last Aug., **Jessica Shannon** went backpacking for 2 weeks in the Rockies with seminary classmates. In Jan. she spent 3 weeks traveling through Syria, Jordan, and Israel, and loved it! She's finishing her 2nd of 3 years of seminary, and this summer is interning at a church in Austin, Texas. Jessica met up with **Christy Pitts** in College Station, TX a couple months ago. **Courtney Yerdon Gleason** recently transitioned

to a position as an Associate Corporate Banker with BB&T. She works with Fortune 1000 companies as well as large privately held companies. Courtney celebrated her 1st wedding anniversary to husband David in Sept. with a 20-mile backpacking trip in the Shenandoah Mountains! She sees **Lara Hanson Dickens** and **Lindsay Kinyon** regularly for dinner and weekends. **Danielle Ross Oberg**, Lindsay, and Courtney have plans to get together in Williamsburg in May. **Margaret Van Hook** is finishing up her 1st year teaching in the Academy at Bates Creek h.s. in Lexington, KY. She recently choreographed a production of South Pacific. She has been busy teaching dance with a company in Lexington and Louisville. This summer she is working as a children's theater director. At the end of the summer she plans to spend a few days in Charlottesville visiting with Shannon O'Neil '02. Margaret would like to thank Autumn Fish '04, for the SBC banner in her classroom, hopefully there will be more response, next year!

Lauren Friend McKelvey graduated from Georgetown in May '05 with a master's in Latin American Studies. She is enrolled in George Mason Law School.

Julie Schmitz recently defended her thesis proposal and was admitted to Ph.D. candidacy. She is working on a publication as well as a poster for a meeting in Boston. This past fall she interviewed for and received a spot on the UAB Bacterial Pathogenesis Training Grant. In July she will take a course at Stanford U. and will then get to visit Kathy Pierce '02. On Mar. 20th **Danielle Ross Oberg** celebrated her 2nd wedding anniversary. Danielle and her husband bought their 1st home last Sept. and adopted a kitten, who they've named Nermal. This past Apr., Danielle and **Megan Doughtie** took a mini-vacation to Las Vegas!

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It has been almost a year and a half since the Class of '04 has contributed class notes, at the fault of our scatterbrained Class Secretary (me). However, we continue to be movers and shakers in the "real world," and as always, I am impressed with what we have accomplished!

Christina Burroughs is living in Pittsburgh, PA, and is attending the M.F.A. program at the U. of Pitt. She teaches Composition at the U., and her career as C.M.Burroughs [Poet] is paying now, though she is in it, naturally, for the words. Recent and upcoming publications can be found in Texas Poetry Journal, Gathering Ground: A Reader Celebrating Cave Canem's First Decade, and Lorraine & James. Christina's NY reading debut is scheduled for 2/24/06 at the Studio Museum in Harlem. "Life after SBC has been brilliant. Just moving and shaking as I please...." **Andrea Staton** is working in the Clinical Laboratory at UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA. She moved here in July after accepting the job and has an apartment of her own. She is still working on her artwork and hoping to eventually exhibit in some of the art galleries in town. One of my pieces is on the cover of an electronic, art and literary magazine called "Son and Foe" that has just recently been launched by a friend of Andrea's in Fredericksburg. In her "free time," Andrea has taken up learning to ski and still needs some practice. It is a very underestimated sport, but she's getting a little better!

Jamie Jensen taught English to all ages at a language school in Los Reyes, Mexico from Feb. through June '06, and possibly the following school year. **Stephanie Shrader** has also been involved in the education field. For the last few months she has been substituting in the Amherst County Public School System, while working on her Master's in School and Community Counseling at Lynchburg College. Stephanie plans on either teaching at the elementary school level or counseling/working with children in either a school or community setting. **Megan Sinner** is working on her master's in German at Bowling Green State U. It is a 2 year program and she should be done this coming May. Megan spent last year at the U. of Salzburg, Austria and is currently

in OH. She's not sure what will happen come May, but is looking forward to something new and different.

Lauren Byrne is still working in Alexandria for a government contractor but starting this semester she will be attending George Washington U. to get her master's in Public Policy, and continue to work full time. **Caitlin Webber** just finished her Masters Degree in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics. She lived with **Heather Shumaker**, who was studying at King's College and the both saw **Jessica Porter** and **Maria Kitchen** often, who were also in London, and **Andrea Stassi**, who was working in Glasgow, Scotland. Now Caitlin is living in DC and starting the job search/preparing to apply for law school. **Sara Greder** finished her coursework at the U. of VT with a master's in Historic Preservation. She is currently in VA job hunting. After graduation **Kirland Wohlrab** worked on a couple of film projects with The History Channel, Showtime, and with an independent filmmaker managing to get a credit as 2nd AD. Currently she is working at VMI as the administrative assistant for the civil and environmental engineering. Luckily she has the summer off and is hoping to be back in the film scene soon. **Ebony Scurry** will complete her M.S. in Organization Development & Strategic human resources from Johns Hopkins U. this summer. She has applied to graduate school for her Ph.D. in Sociology and will be starting that Fall '06. She just published a book, Storm of Roses, which will be available in hard, paperback, and e-book in Feb. '06. **Mary Gordon Seay** has finished her 1st year of my M.S./CRC program in Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth U. and will complete the program next May. She is also interning in the vocational case management field with Genex Services in Glen Allen, VA. The internship will continue through the spring of '07. In the meantime, she is working part-time at Virginia Commonwealth U. Health System (MCV) in Richmond, VA with the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. **Nicole Basbanes** is still in NYC bouncing between internships. She is finishing up her MLIS at the Palmer School at NYU and enrolled at the William Esper Studio to study acting. She had a chance to come back to school for **Schylar Ellis'** wedding this past Aug. **Brianna McLaughlin** received a fellowship to attend SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) for her MFA in Painting and she moved down to

Savannah, GA in Aug. Her recent work is very different than what you last saw... she uploaded new paintings on her Web site (<http://www.brienna.net>). She is currently collaborating with the Humane Society and painting images about animal cruelty. Ultimately, she would like to teach college art classes and continue selling her work. Joe's in Pensacola, FL training to be a helicopter pilot, so they don't see each other for 3 months at a time, but are doing very well. Bri also became a certified personal trainer and is teaching Boot Camp classes twice a week at Club SCAD, the school athletic facilities. She absolutely loves it! She also absolutely loves Savannah... "it's so beautiful here, like a little European city." The only thing that would make it even better is if Joe could share it with her, but that time will come soon enough. **Meredith Rucker** is currently serving in the U.S Peace Corps as a Community Development Volunteer in the Eastern Caribbean, Barbuda to be exact. It is the sister island of Antigua and only has one village, Codrington, and 1,000 people. Right now Meredith is working on developing literacy programs for primary school aged children up to adults. Literacy is a big need in Barbuda. She also teaches Kindergarten at Holy Trinity Primary School to develop her skills in teaching literacy. "The past few months have been pretty busy, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Katie Barnett is now living in Greenville, SC and just accepted a job offer from an advertising agency here in Greenville called Erwin-Penland. "I'm officially entering the real working world, but I'm definitely excited about it because it is the job that I really wanted." She is still riding horses, but not competing anymore. She actually leased her horse Shadwin to SBC in '04/'05, but he is back in SC with Katie. **Morgan Swan** just wanted to drop a line and let everyone know that she is doing well. She finished building a new house about a year ago, and is now halfway through law school at Michigan State. She is planning on taking the Foreign Service Exam this spring, so please keep your fingers crossed that she passes! She hopes that everyone else is well and having just as happy and successful post graduation life! **Emily Suchta** spent this past summer in HI with her boyfriend, Adam. They visited the island of Oahu and the island of Hawaii. They did it all, including surfing, hiking the volcano to see the lava, ukulele playing, shopping and relaxing on the beaches! Right now she is working on her master's in Education at Dowling College to get a

dual certification in teaching elementary and special education. She is also working in an elementary school with Autistic children in a school district on Long Island. She absolutely loves what she's doing. Between work and masters classes Emily doesn't have time for much, but she and Adam still manage to get into NYC, go to concerts (like Oasis, Paul McCartney, and Velvet Revolver), and eat plenty of sushi (one of their favorite meals). This summer she is planning to knock off a bunch more classes that she needs and she is also taking a trip to Disney World in Aug. with Adam's family.

This year the Engagement Club of '04 became the Wedding Club of '05! **Misty Vandergriff Forsberg** was married to Adam Forsberg (HSC '04) on May 21, '05 in Knoxville, TN. There were numerous Sweet Briar ladies in attendance, including maid of honor **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson**, bridesmaids Mary Browse Davis, Denva Jackson '05, **Autum Matysek Snyder Fish**, myself, and attendants **Nicky Cefaratti** '02, Joyce Scott '05, and Beth Farnsworth '05. Other Sweet Briar women in attendance included: Sheena Belcher '05, **Anne Benham Willson**, and **Meredith Shaw Hansen**. After the wedding and honeymoon to Bald Head Island, they settled into their 1st big purchase as a couple—their 1st home, located in a cute subdivision in northwest Greensboro, NC. Misty is now a full-time graduate student at UNC at Greensboro, pursuing her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, French Education Classroom Practice Track. She hopes to graduate in Dec. '07 or May '08, after which she will be certified to teach K-12 French. She also works part-time as a nanny for a family in High Point with 2 daughters, ages 2 and 4. In the meantime, Adam and Misty are enjoying their 1st year of marriage in the new house with their 4 furbabies—Lily and Cooper (cats), and Tess and Colby (dogs).

Kristin Trayer Barclay is married! The amazing Mr. Matthew R. Barclay (JMU '03) and Kristin got married on Dec. 17, '05, at their church (South Run Baptist Church) in Springfield, VA. The couple is so happy, and thank God for His work in their lives! **Jamie Jensen** was Kristin's Maid of Honor, and **Tiffany McCabe** was one of her bridesmaids. **Leah Davis Philhower** and her husband, Jesse, are going to be moving to Charlottesville soon because Leah was promoted to Store Manager at Fashion Square. **Camille Simmons Evans** got married to Kelljon Evans in Bermuda

on June 4, '05 and they honeymooned in Mexico. Halley Hickman Hermosa '03 was her matron of honor. **Autum Matysek Snyder Fish** finally married her h.s., Jeremiah Fish, on July 2, '05. It was held just 20 minutes north of Sweet Briar at the Winton Country club. **Merri Morris Park** served as her Matron of Honor, and **Mary Davis** was one of the bridesmaids. Autum and Jeremiah are still living on campus, but have started to build a house in Nelson County. They hope to move in this upcoming fall.

Anne Benham Willson graduated with the 1st group of SBC Masters student's in May, '05. She was married to David Willson (HSC '04) on June 18, '06 in Dave's Dad's Church in Memphis, TN. Several Sweet Briar Girls were in the wedding, including **Megan Owens**, **Brianna Beckham** and myself, and in attendance included Beth Farnsworth '05, Hillary Cooper '05, Sarah Fauerbach '07, and Ginger Tripp '05. Anne is currently teaching US History at Western Alamance h.s. in Burlington, NC, and coached the JV volleyball team this fall. Anne also had a great time going to Kelly Hughes' '03 wedding in Jan., '06. **Jennifer Warde Darrell** is still living out in Chicago with her husband. Their menagerie has grown to include a Great Dane, 3 cats (including 2 young kittens) and some fish. She is still working in the library of an elementary school, but has applied to graduate school for next year, so Jenn is hoping to go back and earn a Masters in Humanities. (Fingers crossed!). Ciahan and Jenn are applying to adopt a child; the process is supposed to take about a year, so probably sometime in early '07 they might have a family addition. Best of luck, Jenn!

'05 was a big year for **Meredith Shaw Hansen** and new hubby, Eric! They were married on July 16, '05, here at the SBC chapel. Her sister, Allison Shaw '07, was the maid of honor, and **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson**, **Laura Pearson**, **Christina Chubb**, and **Kate Lawson** were her other attendants. They still live in the area, and Meredith is working as the Acquisitions Associate at the Lynchburg College Library. Dec. 30, 2005 marked another big day for Meredith and Eric, as they welcomed their son, Carter Lee Hansen, to the world. Motherhood is not slowing our Mer down, though—we've seen her all over the place this spring at various bridal and baby showers, and of course up in Richmond and DC.

I have become an expert in the way of weddings this past year, being

a bridesmaid in several and attending several more. I have been extremely fortunate to catch up with classmates at several different bridal and baby showers, and look forward to seeing more of you at Mary Davis' wedding this Apr. I am still at SBC working in the Admissions office, and I moved back onto campus last May and am enjoying the 5-minute walking commute from House One to the office. I have also been burning up the roads between here and Harrisburg, PA, where my sister, Beth Farnsworth '05, lives and works as a paralegal. All in all, life is good! I've enjoyed hearing from all of you, and now that I have the new e-mails down, we will hopefully be updating more frequently.

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Since graduation, **Kimberly Gibson** has spent time in China and visited her boyfriend in Japan for Christmas. She currently teaches h.s. art in Lynchburg, VA. In May she will go back to SBC for her M. Ed. This summer she plans on leading a group on students on 3-week-long outdoor trips.

Diana Boncheva works for the Commission for Labor Cooperation in DC and lives with **Samira Hossain**. In Sept., she will attend SAIS, John Hopkins for a M.A. in International Relations.

Leah Reedy works in Lynchburg, VA for the state (VA Dept. of Environmental Quality) as a Water Compliance Auditor. She is getting married July 8 to Anthony Revelle at SBC. **Jen Woodson**.

Savannah Humphrey, Carrie Thomas '04, and Christy Michaels '04 are members of the wedding party. She and Anthony have bought a house in Hurt, VA.

Brooke Middleton is working on getting into graduate school at Lynchburg College. She will go into the counselor education program, specifically school counseling. She and **Jessica Price** enjoy hanging out at Sonix.

Laura Brockman graduates from SBC in May with her MA in Teaching and has obtained a teaching job with Lynchburg City Schools in the fall at Linkhorne Middle School, 8th grade English. She keeps in touch with **Katie Niemeier** and **Krystal Dean**. She is also planning her wedding, which keeps her quite busy.

Heather Wright teaches h.s. Spanish. She will study in Cuba during

fall, and then starting her Masters of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall U. in the spring of '07.

Diane Lotz is a half-time kindergarten teacher at Bull Run Elementary School in Fairfax County. She is also a bridesmaid in **Liz Churchill's** wedding in July.

After being proposed to on horse back in Sept., **Liz Churchill** will marry Chris Beazley on July 3rd, '06 in an old remodeled barn in Fredrick, MD.

Casey Poore teaches 6th and 8th grade at Kenston Forest School in Blackstone, VA. She coaches the middle school cheerleading team, and has been teaching dance at Ingrid's Dance Theatre in Midlothian, VA. She is waiting on responses from Temple U. and U. of MD for grad. school. She is excited to attend

the Dance and International Conference in Amsterdam with some of the other dancers from SBC.

Monique Sample graduated in Dec. and works at the Circuit City Corporate Office as a Supply Chain Analyst in the Richmond Area.

Katie Niemeier hosted an Afternoon Tea at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, for an SBC reunion. Guests included:

Krystal Dean, Laura Brockman, Hilary Cooper, Karen Dennehy, Lyndsay Welsh, Ashley Forehand, Christina Chubb '04, Virginia Fowler '04 and Angela Grisby '03. Ashley Kresslein '04 later joined for a girls' night out.

Janie Glen got engaged to Eddie on Christmas! She is busy planning her wedding and the couple is trying to figure out a honeymoon destination. She and

Eddie also purchased a house and will move in after the wedding.

Sarah Zobel moved to central IL where she is Head Trainer and Dir. of the lessons program at Hunter Oaks Equestrian Center. She purchased a new horse, Trivial Pursuit. She spent the winter training and competing with Ralph Hill at the U.S. Equestrian Training Center in Ocala, FL.

Alex Lussier Kohlberger married this Nov. in CA with **Torry Shallcross** as her maid of honor. She got together with **Torry Shallcross, Lyndsay Welsh, and Julia Geyer** in DC. She lives in Stamford, CT with her husband, Jared, and works for Tommy Hilfiger in NYC.

Tamara Himelright Helton visited Wuhan, China with a group from Shenandoah U. in Mar. called the Global

Citizenship Project. "It was an amazing experience, we met Chinese college students who showed us around and told us about their culture. We toured around Wuhan and some surrounding areas. We also saw attractions like the Yangtze river, Yellow Crane Tower and the Three Gorges Dam Project." She still attends Shenandoah U.

Christina Marchetti got promoted to paralegal at Williams & Connolly LLP. She lives in Northern VA. She occasionally hangs out with **Savannah Humphrey, Samira Hossain, Ashley Rogers and Kelsey Holzman.** She heads out to Paris and St. Andrews for vacation in late Apr.

Katherine Parnell got engaged to Donald Robinson (HSC '02) in Jan. of '05 and plans to wed on Oct. 7th, '06 in his hometown of Birmingham, AL.

Letters

Makes Me Proud

To Be A Part Of Sweet Briar

Hello!...I just read the *Alumnae Magazine* and loved it! [Winter '06] It makes me proud to be a part of Sweet Briar. A quick update on me is that I am about to complete my first year of graduate school. I am getting my master's in Social Work at the U. of Tennessee, will graduate in May '07. I am really enjoying it. I am also headed to Kenya, Africa this summer for a month and a half! I will be working at a school for AIDS orphans doing individual counseling with the children there. I am so looking forward to it, as it's always been a dream of mine!

—Briana Beckham '04

Disappointment With The Web Site

I am so thrilled with all the changes at Sweet Briar. She is certainly a college for the 21st century! But, I do have to voice a disappointment with the Web site. We have so much pink? And must we refer to the students as girls and not women? I can't imagine a college referring to its male students as boys. The term girls and boys belongs to secondary institutions. Please let our students grow up!

—Jean Meyer Aloe '63

Achievements Of The Faculty And Students In The Sciences!

I was so happy to read the recent issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* describing the activities and achievements of the faculty and students in the

sciences! When I served on the Board in the '80s, one of my goals was to strengthen the sciences curricula, especially Biology. At the time I had told the Board, which was then beginning a new Five-Year Strategic Plan, that had I a daughter who wanted to major in a science, I would not send her to SBC because I didn't think the programs were rigorous enough, nor offered students research opportunities enough to prepare them for graduate work. From that Plan arose the B.S. degree and the College Honors Program. Now with the highly qualified faculty in all fields including Engineering, I wouldn't hesitate for a moment to recommend Sweet Briar to any young woman interested in science.

I am really impressed with the faculty's interest in meaningful research and teaching research to students. It was not until Jane Belcher recommended Jackson Laboratory's summer research training program to me that science came alive to me because of the excitement of research. With the continued personal interest in their students, no doubt the faculty at Sweet Briar are providing this kind of inspiration right in their own courses and curricula. I also submitted to the Board that those women's colleges that were held in high regard at that time in the '80s were all institutions that were strong in the sciences. Sweet Briar has certainly more than equaled those programs. Congratulations to all!

—Anna Chao Pai '57

Great Homecoming Weekend!

Dear Fellow SBC Alumni,

I cannot tell you how GREAT the first SBC Homecoming was. There were so many alumnae back from all different classes and so many diverse activities. I HIGHLY recommend it to all next year. There were a thousand things to do on campus, the school did a marvelous job offering many different types of activities and virtually every event was standing room only...Everything was held with the flair and enthusiasm you would expect from a homecoming event on a large university campus. A terrific classical music performance; the engineering school's cardboard boat race was clever, funny. There were evening events, incredible lectures, lots of athletic games with the typical school giveaways (SBC megaphones etc.), a screamingly funny panel with grads of decades 40s-80s talking about and dressing up as their eras, spectacular programs put on by the students showcasing what sorts of impressive academic opportunities and outcomes they are finding at SBC... I am not able to describe how incredible it was. This is a must event to put on your calendar for next year: Sept 21-24, 2006. I know I plan to make it! Hope you can too.

—Mary Beth Hamlin '76

WRITE TO US!

(Boxwood Alumnae House, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595) or send E-mails! (sbcmagazine@sbc.edu) or Telephone! (434-381-6131) We like to hear from you!

Full Of Wonderful Information

Thank you for the excellent issue! [Winter '06] It is full of wonderful information about alumnae activities and exciting educational programs.

The layout "grabs you and pulls you in." Surely, this should make all alumnae want to re-enroll!

—Sally Old Kitchin '76

IN THE SWEET BRIAR

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Catherine Tift Porter '44

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In order to make her best gift possible to *Our Campaign For Her World*, Catherine Tift Porter '44, known to everyone as 'Tee,' worked with a creative mixture of assets. She established the Catherine T. Porter Faculty Development Fund, from which the president or the dean can disburse funds to support faculty for travel, sabbatical terms, and curricular developments.

In addition to making a cash gift, Tee satisfied this major pledge by giving highly appreciated stock and real property that she owned in her hometown of Tifton, Georgia. She transferred to Sweet Briar College the deed to a lot that the College, as a nonprofit institution, was able to sell tax-free. Tee was inspired to make this gift by her fond memories of the wonderful teachers she had at Sweet Briar.

"They walk with me at all times," says Tee, "whether I go to the opera, read a book set in American history or hear a French phrase." Professors who are particularly memorable to her are Miss Dora Neill Raymond, professor of history, and Professor Joseph Barker, who taught French and "drilled us on our accents. Dr. Barker prepared me well enough to be able to compete for and be offered a job as a translator for the Office of Strategic Services [later the CIA]."

Real estate can be a practical gift to the College: for example, by using highly appreciated property that would be subject to capital gains tax when sold, you can receive a charitable income tax deduction for the full market value of the property and the College can sell it tax-free. There are even ways to give a property and retain it for your lifetime use or set up the donation to provide an income for you later.

While charitable gifts of real estate may be somewhat more complex than outright gifts, they can provide substantial benefits to donors and receivers. Tee Porter has had the satisfaction of providing Sweet Briar with a gift of endowment that will benefit faculty now and in future generations.

To learn more about the personal, financial, and charitable advantages of making a gift of real estate to Sweet Briar College, please contact the Office of Development at (434) 381-6161 or toll-free at 888-846-5722.



Catherine Tift Porter '44

Campaign Celebration/ Homecoming

September 21-24, 2006

Come Home to Our World

Join us on Homecoming Weekend, September 21-24, to celebrate the successful completion of ***Our Campaign For Her World***. The celebration weekend's theme is "Women Who Go Out and Make a Difference" to honor generations of Sweet Briar graduates and to celebrate the centennial of the first Sweet Briar class enrolled in 1906.



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Campaign Celebration Festivities

- Campaign Celebration Gala for all Homecoming Attendees
- Luncheon honoring the Indiana Fletcher Williams Association and the Silver Rose Society
- Induction of new Keystone Society members at Founders' Day Convocation

Homecoming Celebration

- Traditional Founders' Day Convocation and Procession to Monument Hill
- Alumnae Open House at the newly renovated Arts Building
- Performance of Igor Stravinsky's *A Soldier's Tale*
- Alumnae/Student Panel Discussion on Traditions at Sweet Briar College
- Alumnae Colleges
- Cardboard Boat Regatta, co-sponsored by the Boxwood Circle Society
- Student Home Games for Field Hockey and Soccer
- Alumnae Pickup Games
- Induction of Charter Class into the Sweet Briar College Athletics Hall of Fame

Alumnae, Parents and Friends Volunteer Leadership Meetings

- Fall Alumnae Association Board Meetings
- Friends of Athletics Steering Committee Meeting
- Visiting Committee on the Riding Program Meeting
- Boxwood Circle, Reunion, and Young Alumnae Giving Volunteer Training

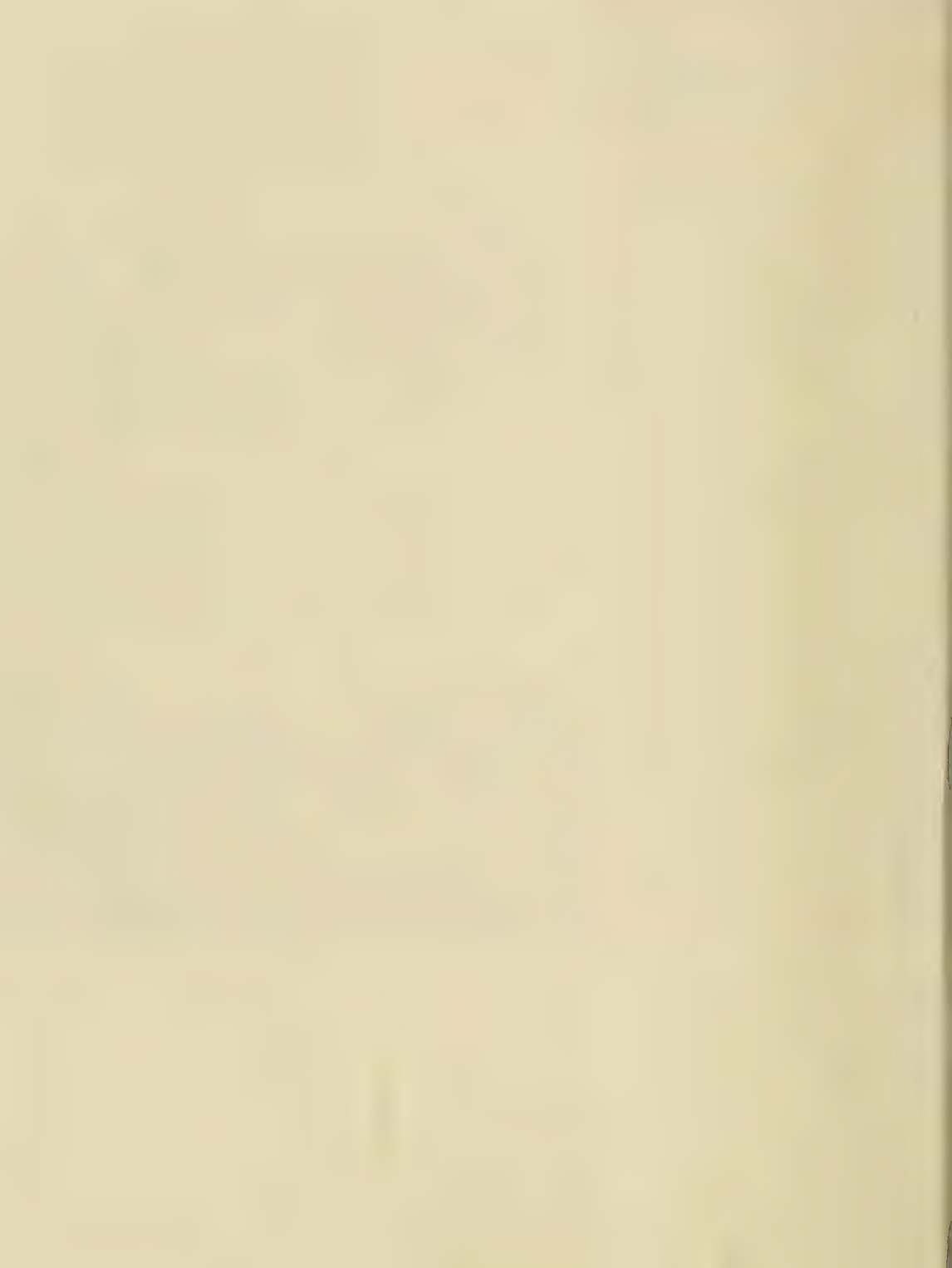
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Why are you on the inside?

You want to be a successful woman. To get dressed up and dance the night away. To laugh—and cry—at chick flicks. To stay up all night with your girlfriends talking about the world and joking about boys.

We understand what you want and need out of an education. Challenge. Intensity. New ways of thought. Attention from people who know you and want to help you reach your potential. An open road to success. Opportunities to combine “think” and “do.” That’s who we are on the inside.



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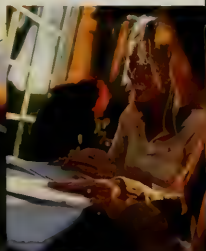
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"Our intentionally small size, our deep academic rigor, and our real sense of community contribute to the promise of success for every student."

—Dr. Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld
President, Sweet Briar College



Sweet Briar women are expert multitaskers, participating in 50 student organizations, nine sports, the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program, and more.



Think. Do. Question. Search. Examine.



In their own words

Our students, faculty, and staff have a lot to tell you about the Sweet Briar experience. You'll find quotes from them throughout, giving you an insider's perspective on life at Sweet Briar.





Our 3,250-acre campus is an engaging learning environment, supportive community, laboratory, park, landmark, and home to Sweet Briar students, faculty, and staff who live on our grounds.

Belong. Succeed. Live.





We're unlike every other liberal arts college.

In several ways, almost all liberal arts colleges are alike. They're small. They have good student-faculty ratios, so you're "a name, not a number." They offer a broad, cross-disciplinary education. They challenge you academically. They engage you outside as well as inside the classroom.

Sweet Briar College is different.

We're only for women. If you ask our students why they chose Sweet Briar, they'll talk about the academics, the beautiful campus, the welcoming community, the opportunities to get involved and to lead. Few, if any, will say they chose Sweet Briar because it's a women's college. Yet many of our distinctive programs and opportunities are a direct result of our single-gender focus.

By specializing in the education of remarkable women, we're more in tune with you as a student and a person. We provide leadership opportunities and strong academic programs—in the sciences, math, pre-medicine, pre-veterinary medicine, and government, for example—that typically cater to men at other schools.

There's no table row here. When a faculty member describes Sweet Briar with these words, he means that our style of teaching puts students up front. More than half of our classes take place with students and professor seated around a table, asking questions and discussing ideas. He also means that Sweet Briar students work hard. They have to, because a Sweet Briar education is challenging, intense, dynamic, and demanding.

Each year, dozens of students participate in original research and our Honors Program (read more on page 9). All of this occurs in one of the nation's most engaging educational environments, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement. A Sweet Briar education is hard work, and it pays off, preparing you for the career or advanced degree of your choice. See pages 28-29.

We do more than educate—we engage. The Sweet Briar experience is much more than book knowledge or even discussing ideas. Our women *do* as well as think, as leaders, researchers, and volunteers. You gain your voice and make decisions affecting the entire College. You gain the experience and confidence to pursue your interests and live your dreams. At Sweet Briar, as one of our students said, "there are no roadblocks to stop you." Instead, we're an 80-m.p.h. freeway to success. See pages 12-17.

We're more than "small": we're family. Our student-faculty ratio is 7:1, one of the best in the country. And 90 percent of our classes have fewer than 20 students; the largest class (an astronomy course) has only 38. This intimacy fosters a remarkably warm and friendly community. It also nurtures a strong sense of accountability; you and your professors get to know each other so well that they can tell when you're giving your best. And they always expect it, because they want you to succeed as much as you do. Read more on pages 10-11.



Programs

Anthropology
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Art History
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Chemistry
Classical Studies
Communications
Computer Science

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Economics

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German
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Law
Literature

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Philosophy
Political Science
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Veterinary

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Sociology

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Visual Arts

Women & Gender Studies
Writing
Yoga

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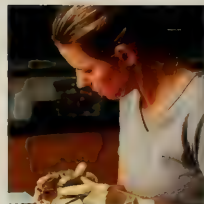
Education: You have a total of 11 years of teaching experience as early as your first year without leaving campus at our Campus School, where four- and five-year-olds from the community attend preschool and kindergarten. Additionally, education at Sweet Briar is a five-year, dual-degree program: All Sweet Briar education students complete an undergraduate degree and a Master of Arts in Teaching.



The sciences and math: It's a fact—50 percent more women graduate with degrees in math and the sciences from women's colleges than from coed institutions. At Sweet Briar, you can examine, analyze, and investigate in labs and with equipment like our nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer starting your first year.



Self-Designed Major: With faculty approval, you can create your own major by combining courses from different disciplines into a curriculum. Past SDMs have included medieval studies, peace and conflict studies, and musical theatre.



Pre-Med/Pre-Vet: Our graduates' acceptance rate to medical school is excellent: 80 percent over the past 10 years, well above the national average. Their veterinary school acceptance rate is even better: 100 percent.

"The discussions are very informal, very

The arts: A short walk from the heart of campus is the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the country's only residential artist colony on a college campus. Professional writers, artists, composers, and choreographers from the VCCA contribute regularly to Sweet Briar classes, exhibitions, and performances. They eagerly share their experience and insight, and even mentor students.

Engineering: Earn a degree in Engineering Science or Integrated Engineering and Management in four years at Sweet Briar. Or spend three years at Sweet Briar and two at Virginia Tech, Columbia, or another of our partner universities, and earn *two* degrees, including one in mechanical, civil, or another engineering discipline.

Government: Why wait to gain experience? Recent student internship sites include the White House, U.S. Congress, U.S. Supreme Court, Virginia state legislature, U.S. Army, city of Lynchburg, law firms, and special-interest groups.



For more information about Sweet Briar's academic programs, visit www.academics.sbc.edu/depts.html.

laid back... just an open sharing of
knowledge... very, very awesome."

—Carlina Muglia '07,
history and psychology

Why stop at one area of study?

It's common for our students to complete minors, double majors, or double majors with a minor. Just ask these students:

Abby Adams '06 (Ellicott City, MD),
a biology major, chemistry major, and
equestrienne who is completing the
pre-veterinary program

Sara Coffey '06 (Anderson, SC),
who is majoring in dance and government
and pursuing an arts management certificate

Julia Drake '06 (San Jose, CA),
a field hockey player majoring in studio art
and minoring in art history

Monique Sample '05 (Richmond, VA),
a sociology major, business management
minor, and member of five tap clubs

"Venir en France, surtout avec Sweet Briar, a été une des meilleures décisions de ma vie. Je n'oublierai jamais cette année."

Inside off-campus study

**Voyez le monde comme un Français ...
o un español ... ovvero un Italiano ...**

Ask around about Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France and Junior Year in Spain programs, and you'll quickly learn that they're among the world's best. Each year, nearly 200 JYF and JYS students live with host families and attend classes at universities in France or Spain—all for the cost of one year at Sweet Briar. We have fully staffed offices in each country, giving students a helping hand and a direct link to home. You can also choose from dozens of other off-campus study programs, domestically and abroad.

www.jyf.sbc.edu, www.jys.sbc.edu, www.international.sbc.edu

"Coming to France, especially with Sweet Briar, was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I will never forget this year."

Inside research

Inquiring minds want to research

Each year, dozens of inquisitive Sweet Briar first-years and upperclasswomen conduct original research, typically under the guidance of a faculty member. Students regularly publish their findings and present at national conferences and the annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship (MARCUS) held at Sweet Briar. Recent student research topics include:

- The synthesis of platinum and palladium compounds to enhance cancer-fighting drugs
- The American chestnut tree's resistance to chestnut blight
- The relationship between sexuality and religion in ancient Greek and Roman cultures
- An examination of magnetic field structure and the motion of shocks within active galactic nuclei
- The advances of the feminist movement in China since 1995

www.sbc.edu/research





Inside the Honors Program

Another level of learning

The Sweet Briar Honors Program caters to your curiosity while enhancing the intellectual climate on campus through public seminars and conferences. Honors courses are often interdisciplinary and, consequently, are team-taught by faculty from different departments. The program also includes honors variants and sections of regularly offered courses, research fellowships through the Honors Summer Research Program, and a senior thesis.

www.honors.sbc.edu



SWEET BRIAR HONOR PLEDGE

Sweet Briar women do not lie, cheat, steal,
or violate the rights of others.

Therefore, I pledge to uphold all standards
of honorable conduct. I will report
myself and others for any infraction of this pledge.

The Sweet Briar Honor Pledge

Adopted in 1909, the student-initiated and student-enforced Honor System represents the trust, respect, and responsibility at the heart of the Sweet Briar community. All students sign our Honor Pledge, and it hangs in every classroom. But what does it mean for you? Here's an example: It is standard practice for faculty to let you pick up a closed-book exam and complete it at your favorite study spot.



"We treat our students as protégés. There is a strong dynamic of mentoring because we engage our students in our own intellectual endeavors."

*—Dr. Jonathan Green, dean and
vice president for academic affairs*

"My professors truly want me to succeed."

Watch our faculty members interact with students, and you'll quickly see that their relationships are truly special, marked by mutual interest, respect, trust, and care. At Sweet Briar, our professors want exactly what you want: for you to learn and to succeed. And they'll do everything they can to help you do so, from talking to you individually about your assignments to accommodating your learning style.

Here's another way you can see how much students mean to our faculty: Ask a Sweet Briar professor to tell you about students from five, 10, 20 years ago. Then sit back in amazement as they share stories ranging from their first class together to students' current careers.

"We learn from our professors, and our professors learn from us."

Our professors think of themselves as partners in learning, making a Sweet Briar education a two-way street. "Professors at Sweet Briar realize that knowledge is something to be shared, not flaunted," says Catherine (Cat) Scheer '04. They, like you, want to question and explore. So if you hear the dean is in one of your classes, it's not a joke—he's taken seven classes since coming to Sweet Briar in 1996.



Teachers, scholars, researchers, and more

You'll be impressed by the friendliness and warmth of our faculty members, but you'll be even more impressed by their accomplishments and ambition outside the classroom. You'll find that these achievements make them not only experts in their fields, but also better teachers, able to speak with firsthand knowledge and a level of experience that bring lessons to life. Our faculty members include:

- **Dr. Lincoln P. Brower**, biology, a leading authority on the monarch butterfly
- **Dr. Jonathan Green**, music, official composer for the "100 Years of Flight" celebration in Kitty Hawk, NC
- **John Gregory Brown** and **Carrie Brown**, English and creative writing, award-winning novelists
- **Dr. Barbara Perry**, government, a national authority on the Supreme Court
- **Dr. Claudia Chang**, anthropology, who has conducted archaeological digs in Kazakhstan

Sweet Briar College has been recognized as...

- One of the top 65 national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of the country's most engaging educational environments by the National Survey of Student Engagement
- One of the top 20 schools in the nation for classes that encourage discussion, quality of life, and student satisfaction with financial aid by *The Princeton Review*
- One of the top 328 "character-building colleges" in the country by the Templeton Foundation



About 40 percent of our faculty, staff, and administrators live on campus. But even for their colleagues, Sweet Briar feels like home. You'll see department chairs cheering on the Vixens, librarians giving guitar and fly-fishing lessons, and faculty from across campus eating lunch together each day.

Insider advice

At Sweet Briar, we make sure you're fully aware of all your opportunities. Before you arrive on campus, an advisor is ready to help you chart your time here. And when you declare a major, you'll switch to a professor in your area of interest, with whom you can talk about classes, activities, requirements, and more.

On the inside ...

Sweet Briar clubs and organizations

Academics

American Chemical Society
Collegium (classical studies)
French Club
German Club
Italian Club
Pre-Med Health Society
Psychology Club
Society of Physics Students
Spanish Club
Student Affiliate of the American
Chemical Society (SAACS)
Student Virginia Education Association
(SVEA)

Governance

Campus Events Organization
Inter-Club Council
Student Government Association

Honoraries

Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year students)
Alpha Psi Omega (theatre)
Eta Sigma Pi (classics)
Iota Sigma Pi (women chemists)
Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership)
Phi Alpha Delta (law)
Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts and sciences)
Psi Chi (psychology)
Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)

Media

The Briar Patch (yearbook)
Red Clay (literary magazine)
The Sweet Briar Voice (newspaper)
WNRS-FM

Special interests

Anime
Campus Christian Fellowship
Campus Spirituality Coalition
Cheerleaders
Circle K (Kiwanis International)
College Democrats
College Republicans
Ethics Bowl
Habitat for Humanity
Kaleidoscope (GLBT)
Left Over Hippies
Nations United
Oxfam
Pannell Gallery Docents
Riding Council
Student Environmental Organization
Transfer Student Association
Vixen PAWS

Start a club. Set school policy. Go for a run. Serve the community. Lead stu

Looking for something to do on campus?

Get comfy for "Pizza and a Movie" at Reid Pit.

Have a ball—intramural kickball and flag football, that is.

Hear speakers such as Maya Angelou, Salman Rushdie, Jane Goodall, and Carl Bernstein.

Soak up the rays while hearing great music at a Dell Party.

Laugh your cares away during a comedy show at the Bistro.

Spot your Sweet Briar sisters during Flashlight Tag.

Catch a play or dance performance at the Babcock Fine Arts Center.

Ring in April with the four-day Spring Fling.

Admire the works in the Pannell Center Art Gallery.

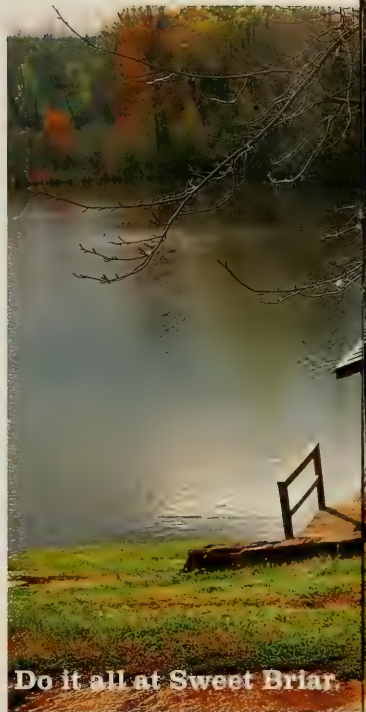
Relax to the rhythm of a poetry reading in the Book Shop Café.





To our students, deciding the future of Sweet Briar College is serious business, but it's also a lot of fun. As campus leaders and committee members, our women make Sweet Briar a better place for themselves and future generations of students.

nt government. Delight a crowd. Voice your opinions. Do it all at Sweet Briar.



Dell Parties bring great bands—and guys—to campus.



Salman Rushdie visited campus and shared his thoughts with Sweet Briar students as part of our International Writers Series.



Sweet Briar women gain experience in jobs and internships on campus, in Washington, D.C., and all over the country.



You can bike, hike, run, and ride horses on our 18 miles of trails.

"Co-curricular activities dominate my spare time."

By now you know that Sweet Briar is challenging, rigorous, "tough." But we promise you won't spend all of your time in class or studying. Nor do we want you to. One of the best parts of college is getting involved. Maybe it's in one of your hobbies, like music, dance, or riding horses. Or a new activity you think could be fun, like working on the yearbook or going kayaking or building a Habitat house.

We call these experiences co-curricular life, but it's much more than a name. It's a philosophy of education that believes true learning extends well beyond classroom walls. And for Sweet Briar women, it's an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and to grow as leaders—roles that, at coed schools, are often filled by men.



On the inside ...

"Sweet Briar students are multitaskers."

It's easy to get involved at Sweet Briar. The hard part is finding enough hours in the day. We're still not exactly sure how our students do it, but we assume it involves passion for their interests, excellent time management skills, and, every now and then, a good dose of caffeine.



**“Our students
work hard,
but they know
how to throw
a mean party.”**

Get to know our 3,250 acres

During orientation week, new students get to know each other and our campus through our **Learning on the Land** program. Led by professors, these sessions look at the Sweet Briar environment from perspectives as diverse as chemistry, history, writing, and dance. Students go on scavenger hunts using Global Positioning Systems, carve and play bamboo flutes, learn to ride horses, and tape SBTV segments for the Web.

Through the **Sweet Briar Outdoor Program** (SWEBOP—pronounced SWEE-bop), students, faculty, and staff experience the wonders and challenges of the great outdoors, at Sweet Briar and elsewhere. In addition to teaching nature conservation and survival skills, SWEBOP programs include rock climbing, hiking, skiing, fishing, whitewater rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and caving.

"Go Sweet!"

Playing sports at Sweet Briar takes enthusiasm and intensity. Every day, our student-athletes take to the field, pool, or court and compete. Hard. With passion and excitement and pride and love of the game. And they regularly come up winners.

This intensity carries over to the classroom—and everything our student-athletes do. Just ask Joe Malloy, who supervises Ginger Tripp '05 in the interlibrary loan office. "Ginger attacks her job like she attacks a goalie," he says. According to Ginger, a lacrosse co-captain and versatile field hockey player, "You can get your homework done, have a social life, and get a job on campus if you want. At Sweet Briar, you can fit it all in."



Sweet Briar Vixens

Named for
The female fox

Affiliation
NCAA Division III
Old Dominion Athletic
Conference

Varsity teams
Field hockey
Lacrosse
Baseball
Softball
Rowing/sailing
Tennis
Volleyball

Club teams
Fencing



www.athletics.sbc.edu



Equestrienne extraordinaire

Lendon Gray '71 knows a thing or two about riding. A lifelong rider and Sweet Briar standout, she's also a two-time Olympian, and she represented the United States at the World Championships and the World Cup. Now she shares her knowledge with students at Gleneden Dressage. "I gained a lot from my years at Sweet Briar," says Lendon, who, after graduation, taught riding here for nearly four years. "It gave me that little something extra over future competitors."

"Riding is our equivalent to Virginia Tech football."

Our equestrian program is one of the best in the nation, year in and year out. Over the last 25 years, our riders have won nine Affiliated National Riding Commission National Intercollegiate Championships and eight Reserve Championships. Our riders are primed for success after graduation, too. Many complete the equine studies certificate with an emphasis in hunter/jumper/equitation, training/schooling young horses, or hunter-oriented cross country. www.riding.sbc.edu



Our riding program isn't just for champion riders. About 40 novice riders join in on the fun each year.

"Other schools said, 'Our barn is nice, but it's not as good as Sweet Briar's.'"

During her visits to other schools as a high school senior, Susan O'Brien '06 quickly learned that Sweet Briar's riding facilities are the standard for comparison. When she saw our Rogers Riding Center, she understood why. The best word she could find to describe it: "magnificent." Here's what makes our riding center one of the country's best:

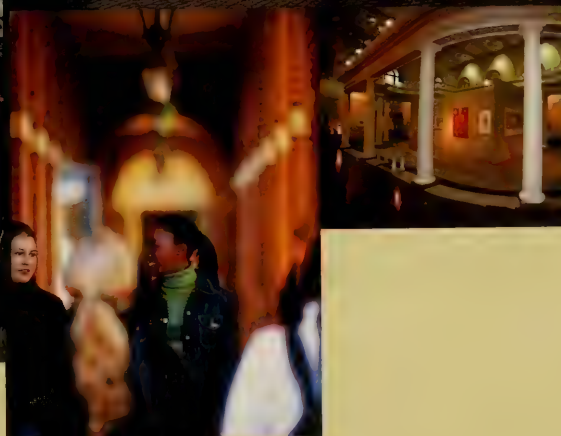
- A 120' by 300' indoor arena with Perma-Flex™ footing
- Three spacious outdoor rings
- Stables for more than 75 college- and student-owned horses
- Seven teaching and schooling fields, a 25-acre hunter trials field, a field of jumps, and a lake ring
- 100 acres of pasture
- 16 miles of riding trails



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Our campus is
so gorgeous, it
will leave you
speechless.



On the inside...



On the inside, the view is breathtaking.

See Sweet Briar from the inside.

The best way to get to know us is to experience Sweet Briar for yourself. You can tour our wonderful campus, sit in on a class discussion, and meet with faculty in your area of interest. Our students would welcome the opportunity to show you around. To schedule a visit, contact us at 800.381.6142, admissions@sbc.edu, or www.sbc.edu/admissions/visit.



"This is exactly what I wanted my college experience to look like."

Some places just have to be seen to be believed. Mount Everest. The Taj Mahal. And yes, Sweet Briar's campus. We're not one of the world wonders. But once you drive inside our gates, you'll see the quintessential college campus we've created on our 3,250 acres. (That's equal to about five square miles, four Central Parks, or five acres for each of our students.)

We could go on for pages about our Georgian Revival architecture, six nature sanctuaries, two lakes, cabin, 18 miles of trails, and other exceptional campus features, but we'll let the pictures do the talking.



Walk on the grass

To our science students, our campus is a living lab; to painters and writers, a source of inspiration; to riders, galloping grounds. Our campus is here for you to experience, not just to look at.

Inside our campus

Architect Ralph Adams Cram, whose work graces the campuses of Princeton, MIT, West Point, Rice, and the University of Richmond, designed several of our first buildings. Twenty-one of our 30 buildings have been designated as the Sweet Briar College National Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places.

Sweet Briar is full of great study spaces—nice shade trees in the summer, the Bistro's fireplace in the winter. And a quiet corner in Cochran Library is always in season.

"It's a Sweet Briar thing. You wouldn't understand."

Some people call our traditions silly. We call them charming.

And after you've experienced our traditions for yourself, you're likely to call them one of your favorite parts of life at Sweet Briar.

"It doesn't have to be Halloween to wear a costume at Sweet Briar."

Here are some of our most memorable and outrageous Sweet Briar traditions:



Named for the "tapping" on the shoulders of new students, the **tap clubs** have been described as "sororities. Sweet Briar-style." You can be a member of several tap clubs, which unite Sweet Briar women with common interests—the Sweet Tones, for example, perform concerts across campus and in the community. And, except for the Taps 'n' Toes, each has a rival club to playfully pester.



A soon-to-be-alumna proudly wears her decorative **senior robe** to special events on campus. She adds a button, patch, or other symbol of her time at Sweet Briar before passing down the robe to a junior of her choice.



On the night before finals start, called **Scream Night**, students meet in the Quad to relieve pre-test stress. They scream throughout the tolling of the 10 p.m. bell and then enjoy cookies and other treats.

Our traditions are fun, but they're also a well-deserved break!

Inside Sweet Briar's history

A strong believer in women's education, Indiana Fletcher Williams gave her estate to found Sweet Briar College in 1901. She did so in memory of her only daughter, Daisy, who died at age 16 in 1884. The College takes its name from the Sweet Briar Rose, which was grown on the Williams estate.

If you like this introduction to our traditions, you'll love our upcoming mailing that has even more inside information. Watch your mailbox.

Colors fly during the **Hitching Post Fight**, when sophomores attempt to cover the first-years' hitching post in paint, and first-years try to do the same to the sophomores' rock.



Juniors make flower-and-candle lanterns to honor the seniors, who join them for an evening walk around the Quad known as **Lantern Bearing**.





from the hard work of a rigorous college education.

"Everybody is a name on a cup."

From the decorating of cups for first-year students to the annual Founders' Day trek to Monument Hill, our traditions are, in many ways, the glue holding Sweet Briar together. They're the difference between community and family; they forge sisterly bonds and lifelong memories. When 50-year alumnae return to campus, don their Sweet Briar robes, and grace the Quad with a song, we're not surprised. We practically expect it.

Living inside Sweet Briar

Decorating your room is one of the best parts of moving into your Sweet Briar residence hall. The combination of what you bring with you and what you add during your time here makes your room unlike anyone else's—it's uniquely you. Stroll down the hall and you'll see 20 other rooms, each with different pictures, posters, and keepsakes—each a reflection of the women who live there.

Your Sweet Briar experience will be “uniquely you,” too. Along the way, many individuals will influence your path—part of the beauty of Sweet Briar College. Often, these friendships begin in our residence halls. You'll get to know your roommate, your resident coordinator, and the girls across the hall. Your first-year assistant will be there to introduce you and other first-year students to life at Sweet Briar. And, in one of Sweet Briar's best traditions, juniors pair themselves with first-years to show you the ropes—and to leave surprise baskets of treats outside your door.



For everyday dining, visit Prothro Hall with its graceful dining rooms and wonderful views of campus. The more intimate Bistro serves burgers, fries, pizza, snacks, drinks, and other favorites.

What to bring

You and your roommate may have different styles—you may be more IKEA. she may be more Pottery Barn—but deciding who's going to bring what is a good way to get acquainted. You may want to start with the TV, DVD player, stereo, or mini-fridge. For a list of essential “to bring” items, visit www.sbc.edu/reslife/roombring.html.

A safe and secure environment

Sweet Briar's campus is extremely safe, due in large part to our self-contained location and responsible students. Our women feel comfortable setting down their book bags while they grab a bite to eat or stroll around the Book Shop, but they're also mindful of personal safety. Looking out for the entire Sweet Briar community is the Department of Safety, which offers 24-hour police protection seven days a week, a security checkpoint at the entrance gate, security patrols, escort and shuttle services, generous campus lighting, and multiple emergency phones. In addition, all residence halls are locked 24/7.

Inside housing options



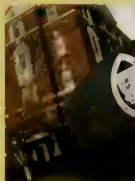
Carson Hall
Mainly singles, triples, and quads; porch with large rocking chairs; founded 1906



Dew Hall
Mostly sophomores; basement study lounge called the E.B. Room



Grammer Hall*
Mainly doubles; founded 1912; the basement was Sweet Briar's first gym



Manson Hall
Quads; founded 1910; recently renovated; large, open kitchen



Meta Glass Hall*
Mainly doubles; also houses SWEBOP offices and the post office

*First-year students typically live in these halls.



First-year students set most of their living policies by floor vote, deciding collectively on preferences such as quiet hours and male visitation. For the latter, students can choose among three options: www.sbc.edu/reslife/visitation.html



Patten House
Independent living for upper-classwomen



Randolph Hall
Two TV lounges; pool table; founded 1908; recently renovated



Reid Hall
Smoke-free; houses WNRS-FM, newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine; Reid Pit student lounge

From furniture to fish

A few things you should know about our residence halls:

- Rooms include singles and doubles, as well as triples and quads that each have a common living area. Most first-year students live in doubles.
- Each room includes twin beds, dressers with mirrors, a bookcase, desks, shades, and closets, as well as a telephone with voicemail, free basic cable television, and Ethernet connections. (Premium cable is available for a small fee.) Most halls have a television lounge and a kitchen. Coin-operated laundry facilities are located in the basements of Dew and Meta Glass and in the laundromat next to the Bistro.
- With the exception of fish, turtles, and hermit crabs, no pets are allowed.

30,000 college guys*

and other local attractions

We're a women's college, but it's not an all-women state.

True, you won't have classes with guys. But that doesn't mean they're nowhere to be found. Within two hours' drive of Sweet Briar are more than 30,000 male undergrads on nine campuses. And they're not all coed: Hampden-Sydney College is all male, and 94 percent of the Virginia Military Institute's cadets are male. You'll have ample opportunity to meet and hang out with guys.

**give or take a few hundred*

Concerts, sporting events, conferences, lecture series, exhibits, performances, and more—at Sweet Briar and other nearby colleges and universities, you can always find something cool to do.

For more information about events at Sweet Briar and other local colleges, visit www.sbc.edu/calendar.



Our surroundings sure are something.

We're not in a city or metropolitan area, but to say "in the middle of nowhere" is to ignore acres upon acres of natural beauty, centuries of American history, and lots of great opportunities to have fun. You can:

- Check out the music and shopping scene in 40,000-person Charlottesville.
- Stretch your legs on the Appalachian Trail.
- See recent releases at Lynchburg's 10-screen dollar cinema.
- Take road trips to Baltimore, Charlotte, and Washington, D.C.
- Visit homes fit for presidents (Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe, to be exact).
- Dance with a future officer at the Virginia Military Institute.
- Sail the sky in a hot-air balloon.
- Explore Richmond's Carytown (shopping), Shockoe Slip (dining), and other great neighborhoods and cultural attractions.
- Pay your respects at Civil War battlefields and the National D-Day Memorial.
- Sit back and enjoy the rides at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Paramount's Kings Dominion, and Water Country USA.
- Hit the white-water rapids in the summer or the ski slopes in the winter.



- Test your taste buds at Virginia's best wineries.
- Bargain-hunt for music and treats on late-night runs to Wal-Mart.



James Madison University
80 miles



University of Virginia
51 miles

Charlottesville

Monticello and
Ash Lawn-Highland
(homes of Presidents
Jefferson and Monroe)
55 miles



Busch Gardens
175 miles



Washington, DC
165 miles

Baltimore, MD
206 miles

Appalachian Trail

Virginia Military Institute
36 miles

Washington & Lee University
36 miles

Virginia Tech
101 miles

Roanoke College
75 miles

Lynchburg College
16 miles

Lynchburg
12 miles

Longwood University
60 miles

Hampden-Sydney College
66 miles

Charlotte, NC
210 miles

Map not drawn to scale.



"Empowering women to lead productive, important, and moral lives"

The most powerful outcome of a Sweet Briar education isn't high placement numbers, great jobs, or prestigious graduate degrees—although our students earn all three. It's the feeling that you're ready to go out and make your mark. It's the confidence and empowerment that comes with a quality education and wide-open possibilities. The portfolio of experience and opportunities you build at Sweet Briar will serve you immediately after graduation and empower you for a lifetime.

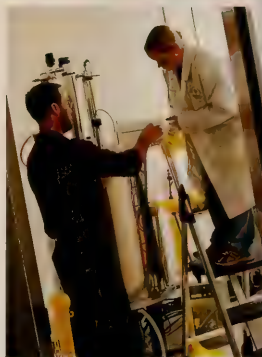
"The quality of research conducted by our students has allowed them to compete for and obtain admission to the nation's top graduate programs. In the last three years alone, we have placed our graduates into programs at Harvard, Caltech, and Princeton. Nearly all of our chemistry majors are accepted into one of the top 20 graduate programs."

—Dr. Robert Granger, associate professor of chemistry

Think about my career? Already?

Right now, researching potential employers and graduate schools may sound about as appealing as driving your mom's minivan. At Sweet Briar, we're already thinking about your next steps. Our broad-based curriculum and hands-on experiences give you a strong foundation for your career, whether professional or academic. And starting your first year, our Career Services Center will help you understand your strengths, discover your passion, and find your dream job or graduate school.

www.studentactivities.sbc.edu/cocurricularlife/esc



"Where does Sweet Briar continue to find such outstanding students?! Send us more!"

—Clerk's Office, U.S. Supreme Court

Here's what our Sweet Briar women have been up to

Entrepreneurship &

American Dance Festival
Apple Computer
El Colegio de Sta. Joaquina de Vedruna, Seville, Spain
C-SPAN
Harvard University
Jackson Laboratory
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Merck
NASA
National Dance Institute
National Institutes of Health
New York Theatre Workshop
Princeton University
Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Sarah Skaggs Dance
Smithsonian Institution
Society of London Theatre, London, UK
Stanford University
Sweet Briar Museum
Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest
U.S. Supreme Court
WUSA Channel 9 (Washington, D.C.)
White House

PricewaterhouseCoopers
State of Virginia Public Schools
Teach for America
University of Virginia Health Sciences Center
U.S. Congress
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Navy
Wachovia
World Bank

Advanced studies in

Asian studies at Hawaii
Biochemistry at Harvard, Stanford, and Yale
Biomedical physics at UCLA
Business at Virginia
Chemistry at California Institute of Technology
Computer science at Boston University
Counseling psychology at Virginia Commonwealth
Creative writing at Emerson College
Dance performance and choreography at NYU
Divinity at the University of Chicago
Economics at Oxford
Foreign service at Georgetown
Industrial and organizational psychology at the University of New Haven
Law at Kentucky, Maryland, Emory, and Yale
Medicine at George Washington, Johns Hopkins, and Tufts
Museum archival studies at George Washington
Musicology at Duke
Neuroscience at The Rockefeller University
Pharmacology and medicinal chemistry at Rutgers
Physics at Illinois
Rehabilitation counseling at Columbia
Veterinary medicine at NC State

Inside life after Sweet Briar

How's this for success: By graduation 2003, 64 percent of Sweet Briar graduates had accepted jobs, been admitted to graduate or professional school, or otherwise reached their immediate goals, compared to the national average of 50 percent. This percentage of our graduates rose to 92 after six months; the national average at seven months was 80 percent. Of the Sweet Briar graduates who went directly to graduate school, 20 percent were accepted into Ph.D. programs—nearly double the percentage of our peer institutions.



Your 13,000 Sweet Briar sisters

The bond among Sweet Briar women is incredibly strong. Our "alumnae network" spans generations; alumnae of all ages remain exceptionally interested in our students and campus happenings. Through our Alumna-in-Residence program, accomplished alumnae return to campus to tell students about their careers, life after Sweet Briar, and the power of a Sweet Briar degree.

Careers &

Archaeological Institute of America
Centers for Disease Control
DaimlerChrysler
Ernst & Young
FBI
General Motors
IBM
Johnson & Johnson
Library of Congress
Lockheed Martin
National Museum of American History
Peace Corps

Let us know how we can help.

We're just a call or click away. Call 800.381.6142, write to admissions@sb.edu, or visit www.sbc.edu/admissions.

Your next five steps to Sweet Briar

1. Visit campus.

OK, this isn't a required step. But it is the best way to really get to know Sweet Briar. It's also a great way for us to become personally acquainted with you. You can come for an overnight visit, one of our Open Houses, or a personalized visit. Your family can even stay on campus at the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center. You can reach us to plan your visit at 800.381.6142, admissions@sb.edu, or www.sbc.edu/admissions/visit.

Plan to go on one of our daily campus tours, and be sure to schedule a welcoming interview with an admissions representative. Trust us, you'll love your stay.

2. Take the SAT or ACT.

Send your scores to Sweet Briar using code 5634 for the SAT or code 4406 for the ACT.

3. Apply.

Submit your application form, essay, guidance counselor recommendation letter, teacher recommendation letter, transcripts, and application fee. You can apply online at www.sbc.edu/admissions/apply. Early Decision applications must be mailed by November 25; Regular Decision applications must be mailed by January 25.

4. Wait for more news.

It can be nerve-racking, but bear with us. We mail letters of acceptance between February and April 1.

5. Choose Sweet Briar.

May 1 is the deadline to reserve your place for the fall semester. See you in January!

If you've applied for admission to Sweet Briar, then you've automatically applied for our merit scholarships. We'll send you an award letter if you qualify.



Virginia residents

All Virginia residents attending Sweet Briar are eligible for two grants, the \$7,500 Sweet Briar Award for Virginia Residents and the \$2,500 Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant—together, worth \$10,000. Call 800.381.6156 for details.

Planning now could pay off.

College is expensive, but it's a lot less expensive than many families think. Sweet Briar families who qualify for need-based assistance receive an average of about \$18,000 of aid each year, and many of our students earn academic scholarships based on high-school performance. We can estimate how much financial aid your family will qualify for. Fill out an Early Estimate form, available from our Office of Financial Aid at 800.381.6156 or www.sbc.edu/admissions/money, and you'll have a head start on planning your family's financial future.

Sweet Briar scholarships

Scholarship	Worth up to
Founders'	\$15,000
Prothro	\$15,000
Commonwealth	\$15,000
Betty Bean Black	\$13,000
Sweet Briar	\$8,000
Fletcher	Varies

Scholarship amounts are based on 2003 figures.

Inside Sweet Briar College

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Students, fall 2001

On-campus: 571

Off-campus: 138

Total enrollment: 709

First-year students

SAT middle 50 percent: 1020-1230

ACT middle 50 percent: 23-28

Top 10 percent of high school class: 27%

Faculty

Permanent full-time: 71

Ph.D. or terminal degree: 97%

Student/faculty ratio: 7:1

Classes

Taught by full-time faculty: 80%

Fewer than 20 students: 90%

Academic programs

More than 40 major, minor, and certificate programs.

See pages 5 for a full list.

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After graduation

Six months after graduation, 98 percent of Sweet Briar alumnae have jobs or are pursuing graduate degrees, more than 12 percent above the national average.

Financial assistance 2003-2004

Students receiving institutional

financial assistance: 86%

Average award for students qualifying for need-based assistance: \$18,198

Average grant

(includes merit scholarships): \$13,761

Average loan: \$4,267

Average job authorization: \$968

Total scholarships/grants awarded to Sweet Briar students from all sources

\$6,219,796

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Smarts. Brainpower. Intelligence. Whatever you call it, we women have more than our share. It's little wonder, then, that an education at a women's college can be more enriching, engaging, and hands-on than the education at a coed school. At Sweet Briar College, we've had the needs and challenges of women in mind and at heart for more than 100 years.



"My professors truly want me to succeed."

It sounds cliché, but at Sweet Briar it's absolutely true: Your success—as a student and as a person—are our top priorities.

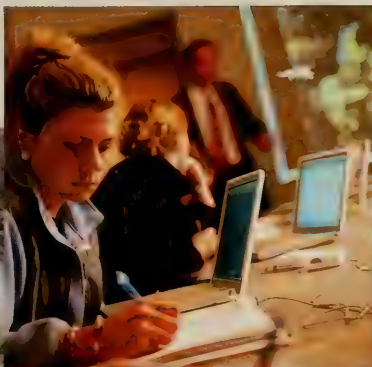
"There are no roadblocks to stop you."

From degrees in traditionally male-dominated fields such as the sciences to exceptional programs in education, engineering, writing, government, and equine studies, Sweet Briar's academic programs help you become the woman you want to be.

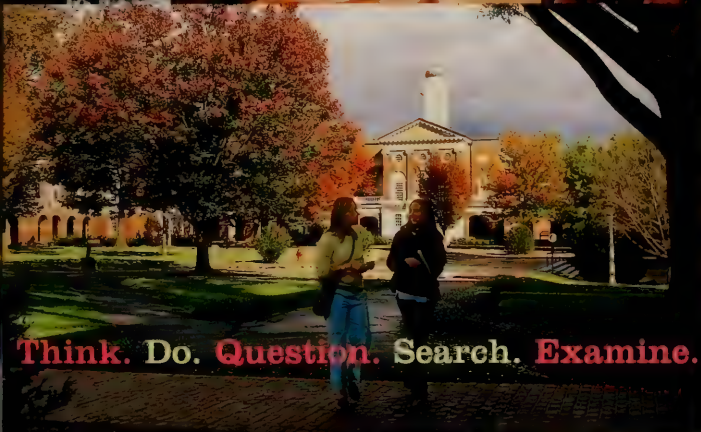
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We're there when you need us and when you don't realize you need us. Credit our caring campus community and 7:1 student/faculty ratio.

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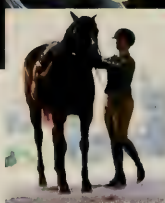
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Think. Do. Question. Search. Examine. Belong. Succeed. Live.



Our campus is the most beautiful laboratory and fitness center you'll ever see.



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"It's what I wanted my college experience to look like."

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"Sweet Briar students get the most out of their education."

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Arts Management**
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Secondary Licensure
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Environmental Studies (B.A.)
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Film Studies*
Fine Arts
French
German
German Studies
Government
History
International Affairs
Italian*
Italian Studies
Law & Society*
Liberal Studies
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Mathematics-Physics
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& Literatures
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Psychology
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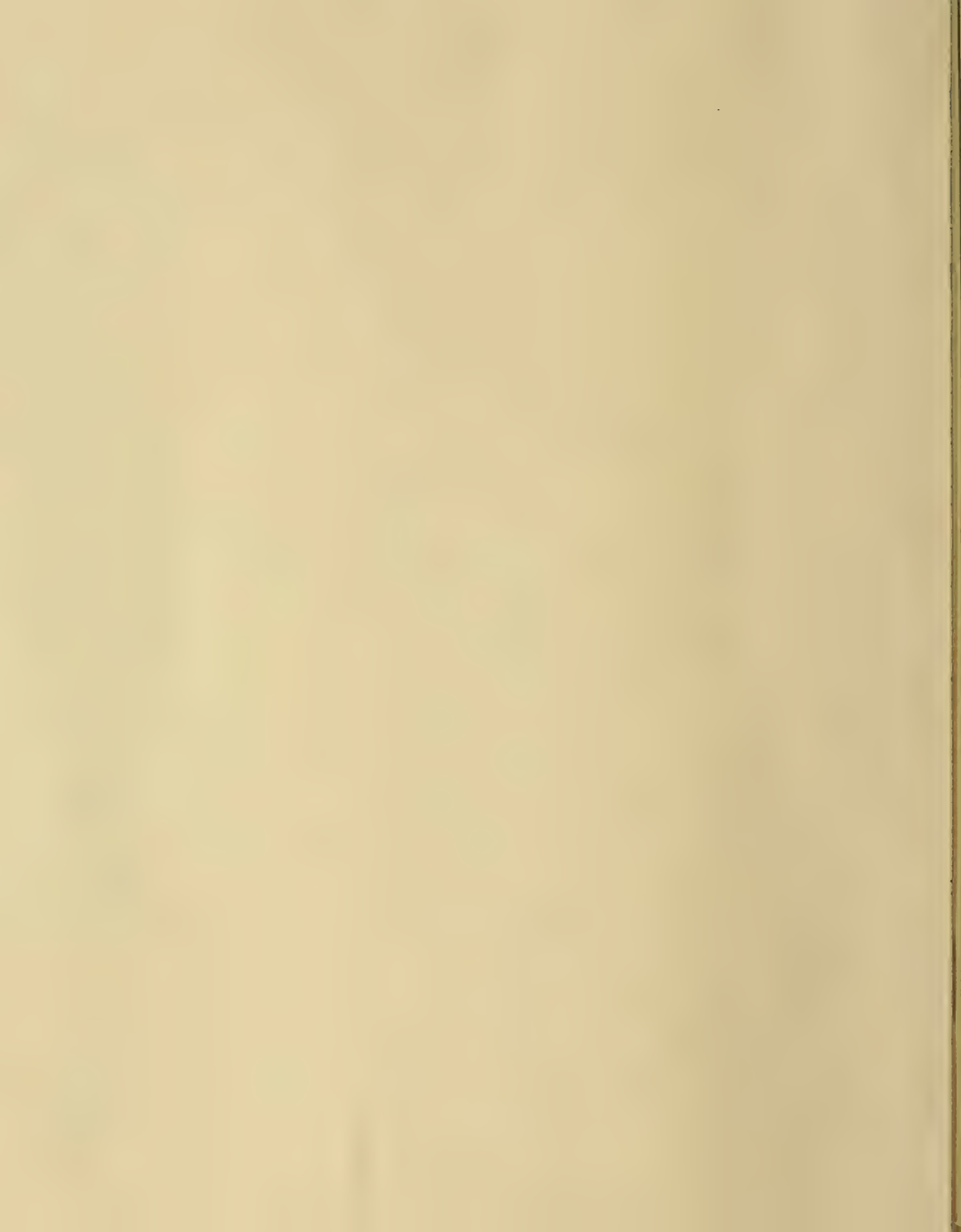
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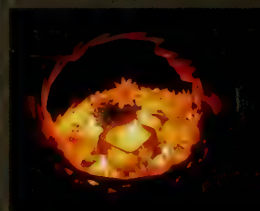


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Answer
to everything
May 1971

1971 *The Insider's Guide*





Sweet Briar College

The Insider's Guide to Sweet Briar College

Think about how you and your family celebrate holidays. Or birthdays. Reflect on your family traditions, the unusual activities that mean so much to you but may seem completely strange to people outside your family. Or simply walk through the rituals of your daily life to see what's important to you. It's easy to see that traditions, celebrations and rituals, give a sense of place, meaning, value—and fun.

At Sweet Briar, you will mark dozens of experiences through our memorable traditions and ceremonies. It's obvious that they're fun. Take, for example, our paint-flinging Hitching Post Fight, playful tap clubs, and tongue-in-cheek Faculty Show. You can tell how enjoyable they are just by looking at the following pages.

But our traditions are also full of life and meaning. They're part of our continuing heritage. You and your Sweet Briar sisters are united by shared experience—a bond that no amount of time or distance can take away. This is why our alumnae come back 10, 25, 50 years after they graduate to sing in the Quad—because Sweet Briar holds a special place in their hearts.

This book is your sneak peek into our campus customs, some touching, some quirky. As you read, we hope you'll consider how it feels to be part of such a remarkable community, traditions and all.

{Notes}

**Here are some
of our most
valued traditions.**

Academic excellence, individual attention, leadership and research opportunities, competitive athletics and riding programs, exceptional job and graduate school placement, respect and responsibility, and a gorgeous campus are hallmarks of the Sweet Briar experience.

A class all your own

The first Sweet Briar traditions you experience will be your class traditions, a bond between you and your fellow first-year students that grows stronger every year.



Sister and rival classes

The juniors adopt the first-years as little sisters, introducing you to life at Sweet Briar. You'll compete against the sophomores, your rivals, in Step Singing and the paint-flinging Hitching Post Fight. Then, as a sophomore, you can tease the next class of first-years.



The first of many: *Within weeks of arriving to campus, you'll receive a personalized cup, decorated by one of your junior sisters.*

Class ring

*Elliptical shape
makes it easy to spot
fellow alumnae;
similar design for
nearly 100 years*

Gold or silver base

*Gemstone
in your
class's color*

*Sweet Briar
College seal*



*Order it fall semester of junior year; receive
it at the Junior Banquet in the spring*



Flying colors: *In the Hitching Post Fight, sophomores try to paint their class colors on the first-years' Hitching Post while first-years try to do the same to the Sophomore Rock. The first-years usually win.*

{Notes}

Class mottos, colors, and symbols rotate every four years.

Class of	2009, 2013,...	2010, 2014,...	2011, 2015,...	2012, 2016,...
Motto	Honor ante honores ("Honor before reward")	Ne obliviscamur ("Lest we forget")	Spectamur agendo ("We are proven by our actions")	Factum non verbum ("Actions not words")
Colors	Peacock blue and green	Green and black	Delft blue and black	Purple and gold
Symbol	Peacock	Oak tree	Lion	Swan

“Sororities, Sweet Briar-style”

Named for the symbolic taping on the shoulders of new initiates, tap clubs date back to the first entering class (Paint and Patches being the first club formed). Each club's members, typically upperclasswomen, share their common talents and interests with the Sweet Briar community.



Mad hatters: You can spot tap club members (and tell which clubs they're in) by their decorated, personalized hats, worn the day of a tap club event or after making a "drop" of treats.

Burn Chum's hats include an upside-down "QV," spoofing their rival club.

Tap club members still find time for mischief and merriment in the form of silly costumes, hats, skits, and songs and by playfully pestering their “rival” group:

The service-minded **Bum Chums** seek out the clandestine, joy-spreading **QVs**.

The theatrical **Paint and Patches** try to outperform the smart-alecky skit masters, the **Aints and Asses**.

The **Chung Mungs**, queens of campus activities, strive to outwit the academic **Tau Phis**.

The fun-loving **Earphones** attempt to drown out the a cappella, angel-voiced **Sweet Tones**.

And the **Taps 'n' Toes** dance to their own tune.

Typically, tap clubs handpick their members, but each club has its own membership rules. The Paint and Patches, for example, welcome all theatre enthusiasts, whereas first-year students vote for their most spirited and sociable classmates to become QVs as sophomores. You can be a member of several tap clubs, but most students enjoy the clubs' antics from afar.



Tau Phis



Chung Mungs



Earphones



Sweet Tones



Taps 'n' Toes

The sweet songs of Sweet Briar

Singing is a way of life at Sweet Briar. Often, our women are so cheerful or excited that only a song will do. From Step Singing to the Bum Chums' "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum!", you'll regularly hear our women's voices echoing through the Quad. You don't have to be the next American Idol, just be willing to sing along.



Singing the senior's praises

Each semester, Sweet Briar students gather in the Quad to celebrate their senior sisters' final days on campus. While the soon-to-be-alumnae sit on the Golden Stairs in their senior robes, the first-years, sophomores, and juniors lift up their voices to demonstrate class spirit, tease their rival class, and glorify their sister class and the seniors. Then, amidst many smiles and few dry eyes, the seniors lead everyone in joyous renditions of "Holla, Holla" for a Step Singing well done.



**At Lantern
Bearing or a
class reunion,
you may sing:**

{ Songs }

To praise your Sweet Briar sisters, you may sing:

"Holla, Holla"

*Here's to the (seniors, first-years, etc.), Holla, Holla, Holla,
Nothing that you cannot do!*

*Here's to the (seniors, first-years, etc.), Holla, Holla, Holla,
Nothing that you cannot do!*

Work for the good and work for the right

Always doing something and doing it right, so

*Here's to the (seniors, first-years, etc.), Holla, Holla, Holla,
Nothing that you cannot do!*

Sweet Briar Song

*Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, flower fair,
The rose that on your crest you wear
Shall never fade, but always bear
Thy beauty, O Sweet Briar!*

*Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, thy columns white
Shine on thy hills a beacon light
Of truth, to burn with radiance bright
Forever, O Sweet Briar!*

*Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, we sing to thee.
May thy foundations ever be
Strong as thy hills, thy purity
That of thy rose, Sweet Briar!*



Adorned with friendship



Worn to Step Singing and other events, Sweet Briar senior robes are adorned with dozens of buttons, pins, patches, ribbons, nametags, ornaments, and more (including many things you wouldn't think you could attach to a robe).



Every year, each senior adds an item to her robe and passes it down to a junior of her choosing at Junior Banquet. One of our robes has been passed down for more than 40 years.



Our senior robes are like a Sweet Briar family tree, charting our women's friendships and reflecting their individual experiences. Consequently, each robe has its own unique history and character. Here's an example:

Comments by Grace
Farnsworth '04

Balls signify
Bum Chums ...
all my QV
paraphernalia is
on the back :)

Buttons for
various events
and happenings
at Sweet Briar
throughout
the years

Grace
Farnsworth
'04; each
senior adds
a nametag
with her
picture on
the back

The Little
Rascals—
not sure where
they came from,
but they sure
are fun to read
and play with
in class

Pink and green,
Sweet Briar colors

Many of the Bums in
Chesley Phillips' ('03)
lineage were riders,
thus the spur

Orientation 1992 ...
this robe is 12 years old!

First-year students
decorate robes according
to the senior's likes and
dislikes ... just look
at the cow and field
hockey stuff

What you can't see: pockets
on the inside that first-years
put in and fill with candy
and treats for the senior



Our president's favorite traditions

"My favorite Sweet Briar tradition is Founders' Day, which honors the founder of Sweet Briar College, Indiana Fletcher Williams. She gave a magnificent gift in memory of her beloved only child, Daisy, who had died at the age of 16. When Indiana herself died, she bequeathed her home, land, and her entire fortune to establish a college for young women here in the Virginia countryside. Indiana asked only one thing in return: that we maintain the family graveyard on nearby Monument Hill.

"In early October, the seniors, each escorted by a sophomore, and faculty march in academic procession to a convocation at which we honor a distinguished alumna and dispense a number of academic honors. When the convocation ends, a bagpiper leads the entire community, headed by the seniors, up Monument Hill to the burial site. There, after a brief service, each senior lays a daisy on the grave of Indiana, her husband John Henry Williams, and Daisy.

"Each year as we celebrate Founders' Day, I realize that we are also honoring a vision, giving sustenance to our collective spirit, and testifying by the very choreography of the event to the vibrant, unfolding value of Indiana Fletcher Williams' gift."

Elisabeth Muhlenfeld
President, Sweet Briar College





A Sweet Briar welcome

Your first semester, Sweet Briar President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld will invite you and your first-year classmates to her home for an opportunity to meet you face-to-face. Known as “Brownies with Betsy” for the goodies she bakes from a family recipe and serves, the event also includes a tour of the 215-year-old house, which was owned by Sweet Briar’s founder. You’ll be invited back for other events, including the senior champagne toast—and more delicious brownies.

Three in the Quad

The Quad is the heart of campus life, home to academic buildings, residence halls, Memorial Chapel, main walkways, and, of course, many of our traditions, including:

Lantern Bearing

In one of our most touching traditions, each senior asks an underclasswoman, typically a close friend or someone who has had a profound influence on her, to make a flower-and-candle “lantern” and carry it for her in an evening procession through the Quad—a symbol of the profound connections among Sweet Briar women.





Scream Night

At a school as challenging as Sweet Briar, final exams can be a little demanding. So the night before finals begin, students gather in the Quad to release some stress, screaming in unison during the Bell Tower's 10:00 p.m. tolling. Then students snack on treats provided by the College. Warm chocolate chip cookies may not make your finals easier, but they'll make studying for them more bearable.



Tree Lighting

Between our campuswide Thanksgiving Dinner and the end of fall classes, the Tree Lighting is a time for Sweet Briar to celebrate the holidays. Students decorate the tree and join the rest of the Sweet Briar community in singing, enjoying hot cider, and collecting toys and clothes for needy families. Even our horses, wearing bells, help us ring in the holidays as they and their riders circle the tree.



Mark your calendar!

Other Sweet Briar events to look forward to:

Faculty Show

Even President Muhlenfeld joins in on the fun as we spoof movies, music, and, best of all, ourselves in skits and songs. (One year, mathematical sciences professor Stephen Wassell—who stands six feet-plus—even shaved his head to play Mini-Me from the Austin Powers movies.) Faculty Shows happen once every four years.



Fall Weekend and Spring Weekend

These themed weekends (such as “Vixens of the Caribbean”) include formal dances and activities like ’80s night.

Dell Parties

Whether you lie on the grass and enjoy the live music, play Frisbee®, read, soak up some rays, or just hang out and talk, there’s no better way to enjoy our beautiful fall and spring weather than by attending a Dell Party. It’s not just a Sweet Briar thing—girls and guys from neighboring colleges stop by, too.



Briar Bowl

Students, faculty, staff members, and administrators match wits in this annual competition. With questions ranging from math and geography to pop culture and otherwise-useless trivia, Briar Bowl is educational and entertaining—but mainly entertaining.

Club Day

Held in early September, Club Day is your chance to learn about our more than 50 clubs, activities, and organizations and how you can get involved.

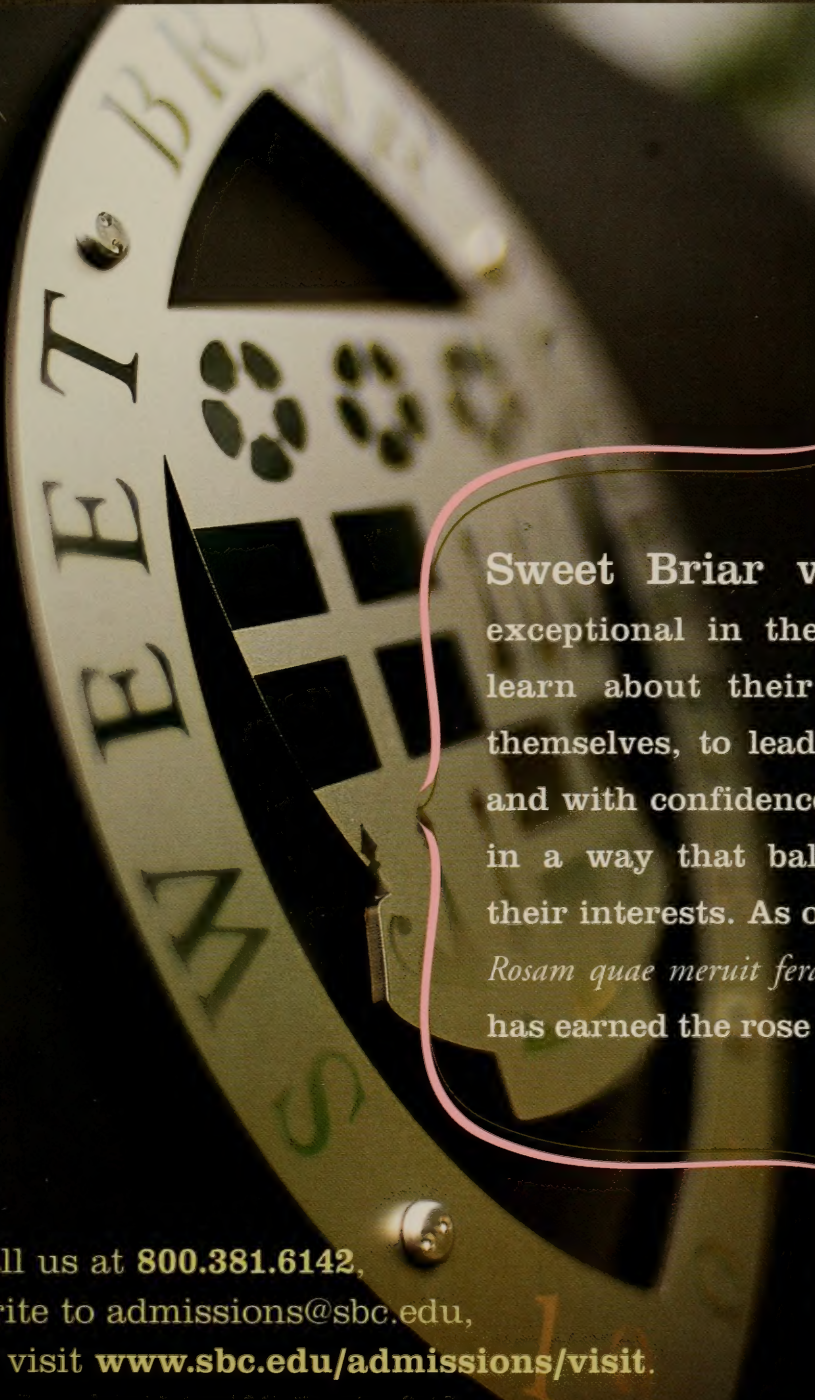
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Think our traditions sound fun now? Wait till you see them in person. Just schedule a campus visit, and you can ask our students about the QVs or senior robes or Step Singing or any of our other traditions. Best yet, you can learn about all the wonderful opportunities Sweet Briar offers remarkable women like you.

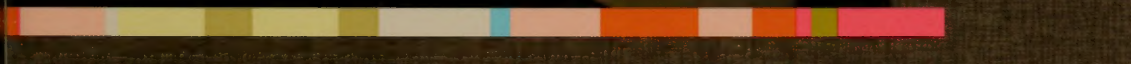


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